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## End-of-Summer Recap

*Posted by Jim Bush*

### Speed-Review of recent club meetings/activities:

**Q:** "Speed Review"? Is this something new?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Can you elaborate?

**A:** Okey dokey. Here's what happened:

One of your more brilliant scribes uses a digital recorder to get the gist of the meetings down. High tech stuff, you know? That's not stupid. It really helps me to not miss anything. In principle, I repeat, it's not stupid.

Here's what IS stupid - screwing up the recorder somehow in a way that it erased most of the details of the last few meetings. And this is not something you can do easily. I had it in my pocket after the last meeting I recorded, and when I went to retrieve the info, I had a very nice recording of lots of people sitting around eating lunch and talking. And not much else.

I'm now wondering if it was a combination battery problem and just a snafu on my own part.

What to do?

Well, being of above average intelligence otherwise, I've been able to piece-meal a few general points from my own written notes and other sources. So here's the streamlined version of the last few meetings.



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District Governor Tom Rogers made his official club visit on 8/10/16.

Somebody big in Rotary came to do a program. I think it was **Tom Rogers**, our new **District Governor**. He goes back to about 1980 in Canandaigua Rotary, worked actively, left the club for a brief time, returned, got more active. Served in many capacities, including club president in 2006-07, multiple Paul Harris Fellowships, busy on district level committees, owns Herman's Business Service in Canandaigua, is married to Sandi (also a PH Fellow), and called our club the "fun club" of the district. He summarized his hopes for the year as District Governor, cited **R.I. President John Germ**, ("Great endeavors begin with Great opportunities") - and equated it to service in Rotary. This year's theme is: **"Rotary Serving Humanity"**.



Tom talked about the progress Rotary has made in the fight against polio, telling us there were only 19 new cases in the world in 2016.

Goals - Increase Rotary Foundation International from 269 million dollars last year to 300 million this year. What will do that? \$26.50 per person. Every member should donate at least this amount this year.

Membership - One new member for each club. Not unrealistic! 35,000 clubs in the world would mean a big bunch of new members.

We need new members under the age of 40.

Rotary's attitude about classifications,



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attendance, and meeting schedules has been relaxed.

There are no "Rotary Police" out there.

See **MyRotary.org**



We welcomed **Julia Bos**, our new Exchange Student from Belgium, born in Holland, speaks Dutch and English beautifully, has already graduated from school, but felt this additional year would be enlightening on many levels. She is not bashful, and can keep the whole room laughing in response to her weekly updates on Life in the U.S. of A.

**The dog ate my homework.**

This is kind of where the recordings got messed up. There were a couple other meetings which deserved reliable note-taking, but here's where we see how forgiving Rotarians can be. Maybe you can sort out

the dates and sequence of at least a few items we salvaged - not in proper order:

Julia had us in stitches.

Larry Williamson presented a program on NYSERDA

Jen Preston's daughter is hitting the Pre-K circuit

The Sloans have enjoyed entertaining large groups of cottage visitors

Maurina's husband, John, has had major back surgery and begun rehab

Eric has put on lots of miles on Seattle trip w/ Kyle and other family jaunts

Elizabeth Sutton informed us about the humanitarian efforts of the "Bishop's Storehouse"

Club members are gearing up for the Purple Painted Lady Parking event on Sept 24th

Bob Sloan organized another great District Golf Tourney for Camp ONSEYAWA

Bob Yost's son, Matt, has been on an 8-week tour of some of Europe's main attractions

Marty and family had a great Disney vacation

Marie Fessler celebrated daughter Natalie's recent wedding

We sang Happy Birthday to somebody - or maybe it was Happy Anniversary

The world-famous "Porch Party" at Yost's Funeral Home made its 2016 appearance - adding its version of good food, folks, fun to the social impact of Canaltown Days

A search is underway for a new and improved digital recorder . . . . or a better note-taker.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bush

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**Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2016**

*Posted by Dave Read and Jim Bush on Sep 14, 2016*

### **Missing in Action:**

G. Bassage, T. Breen, J. Bush, TJ Chamberlain, E. Chapman, B. Dean, C. Ford, D. LeMoyne, T. Medina, C. Santelli, N. Schrader, D. Stachnik, C. Surline, A. Wahl, B. Yost.

### **Thoughts and Prayers:**

Elmer VerPlank is now at the Canandaigua VA Center and had a Pacemaker installed this week.

### **Guests:**

TRIFECTA! We made history this week as we welcomed three past and present Exchange Students at our meeting: Julia, Mila and Joey!

Julia's host mother, Rekha, was also a guest today.  
Dawn Stanziano, guest speaker



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Dave and Cathy Pray celebrated their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week. Congratulations!

Brian Brooks turned 45 on Saturday.

### **Fines and Happy Bucks:**

-- Gary Hopkins offered a "happy buck" for Mark and Kim's annual end-of-summer barn party last weekend.

