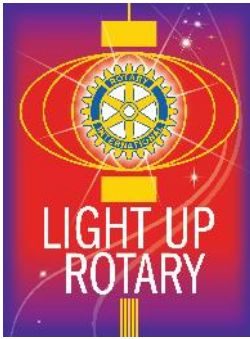




## Canaltown Crier Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Bob Yost

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pm*

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### **The Pal-Mac Way and Community Service**

*Posted on May 20, 2015*

Cindy Surline introduced our guest speaker today - Tom Schmandt from the Palmyra-Macedon School District. Mr. Schmandt has been with Pal-Mac for 20 years, the last 6 as Director of Athletics. In his time as director, he has worked to expand on the community service aspect of the athletics department.

He mentioned how his predecessor Fred Ciaburri started a program where student-athletes would do projects for senior citizens. Called "Rake for our Sake" the program would get maybe 100 athletes and coaches, who would volunteer their time raking lawns for senior citizens in the community. Mr. Schmandt wanted to build on that program and expand it to other programs so more student-athletes would be able to participate.

Since then, more programs have come into existence. One is the Spring Clean-Up which puts the students to work picking up and maintaining parks, sidewalks, and trails in Palmyra and Macedon. Another popular program is "Parents' Night Out." This program opens up the school's athletic facilities to 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-graders for a night, which gives the parents a night off to spend however they wish without the added expense of a sitter. The cost of admission to this event is one non-perishable food item.

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President Bob Yost poses with Tom Schmandt and Rotarian Cindy Surline.

In any given year, close to 600 students participate in these three events, which is a high participation rate. In fact, each of the last three years, Pal-Mac's student-athletes have been recognized for their community service by Section V Athletics. When the Genesee Region Special Olympics was held at Pal-Mac in 2013, over 200 students showed up to volunteer. This was on a "Professional Development Day," which meant the students had no school that day, but they came anyway to help out.

Those programs are primarily aimed at high school student-athletes, but the district also has programs which allow students from all grades to participate. The "Fill-a-Bus" project challenges students in each of the district's four buildings to gather the most non-perishable items in an effort to literally fill a bus with food for the needy. Other popular events include the annual Powder Puff football game which benefits the Susan Komen Cancer Center. For the younger grades there is Jump Rope for Heart, which this year raised over \$2,000 for the American Heart Association.

From Mr. Schmandt's presentation today, it's clear that our students are learning to be community-minded and that they have a sense of volunteerism. The programs he outlined today help to reinforce the idea that "The Pal-Mac Way is Every Day."

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May 20, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Posted on May 20, 2015

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### Guests:

Tom Schmandt (guest speaker), DGN Tom Rogers, Jenn Preston.

### Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Brian Brooks, Margaret Brooks, Marie Cramer, Bob Ike, Deb LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Chris Santelli, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti.

### Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Pat's daughter LeeAnn goes Friday for first chemo treatment.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None this week.

### Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Kim offered a happy buck in thanks to Nancy for her hard work printing and assembling our song books.
- Cheryl had a nice visit to Ocean City, Maryland.
- Eric went to Potsdam last week for Kyle's graduation.
- Nancy took a trip to Sanibel Island, Florida.
- Maurina did some travelling, spent time at their camp, and saw her niece get pinned as a nurse.
- Dave Read attended his grandson Ian's 6th grade Spring Choral Concert, which was very, very good. Proving it's a small world, their choral director is Mike Wahl.
- Pam and Bill attended the Home Meal Service banquet the other night, which merited a happy buck. She had another for one of the honorees at that banquet: Dick Kirchhoff, who has been delivering meals-on-wheels for 25 years.



*Gene Bucknam and Frank All recognized Dick Kirchhoff for 25 years of service to Meals-On-Wheels.*

- Cindy had a buck because she was “just happy to be here.”
- Bob Sloan had a happy buck because he has been “as busy as a one-armed paperboy.”
- Dianne happy-bucked for a great District Conference this past weekend in Buffalo. Bob Yost and Tom Breen concurred and offered happy bucks of their own.

