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Club Assembly - January 27, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

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New Member, Marie Fessler, Inducted Today



Our club inducted its newest member today: Marie Fessler. Marie has been a vital part of our murder mystery dinner for several years. She has acted in them, as well as directing and co-writing. She will be a valuable member of our club, and we are glad to welcome her. (As an added treat Mark, Kim, Dianne, Brian, and Gary read the induction ceremony as their murder mystery dinner characters.)

Meeting Minutes:

Guests:

T.J. Chamberlain, Marie Fessler, Sofia Coll.

Missing in Action:

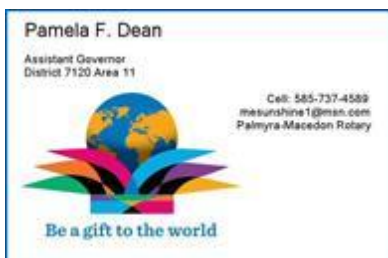
Several members, but I forgot to grab the attendance sheet,

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What's New With Sofia?

Sofia had fun playing a part in the Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday night. On Sunday she went to Boston with the Medinas. This week is mid-terms, which is not as exciting. This coming weekend, she will be moving from the Medinas' to the Coles', which will be bittersweet.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Gary Hopkins offered a happy buck for the great turnout again this year at the Murder Mystery Dinner, and in thanks to all the cast for their hard work in making it a success.
- Leslie seconded that buck and added bucks of her own for her kids, Anthony and Vico, who are back at school and seem to be happy and doing well. Also, Juliana has been promoted to a coordinator at Disney and will be attending leadership training there.
- Mark pitched in, fining himself for his cell phone ringing during the meeting, but also for his and Kim's news – their son Dan is going to be an Ontario County Sheriff's Deputy. He will be starting the police academy in February.
- Bob Sloan had a happy buck for the outstanding performances at the Murder Mystery Dinner, which was hilarious, calling out Marty for his improve. As Bob said, "If you don't know what I'm talking about, you should've gone!" (Remember that for next year.) He also offered a happy buck for the \$2,500 contribution made to Camp Onseyawa, the proceeds from a 5k run in Geneva.
- Brian's father, you may not have known, suffers from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), and Brian is fortunate enough to be able to fly down to South Carolina some weekends to visit him. He visited a couple weeks ago, and spent the weekend with him; Brian had a happy buck, saying his father is doing great.
- Jenn threw in a happy buck for her Denver Broncos, which prompted Tom to pitch in one for "his" Carolina Panthers.

News and Announcements for the Club:

- Early in the meeting, President Mark extended thanks to Gary Hopkins, Marie Fessler and all the cast of the Murder Mystery Dinner. This was the sixth dinner our club has presented to raise money for Camp Onseyawa. This annual event was the brainchild of Gary Hopkins, and he and Marie have written the scripts for the last few years. Gary announced that this year's dinner raised \$3,700 for Camp Onseyawa. (Over the last six years, the project has raised \$11,300 for the camp.)

- Bob Sloan gave us an update on the Camp Onseyawa board's activities. They are working to maintain contact with the families of campers after the child "ages out." (The camp serves kids aged 8-16.) The idea is to keep the parents interested and involved, even after their child is no



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longer eligible to attend, due to age. One of the things they are implementing to achieve that goal is a revamped website, which will enable supporters, families, and the camp to stay in touch with each other. There will also be changes to the golf tournament this year.



- **Pam Dean**, our club's Foundation Chair, recognized **Dick Kirchoff** as a Sustaining Member. Dick has pledged to donate \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation. In addition to the good feeling he'll have from knowing he's helping a worthy cause, he also got a nifty new pin. Dick quipped, "At my age, it won't cost much."

- Gary Hopkins announced that Leslie Vecchiotti has agreed to be club Vice-President for the upcoming Rotary year. She will follow Gary as president, after he takes over from Kim.

- And now, a few words from Jim Bush:

Want to lift some spirits? (Here's a simple, fast way to be of service!)

Valentine's Day Balloons will be delivered in person to residents and rehab patients at the Wayne County Nursing Home by Rotarians and other volunteers between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14th. Can we count on you to show up and help on this traditional project?

It couldn't be simpler - show up at the nursing home on Sunday, Feb. 14th (Nye Rd., Lyons) - for however long you're able to be there (see times, above) - and tell Rita or her crew you're from Pal-Mac Rotary and you want to help deliver the happy red Mylar balloons, and you'll be brightening someone's day before you know it. We've been doing this for a number of years, and the residents are delighted to think someone remembered them on a day that should mean love to everyone - shut-ins, especially! See Jim Bush, Pam Dean or Arnie Pechler if you'd



like more information. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

If you'd like to send a balloon to one of the residents, an order form is available by clicking [here](#). Orders must be received at the Nursing Home by Sunday, February 7.



- Bob Yost, on behalf of Tom Brighton, presented a check to the club from the ExxonMobil Foundation for \$500. Any Mobil retiree can designate an organization to receive these contributions, after completing 40 hours of community service. The retiree simply tracks their time, submits their request, and Mobil sends out a check for \$500. If you are a Mobil retiree or know one, this could be another great way to give back to the community.
- Remember that our annual dessert auction to benefit the Rotary Foundation is 6:30 pm Wednesday February 10th at Parkwood Heights. There will be no regular meeting that day. Admission for club members is \$5. There is no charge for guests. This is a fun social event, and a good opportunity to introduce prospective members to our club.
- This year's joint Rotary/Lions club meeting will be held in April at Parkwood Heights in Macedon. It will be similar to our Christmas party, in that we will have cocktail/social hour in the front room, followed by dinner in the main dining room. Cost will be \$25 per person. Mark is working out the details, and asks if you have any suggestions for a guest speaker for the evening, that you contact him. More details as they become available.

This month's assembly auction raised \$36 for Polio Plus. Thanks to those who donated items and thanks and congratulations to the winning bidders.

Congratulations to Sofia, who won \$12 in this week's 50/50!