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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Speakers

Dec 07, 2016

[Regular Lunch Meeting](#)

- To Be Announced -

Dec 14, 2016

[Annual Christmas Party](#)

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Dec 28, 2016

[No Meeting](#)

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Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2016

Posted by Dave Read on Nov 02, 2016

Missing in Action:

B. Brooks, M. Clement, B. Dean, P. Dean, M. Fessler, D. LeMoyné, T. Medina, C. Santelli, N. Schrader, P. VerPlank, A. Wahl, B. Yost.

Thoughts and Prayers:

Steve Fredericks, (Marge Denniston's husband) has been very ill since July.

Pam Dean is "coming along" after her knee replacement surgery.

Guests:

Shirley Bassage

Lu Kwan, guest speaker

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Maurina Schmidt will celebrate a birthday next week

Rory Sloan, son of Bob and Dianne, "became a teenager" this week.

Fines and Happy Bucks:

-- Kim Clement announced that their son, Cody, is engaged. Congratulations!

-- Jenn Preston and family enjoyed a Disney World vacation in Florida.

-- Bob Sloan paid a Happy Buck for his new Beagle puppy, named Blue.

-- Eric Chapman enjoyed a few days in Denver last week.

-- New member Rollo Black confessed to leaving his ABC's or Rotary book home today!

-- Jim Bush, recovering from recent back surgery, rejoined us this week. Welcome "back", Jim!!

-- Bob Ike offered a very happy buck because his daughter, Charlie, came home last Thursday after her appendix operation and is now back in school.

-- Gary Haigh was happy because the Sabres won a game, and also because wife, Rena, put up the outdoor holiday decorations!

-- Tom Breen, on vacation from the Post Office this

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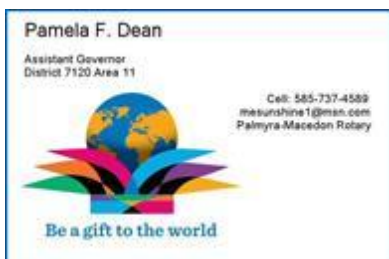


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week, was glad to make a meeting.

-- Gary Hopkins offered a Happy Buck for the Pal-Mac varsity girls soccer team on winning the 2016 Section V Class B championship. After some prodding, he also modestly admitted that his daughter, Ashlyn, had been voted the team's Most Valuable Player! Congratulations to all!

-- Stacy Wicksall rejoined us this week after attending a library conference in Fargo, N.D. Last week. She also was happy for a number of grants recently given to Macedon Public Library.

Rotary announcements:

-- The sign-up sheet was passed around for those planning on attending the annual Holiday Party at Parkwood Heights on Wednesday evening, December 14; cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30.

-- Because the date of the holiday party was moved back to Dec. 14, there will be a regular meeting at the American Legion on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

-- Cindy Surline announced that the annual Salvation Army "red kettle" bell ringing will be conducted at Breen's from December 12 through 19. A sign-up sheet will be available next week for members who wish to participate.

-- Copies of Jim Bush's two books – *Halloween Candy* and *Halloween Candy II* – are still available from the author or Marty Medina. Cost is \$6 each, with half of the purchase price donated to the Club's Literacy projects.



Program:

Eric Chapman introduced this week's speaker, Lu Kwan, a Fairport resident and former Xerox employee, who now serves as President of "Upstate New York Falun Dafa Association". This not-for-profit organization, based in New York, exists to "revive 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture" through an exciting and fascinating stage presentation called "Shen Yun". And, this program of classical Chinese dance and live orchestra will be coming



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to Rochester in January.

The speaker described this presentation as “much more than just music and dance”; it is a show with uplifting energy which combines vivid and athletic classical Chinese dance with state-of-the-art animated backdrops that immerse the audience into the action.

The two-hour and fifteen minute show will be presented at Rochester’s Auditorium Theatre in a limited, two-show engagement on January 28 and 29, 2017. The Saturday evening performance is at 7:30 p.m., while the Sunday matinee begins at 2:00 p.m.

You can learn more about this awe-inspiring performance on the website ShenYun.com/Rochester.

50/50 -- \$13, won by Julia!

Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2016

Posted by Dave Read on Nov 09, 2016

Missing in Action:

T. Breen, B. Brooks, J. Bush, TJ Chamberlain, B. Dean, P. Dean, M. Fessler, G. Hopkins, R. Ike, D. LeMoyné, T. Medina, M. Schmidt, J. Shaffer, C. Surline, L. Vecchiotti, P. VerPlank, A. Wahl, S. Wicksall.

Thoughts and Prayers:

Elmer VerPlank is on hospice care at home.

Joan Shaffer had knee replacement surgery this week.

Pam Dean is “coming along well” after her recent knee replacement surgery.

Guests:

Shirley Bassage

Michael Keene guest speaker

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None this week

Fines and Happy Bucks:

-- Cheryl Ford enjoyed a recent trip to Niagara falls.

-- Mark and Kim Clement enjoyed a “last day of fishing” on Canandaigua Lake on Tuesday. They claim they caught some 20 Perch for tonight’s supper!

-- Bob Sloan reported on a 5K race in Geneva last weekend that netted \$1,360 for Camp Onseyawa.

-- Dick Kirchoff offered a happy buck “because he had a free breakfast and lunch” today!