**Singing:**

With Memorial Day this weekend, we all sang together our National Anthem.

**Notes and Updates for the Club:**

- Our club's Foundation board of directors met in April and approved the budget. They met again last week and approved the new board for 2015-2016. That board is made up of: President – Bob Yost, Vice-President – Mark Clement, Secretary – Peter Park, Treasurer – Tom Breen, directors – Eric Chapman, Bill Dean, and Pam Dean.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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](#).

Congratulations to Kim Clement, who won \$11 in this week's 50/50 drawing.

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**May 27, 2015 - Meeting Minutes**

*Posted on May 27, 2015*

**Guests:**

Edie Chapman, student Tommy Patnode.

**Missing in Action:**

Gene Bassage, Brian Brooks, Margaret Brooks, Bill Dean, Pam Dean, Gary Haigh, Gary Hopkins, Deb LeMoyné, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie

Pechler, Dave Pray, Chris Santelli, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti.

**Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:**

Pat's daughter LeeAnn may have a blood clot from her chemo treatment.

Dianne's sister has suffered a setback, and remains in hospital.

The flood victims in Texas.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

None this week.

**Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:**

- Dick offered up a happy buck for the motorcycle escort to breakfast this morning.
- Bob Yost matched that happy buck for the honor of being the escort.
- Bob Sloan was happy to report on a great family weekend, during which they took in the Rochester Air Show, which they all enjoyed very much.
- Dianne's niece Emily McMullin graduated this weekend from Cornell University. Also, Autumn had a solo in her choral concert (video available on Facebook).

**Notes and Updates for the Club:**

- The club's annual changeover picnic will take place on Wednesday, June 24th at Gravino Park in Macedon. Social hour begins at 5:30, with dinner to follow about 6:15. Cost is \$6 per person, plus a dish to pass; no charge for children 12 and under. Sign up sheet is being passed at meetings, or contact Mark Clement.

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- Cindy would like to pass along her thanks to Dick, Dianne, Kim, and Mark for their help with the cemetery urns last Wednesday. 20 urns at the Palmyra Village Cemetery have been refurbished and planted through their efforts.

- There are still about 6 unfilled shifts for the Hill, mainly on the weekends. Please contact Kim to see if you can help fill those shifts.

- Jim Bush, Gary Haigh, and Eric Chapman pitched in to represent our club, cooking hot dogs at Macedon's Memorial Day celebration. 300 hot dogs were served after the parade.
- 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](#).
- Eric is still accepting sign-ups for the Bills game September 20th, when the Bills will host the Patriots. If you would like to attend and can make a firm commitment to do so, please e-mail Eric.
- We have received confirmation from the District that our club's District Simplified Grant request has been approved. Benches for the Palmyra boat launch will be installed later this summer.



*Visiting Pal-Mac senior Tommy Patnode tells us about himself and school.*

- Edie Chapman stopped in today to tell us about the Palmyra Summer Lunch program being offered for the first time this year. Sponsored by Wayne ARC and hosted at the Palmyra Library, this program will offer free lunches to any child 19 and under. The program will be offered Monday - Thursday from July 6 through August 6. Volunteers are needed each day to transport the food from Newark to the library, to serve the lunches, and to return the coolers to Newark. If you would like to help one or more days, there is a sign-up available online at <http://doodle.com/d5rgugqngxp6hnnr> or contact Edie Chapman or Rena Haigh.

- This month, our assembly auction raised \$87 for Polio Plus. Thank you to Dianne Sloan, Tom Breen, and Kim Clement for donating items for the auction. Also, thanks and congratulations to the winning bidders: Tom Brighton, Tom Breen, Joan Shaffer, and Bob Ike.

We also auctioned the exempt button for June, which Eric Chapman obtained with a winning bid of \$10.

Kim may be on a lucky streak; she won \$9 in this week's 50/50 drawing, after winning last week's 50/50 as well.

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