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Chief Sherman Yates, Palmyra Police Department



Palmyra Police Chief Sherman Yates, Rotarian Eric VanZeilen, Club President Mark Clement.

Eric VanZeilen introduced today's guest speaker, Chief Sherman Yates of the Palmyra Police Department. The first thing the chief asked us was not to call him "chief, except in an official capacity. "Sherm" was born and raised in Geneseo, New York. He started his police career with the Geneseo Police Department. As of September 1, he has 30 years as in law enforcement. He mentioned his friend Dick Kircchoff worked 33 years at Xerox, and he's going to try to make that mark. Dick called out, "Eat your vegetables!"

Sherm came to the Palmyra PD in 2005, and retired from Palmyra PD in 2012. He worked part-time for the Macedon PD, when he was offered the position of chief in Palmyra. Under his leadership as chief, the Palmyra PD has implemented a community policing program, which is more interactive with the community. They visit business and schools to try to connect with the community.

Modernization was a big push for the PD when he came on board. This brought them into alignment with what the state and federal agencies needed from them, in regards to reporting requirements. Every PD in NY reports

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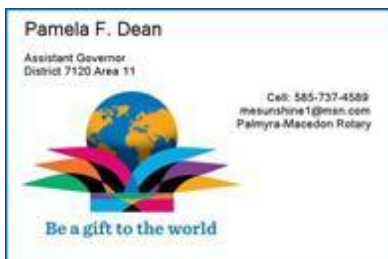
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monthly to the state and federal governments regarding their activities – crimes reported, calls for service, etc.

The new system has reduced time spent on paper reporting by about 20 hours per month. This has freed the officers up to focus on other items. It took some time to implement the new computer software, but it has been very effective. This allowed the PD to finish the year under budget.

The Palmyra PD helps the local funeral homes with escorts for funeral processions. They try to respond to all calls for service, such as if a parent asks them to come out and talk with their children. They will come to the house and have a one-on-one conversation with the child in an effort to intervene before the child's behavior goes too far.

Sherm is a fine example of why Palmyra's Police Department maintains the small-town atmosphere we enjoy in our community. We thank him for his service and for taking the time to come chat with us today.

[September 16, 2015 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Guests:

Sherman Yates, Sophia Clement.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Tom Brighton, Margaret Brooks, Eric Chapman, Marie Cramer, Bill Dean, Pam Dean, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyne, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Annie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline.



This Week in History:

Thursday, September 17 is Constitution Day in the US. On that day in 1787, the US Continental Convention signed the final draft of our United States Constitution. It would not go into effect until 1789, by which time 11 states had ratified it. Ratification by the remaining two states came by 1790.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:


Anne Morrell's mother is having a rough time. The Ferguson family and the East family; both lost loved ones recently. Bob Sloan's grandmother recently passed.

What's New with Sofia?

School started recently, which has been nice. It's a bit of


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a challenge because all her classes are in English, so she has to do some translation with her phone. She experienced her first high school football game. (She's one of the cheerleaders.) She had a lot of fun cheering, even though she "didn't know what was going on."

Singing:

Kim brought out a new song for us today, "Canalton Races," sung to the tune of "Camptown Races." *Canalton Days is this weekend – Tickets! Tickets!*

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sophia Clement will be 4 years old on October 1st. (She won't be here then, so we sing today.)

Nancy and Bill Schrader's 41st wedding anniversary is Sunday (9/20).

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Kim and Mark offered happy bucks for Sophia's birthday.
- Bob Sloan had a couple happy bucks – one for the nice win by the Bills on Sunday, and another for his son Rory, who passed his hunter safety course this past weekend.
- Tom Breen matched Bob's buck for the Bills. Also, while putting together the Crier for last week, he wished he had Bob Yost's help; Bob could have photoshopped Dr. Oros into the photo since she couldn't make the meeting.
- Eric announced that Amanda is pregnant again, with only one this time.
- Dianne was on TV yesterday morning for a segment about the Purple Painted Lady's Barn Sale.
- Bob Yost had a happy buck for the Clements' end of summer barn party.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Our club has decided to undertake a new literacy project in conjunction with the Pal-Mac Schools. We will be providing copies of the children's book, "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" to teachers in the primary school for second graders. The book tells the story of a young man who starts an apple dumpling business. With the guidance of a mysterious voice conveying the Four-Way Test, he has success with his venture and makes friends along the way. The club will be purchasing 10 copies of the book and we are asking club members if they would like to sponsor additional copies, so that we can distribute more. A signup sheet was passed at today's meeting and will be around again at the next couple meetings, in case you are interested. For your \$10 donation, a copy of the book will be presented to the school with a label indicating it was donated by you. As of today's meeting, 25 people have signed up to sponsor the books. Thank you!



- Rotary Leadership Institute is accepting reservations for the upcoming session. Again this year, the session will be at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake on Saturday, November 7th, from 7:30am – 3:30pm. Last year Mark Clement and Tom Breen attended and report that it was interesting and informative. Leadership courses I, II, and III are being offered, as well as the graduate course. RLI has announced that the curriculum for the graduate course will change each year, so if you've attended RLI Graduate before, you might go again this year for a new experience. Registration is open until November 2nd and can be accessed through the District website. (Click [here](#).)