-- Bob Sloan gave five bucks for a variety of good things to be happy for: the success of the District Golf tourney; his Camp Onseyawa presentation at Red Jacket Rotary; having Joey as a house guest this week; and a new hunting experience with son Rory.

-- Peter Park and family enjoyed a camping weekend visiting state parks in Ithaca.

-- Stacy Wicksall is planning a special winter project for Macedon Public Library, though she kept us in the dark about its content. However, she is asking members to save their plastic, gallon milk cartons (with caps) for the event. She will need a total of 500!!

### **Rotary announcements:**

-- President Kim thanked all members for their generous donations of school supplies for needy students. Bob Ike returned to school with four boxes full!

-- The next Interact Blood Drive will be held at Pal-Mac

High School on Friday, September 30, from 8:00 a.m. To 1:30 p.m.



#### **PROGRAM:**

Brian Brooks introduced this week's guest speaker, Pal-Mac High School World Language Teacher Dawn Stanziano, who briefed members on a special event she is planning for next spring. Dawn invited Rotarians, as well as Pal-Mac faculty and staff and members of the community, to participate in "A Day of Global Trekking at Pal-Mac" on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the high school.

Volunteers will have an opportunity to share their international travel adventures with the community on that date from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Participants will share their experiences through photos and personal recollections of other peoples and cultures.

If you would be interested in participating in this first-ever community event, you may email Dawn at [dawn.stanziano@palmacsd.org](mailto:dawn.stanziano@palmacsd.org).

**50/50:** \$12, won by Bob Ike; donated to Literacy.

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### **Highlights of September Club Assembly**

*Posted by Jim Bush and Dave Read on Sep 28, 2016*



Check presentations were made from 2 projects: Hill Cumorah (R-L Concessions), under the management of **Bob Yost** (far R.) and the Purple Painted Lady Parking Project, headed by **Dianne and Bob Sloan**, here flanking **Gary Hopkins** during the check presentations. Details below.



Exchange Student **Julia Bos** reports on her weekly adventures and word of the week: "Exchange student" - Uitwisselingsstudent. Sounds like "Outwhistleingstudent."

**Guests:** Sara Roback, guest of Dave Stachnik

**Birthdays:** Bob Ike's son had a birthday last week; Julia's host "sister" has a birthday tomorrow.

The two main **project reports** were given by Bob Yost on behalf of the R-L Concessions results at Hill Cumorah and **Bob & Dianne Sloan** reporting on the one-day event at the **Purple Painted Lady** festival made possible by **Tricia Kuntz**.

**Hill Cumorah** is well known as a massive organizational effort for RL (Rotary-Lions) Concessions and Bob elaborated on some of the changes this year, including a complete re-charge of the church leaders' team, which is unusual. Normally, the transition affects an individual or

two on any given year. Rarely has the whole team changed in the same year. The familiarization process is thereby more demanding, but Bob is confident that it will remain harmonious and effective. Our Club profit amounted to \$6,411.51, with an equal amount shared by each of the other clubs involved. Bob received a suitable ovation for his management efforts.

Newer to our club is the **Purple Painted Lady Sale**, a one-day "Barn Sale Junk Jubilee", as owner-organizer Tricia Kuntz calls it. A festival, by most standards, growing ever more popular every year for six years, now. This link: <https://www.thepurplepaintedlady.com/2016/09/> should take you to the home page, where you can find a video that shows incredible aerial footage of the grounds, layout, parking, and vendor's spaces. Or just Google "Purple Painted Lady", and you'll find it easily enough. The point is this is a huge win-win effort for a lot of people, and our club can be proud (and grateful) for the Sloan connection, which got us involved as the official car parkers. Nobody got an exact count of the total cars parked, but our proceeds, after expenses, were \$8,760.00, according to Dianne. Stay tuned and psyched up for an even bigger event next year, with a much larger club commitment likely. A rousing Rotary cheer for the Sloans and all their many hard-working car parkers. Well done, one and all!

**Superintendent Bob Ike** gave us a heads-up about his ongoing efforts to instill a proper, respectful attitude about the National Anthem - and how important it is for our students to understand Pal-Mac's expectations at times of its playing. Bob has invited Channel 10's Berkeley Breaun to come to Pal-Mac this Friday for Homecoming - to see firsthand and perhaps report on appropriately - the attitude exhibited by our students and families at such times. Kudos, Bob! Stay the course!

**June Hamel**, Library Assistant & Historian at Macedon Public Library, paid a visit on behalf of Stacey Wicksall, Director, with a "Portable mini-library", which is available for businesses or other organizations to use as a way for customers (or employees) to borrow books and other materials from the library. With so few members in attendance, we invited her to return on a more lucrative date for promoting the idea, which was met very positively by today's group.