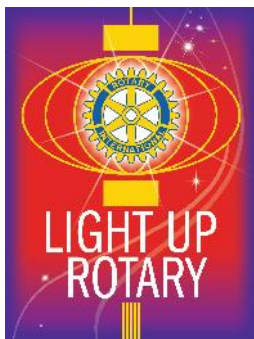




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Fresh Air Fund - Serving Children Since 1877

Posted on May 06, 2015



Have you ever seen a starry night? Built a sand castle? Have you walked barefoot through the grass or played in the backyard? These are things many of us take for granted, but to a child growing up the city, these can be totally foreign

concepts. That is why the Fresh Air Fund provides free summer vacations in the country to disadvantaged children from New York City. Each year, thousands of children visit host families in 13 states from Virginia to Maine and Canada or attend one of five Fresh Air Fund summer camps. In their normal daily routines, most of these kids get up at 6am, and then board a bus or train to school or work. They spend most of their time indoors.

Dave and Karen Dennie are the Fresh Air Fund chairpersons for Wayne and Ontario Counties. They got involved in the Fresh Air Fund about 4 years ago, when they volunteered to host a young girl from New York City. Their experience was so positive that they became involved in the committee for our area. They hope to raise awareness of the program, because the number of host families in our area has been on the decline. In 2012, Wayne County hosted almost 100 kids. Last year, there were 12.

Red's Twilight on the Erie RV Resort

Jun 24, 2015

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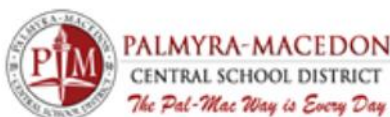
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President-Elect Mark Clement poses with Dave and Karen Dennie (center) and Rotarian Bob Sloan, who invited them to present.

According to Dave and Karen, between 4000 and 5000 children apply each year, but not all will get hosted. There is a screening process, but there simply aren't enough host families for all who might otherwise qualify. The Fund provides transportation from New York to the "Friendly Towns," as the host communities are known. The Fund also provides medical insurance for the children as well as liability insurance. All children are screened, and must be doing well in school.

First-time host families will be hosting a child between 6 and 12 years old, for a period of one or two weeks. Children who are re-invited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18, and may enjoy extended trips. More than 65% of children are re-invited, year after year. Host families can specify whether they would like to host a boy or girl, and can also indicate an age preference. The next bus arrives in our area July 1 and another comes August 7. If you or someone you know has an interest in hosting a child, please contact Dave Dennie at (585)233-6156 or visit www.freshair.org.

May 6, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Posted on May 06, 2015

Guests:

Speakers Dave and Karen Dennie, Shirley Bassage, Jenn Preston, students Jeremy Ranek, Catherine Kelsey, Taylor Gagnon, and Courtney Tones.

Missing in Action:

Jim Bush, Marie Cramer, Pam Dean, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyné, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie



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Pechler, Dave Pray, Nancy Schrader, Maurina Schmidt, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Pat's daughter LeaAnn, starting treatment.
Bob Trox is having surgery tomorrow.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Bob Yost's birthday is today.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Mark had a happy buck for today's lunch, saying the Shepherd's Pie was "awesome."
- Leslie was very happy to share that Juliana will be graduating from Binghamton in a couple weeks. She has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and received an award for excellence in German.
- Eric visited Potsdam and saw Kyle sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army.
- Dave Read told us that his alma mater, Union College, is playing today in the first round of the NCAA Division III Lacrosse championships. Also, Katie's alma mater, Nazareth, defeated Ithaca last week and will play today in the first round of NCAA Division III Lacrosse championships against Union College. It should be an interesting evening in the Read house tonight.



- Gene offered up happy bucks, happy to be back. And we were all happy to have him and Shirley back with us.
- Bob Sloan has been selling US flags for scouts. While they were up at the lake, they ran into Larry Williamson and a few Rotarians, and met Sue Bassage.
- Kim attended a reunion last weekend of the Cortland men's and women's rugby club. Many of the current players enjoyed having their pictures taken with "Grandma Rugby."

- Bob Yost was able to enjoy beverages with Sparky while Kim was in Cortland.

Singing:

Kim debuted the new Pal-Mac Rotary Songbooks today, and we all sang "Ro-Ro-Rotary"

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Rotary night at the Red Wings is August 1. Rochester hosts Syracuse that evening. See Bill Dean for more details, or visit the district [website](#).
- The Interact club is hosting a blood drive at the high school on May 22. If you've been thinking of donating blood, that would be a good time to do so.
- There are shifts still available for RL Concessions at the Hill Cumorah Pageant. Kim has the sign-up sheets available at every meeting, or contact her directly to get signed up.
- Eric Chapman is testing the waters to see if club members might be interested in having a Rotary day at the Bills game, September 20. The Bills will be hosting the Patriots. If you would be interested in making the outing, please contact Eric.
- The Camp Onseyawa golf tournament will be June 20 at Silver Creek Golf Course in Waterloo. This annual event helps support our area's camp for kids with special needs. Entry fee is \$400 per foursome, which includes greens fees and cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. Also available are Greens and Hole Sponsorships. If interested, please see Bob Sloan for an entry form.
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Congratulations to Eric Chapman. He won \$12 in this week's 50/50 drawing.