Marty was the winner of this week's 50/50 drawing, collecting \$11, which he turned over to Sofia.

September 23, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Sofia Coll, Roberto Voica, Bailey Cole.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Brian Brooks, Margaret Brooks, Jim Bush, Marie Cramer, Pam Dean, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Read, Nancy Schrader, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti, Andy Wahl.

This Week in History:

Mark tells us today is "Ride the Wind" day. "It is a care-free day to soar above the Earth. So you can catch a ride with the breeze or float along slowly with a gentle late-summer cloud. Summer is soon over. Catching a drift on this day is easy. Just relax and let the wind carry you away in whatever direction it is blowing. Leave your troubles and worries behind a spell, as you walk in the air. Today is Ride the Wind day."

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Pat had good news: Leigh-Ann's last chemo treatment is next week.

Jim DeBruyne recently broke his hip; now he's in Clifton Springs hospital with a nasty infection.

What's New with Sofia?

Sofia had her second football game this weekend. They lost again, but it's fine. This week is homecoming week, so there's a game on Friday. Then, this weekend is a common weekend with all the District's exchange

students. So, that will be fun.

Singing:

Our lovely and talented songleader Kim introduced us to her newest lyrical creation "The Purple Painted Lady Song."

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Shirley Bassage's birthday was last week and yesterday was Arnie Pechler's birthday.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Tina fined herself for having missed some meetings in addition to having to leave early today. Work is busy!
- Bob Sloan is the new president of the Camp Onseyawa board.
- Sofia offered Leslie's happy buck in honor of Marty, who gave blood at the Interact blood drive last week.
- Chris had happy bucks for a pretty cool night the other night. He had the opportunity to be backstage with Ace Frehley, formerly of KISS. Chris' stepfather's brother is Richie Scarlet, one of Frehley's Comet, which was the band Frehley formed when he left KISS. So that's Uncle Richie, who arranged to get them backstage, where they had a great time rockin' in Buffalo.
- Eric had "lots of stuff." First, he went to the Bills game on Sunday (vs the Patriots) where his enthusiasm lasted almost halfway through the first quarter. Second, he missed last week's meeting due to an insurance conference in Albany (kind of boring). Third, the week before that he and Edie went to Virginia to help Kyle do what's called "slack-packing." Kyle and his friends are hiking the Appalachian Trail, and Eric and Edie transported most of the team's gear one day, which allowed the boys to hike with only a day pack that day. The guys are hiking between 22 and 28 miles each day. They've covered about 1500 miles, with 600 miles to go. They started on June 16th and hope to be done by October 24th.
- Pat offered up a happy buck for Bob Yost's "Party on the Porch." Mark pitched in, too, thanking Bob for his efforts to help promote international friendship. The visiting fife and drum corps stopped by and were made to feel welcome.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Thanks to the club's Canaltown Days committee for their efforts in organizing last weekend's fundraiser. Saturday's crowd was light, due to weather. That worked to our advantage since the car show was moved to Sunday. That brought out some people who might not otherwise have attended on Sunday. The drawing raised over \$1500. A list of winners appears at the end of the

newsletter.

- Our club will be providing copies of the children's book, "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" to second-grade classrooms at Pal-Mac. The book tells a story showing how the Four-Way Test helps a young entrepreneur. The club will be purchasing 10 copies; we are asking club members to sponsor additional copies, at \$10 each, so that we can distribute more. All books will be labeled as donated by the club, or the individual club member in the case of sponsored books. A sign-up sheet is being passed at meetings, and so far we've had 25 people sign up. Thank you!

- The Rotary Leadership Institute has a session coming up on November 7th at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. All courses will be available. Starting this year, the graduate course will change each year. So if you've taken the graduate course before, this year's course will cover new things. Registration is open until November 2nd and can be accessed through the District website. (Click [here](#).)

Our favorite "BB" Kim Clement gave a quick update on the Fair Booth results. Last year's gross income was \$9,029 in a rainy, rainy year. This year, we grossed \$9,479 despite what felt like slow business. We actually came in \$350 over our budget estimate this year. Kim then presented a quiz, asking us to guess how much product we went through. Bill Dean had the highest number of correct answers. His prize? A pack of hot dogs, buns, and a bag of french fries.

Congratulations to Bob Yost, who won \$13 in this week's 50/50 drawing.

Winners of this year's Canaltown Days Drawing were:

48" Vizio Smart TV --- Anne Morrell

iPad Air 16GB Wi-Fi --- Tom Reetz

Breen's Gift Card --- Tammy Hoflich

\$100 Gas Card --- Tom Baker

\$100 Gas Card --- Dick Partch

Dinner Cruise from Midlakes Navigation--- Margaret Brooks

\$100 Lottery Ticket gift basket --- LeeAnn VanParys

\$50 Akropolis gift certificate --- J. Perry

\$50 Athenia gift certificate --- Lisa Hollebrandt