Students joining us for today's meeting (l-r):
Courtney Tones, Catherine Kelsey, Taylor Gagnon,
and Jeremy Ranek.

Chronicle Me and Key to Change

Posted on May 13, 2015

At our May 13 meeting, Margaret Brooks introduced us to two young entrepreneurs: AJ Richichi and Jordan Dudden. AJ, who is also Margaret's grandson, is co-founder and CEO of ChronicleMe which has been billed as an anonymous social network. Jordan is the creator of JoJo Rings, making hand-crafted jewelry out of recycled keys.

AJ attended school in Skaneateles until 11th grade, when he transferred to Philips Exeter, a boarding school in New Hampshire, famous for graduates such as Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. One day, he received some troubling family news, and turned to social media for answers. The problem with social media, of course, is the sharing aspect associated with it. He didn't want to post the sensitive news, because it would be seen not only by friends and family, but also by friends of friends and beyond.



Pictured (l-r): President Bob Yost, A.J. Richichi, Margaret Brooks, Jordan Dudden.

He went on to create ChronicleMe, which allows users to post anonymously and determine when and with whom they will share their identities. On the site, users will find existing “communities” which they can join. Users can also create new communities based on any topic or interest they choose. In this way, users can connect with and meet other users who share the same interests and issues. All while remaining anonymous, or not, as they choose. Basically, you can follow someone but the person you’re following determines whether you know who they are. It allows a user to get support from others, without compromising their details.

ChronicleMe has made many connections since its inception. Some of the self-help organizations they’ve partnered with are the GLBT National Help Center, NO MORE, RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network), and Vera House, plus many others. ChronicleMe is more than that, though. There are communities for humor, and anonymous company feedback, for example. The platform allows the user to be in control of their content, built on the principles of “anonymity, positivity, and community.”

AJ is currently developing an app, VolU, which is a volunteer management system. It is intended to provide a way to match people interested in volunteering with volunteer agencies. Additionally, the volunteer agencies will be able to use the app to coordinate and direct those volunteers who have signed up.

Jordan Dudden, also from Skaneateles, was given a challenging assignment in her jewelry elective class at Syracuse University. She was instructed to make a ring out

of anything she could find. She had several old keys lying around and thought, "Maybe I can just bend them." She made a single and a double ring for the class.

When she started wearing the rings, people would ask her where she bought them. She acquired more keys from collectors and locksmiths, and was soon heating, bending, and soldering more keys into rings. Soon she had enough rings to constitute a line of jewelry. With encouragement and advice from her boyfriend, AJ, she started her new business, JoJo Rings.

The company keywords are "Individuality, Social Good, Sustainability." There are thousands of unique keys in different colors, shapes and materials, so no two JoJo Rings are exactly alike. \$5 from each ring sale is donated to a local charity. The first month in business that was Vera House. Next was the Food Bank of Central New York. More organizations will benefit in the coming months. All of the keys are donated, which keeps them out of landfills and junk drawers. Some are donated by individuals; many have been donated by locksmiths, faulty or imperfect keys from their shops.



One of the more popular ring styles, the "control" key.

External links

ChronicleMe.com

VolUapp.com

JoJoRings.Com

May 13, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Posted on May 13, 2015

Guests:

Speakers AJ Richichi and Jordan Dudden, Shirley Bassage, Jenn Preston.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Brian Brooks, Eric Chapman, Marie Cramer, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyne, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Nancy Schrader, Maurina Schmidt, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti, Eric VanZeilen.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Exchange student Maria (Cal-Mum club), lost her grandfather not long ago, and just recently lost her grandmother.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Mark's birthday was Monday (5/11)

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Chris is excited. He just ordered the fireworks for his annual fireworks show. Chris is a licensed pyrotechnician and puts on a fireworks display each 4th of July at his house on Schilling Road. We're invited.
- Gary Hopkins had a happy buck for the Pal-Mac Girls' JV Lacrosse Team. They went undefeated this season. Also, the varsity team's record was 12-4.
- Pam's grandson is finishing his final semester at school. He will be transferring to LaGrange College.
- Anne had a nice trip to Boston with her son and his girlfriend.
- Bob Yost reported that the missing Marine helicopter in Nepal was from Nate's unit. Nate was not involved in that and is safe at home.

Singing:

Today we sang the Kim Clement original "Today's Rotary Ain't What It Used to Be" (to the tune of "The Old Grey Mare").

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