-- Rollo Black remembered his “ABC’s book” this week, and also donated a buck “because he put his garden to bed today.”

-- Pater Park and Eric Chapman watched the Bills-Seahawks game on Monday Night Football, and both gave a buck in spite of the controversial calls by the officials!

-- Nancy Schrader confessed to an embarrassing moment



last week, as she showed up for the monthly Board meeting a week early!

Rotary announcements:

-- President Kim reminded members to sign up for the annual Holiday Party at Parkwood Heights on Wednesday evening, December 14; cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30.

-- Next week's program (Nov. 16) will feature the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, presented by Pam Dean.

-- Interested members will have an opportunity to learn more about the Rotary Youth Leadership Achievement program (RYLA) by attending workshops at RIT on November 15-16, 22, and 29th. For more information contact Nancy Schrader of President Kim.

-- Dianne Sloan is looking for volunteers to donate time and/or contributions to the annual "Green Angels Free Cycle" event at Lyons High School on Saturday, December 3, to benefit Wayne County kids and families. Our Club has donated funding for this project as a District Simplified Grant project. For more information, get in touch with Dianne.



Program:

Gary Haigh introduced this week's speaker, Michael Keene, a noted local-history author who has shared his stories with our Club a number of times in the past. This week, Mike spoke to us about his latest book, entitled "*Vietnamese Reflections, the Untold Story of the Holley Boys.*"

Although he himself is a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, the author was quick to point out that this is not a personal memoir of that conflict; rather, it is an account of a small town's grief over the loss of eight young men – all graduates of Holley High School – who died in that far-off land during a span of six years of combat. Mike became interested in this topic while researching a totally

unrelated book on the history of the Erie Canal. When his research led him to the small town of Holley, New York in Orleans County, he became aware of that community's unique war-time tragedy, not unlike many small towns during our own nation's bloody Civil War.

Mike's "war story" is the result of more than 35 interviews with family friends and relatives, as well as personal letters, official documents and other records, gathered over a period of two years. It was very appropriate that he shared his story with us during our own Veteran's Day salute.

If you would like to know more about this book or Mike Keene's other local histories, they are available for sale online at his website, ad-hoc-productions.com.

50/50 -- \$11, won by Anne Morrell.

Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2016

Posted by Dave Read on Dec 01, 2016

Missing in Action:

T. Breen, B. Brooks, M. Clement, M. Fessler, G. Haigh, G. Hopkins, R. Ike, D. LeMoyne, M. Medina, T. Medina, J. Preston, C. Santelli, M. Schmidt, J. Shaffer, B. Sloan, P. VerPlank, A. Wahl.

Thoughts and Prayers:

The VerPlank family on the passing of Rotarian Elmer VerPlank on Nov. 13.

Joan Shaffer is home and doing well following recent surgery.

John Schmidt, Maurina's husband, is in the hospital following a fall.

Guests:

Shirley Bassage

PDG Mark Wyse, guest speaker

Pal-Mac Seniors Blake Morrison and Adam Hopseker



Students joining us today were (l-r): Blake Morrison, Adam Hopseker, and Julia

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Rollo Black birthday

Peter Park will celebrate a birthday on Thanksgiving Day

Fines and Happy Bucks:

-- Bill Dean offered a Happy Buck for "having Pam back with us"; a gesture that was happily seconded by Pam!

-- Gene Bassage touted the introduction of a new flavor of Perry's Ice Cream – " 'Cuse 44" -- honoring Syracuse football greats Jim Brown, Floyd Little and Ernie Davis. The package features the number 44 in orange M&Ms; check it out.

-- Eric Chapman recently visited his daughter at University of Vermont.

-- Anne Morrell recently interviewed 20 potential outbound Exchange Students for next year – stay tuned.

-- Leslie Vecchiotti is very relieved that her family members in New Zealand are "all okay" following the recent earthquake that struck that nation.

-- Mark Wyse, visiting Ontario-Walworth Rotarian, gave a happy buck because he has just learned that his daughter will be visiting from Germany in December.

Rotary Anouncements:

-- Peter Park thanked all who participated in the distribution of Dictionaries and Thesauruses to Pal-Mac third and fourth graders on Tuesday, November 15.

-- There will be no meeting next week – Nov. 23 – because of Thanksgiving; the next regularly scheduled meeting will be the monthly Club Assembly on Nov. 30 at Parkwood Heights.

-- Sign ups have been completed for the Salvation Army bell ringing in December.

-- Dianne Sloan can still use help for the annual Green Angels project to benefit needy families in Wayne County. Volunteers are needed to help sort and load donations in Palmyra on Friday, December 2, and to staff the event in Lyons on Saturday, December 3, from Noon to Five O'Clock. If you are interested, please contact Dianne ASAP.

-- Leslie Vecchiotti announced that plans are well underway for the annual Interact Angel Tree project at Pal-Mac High School, but the kids may need additional donations. If you would like to help out, please let Leslie know.



Club President Kim Clement, Past District Governor Mark Wyse, and Assistant Governor Pam Dean.

Program:

Pam Dean introduced this week's speaker, Past District Governor and Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club member, Mark Wyse, who provided an informative history and overview of the Rotary Foundation, which celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. We were also treated to a delicious cake marking the event.

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 when Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world". Over the years, the Foundation expanded its goals and programs around the world, and at the same time expanded the many ways Rotarians can offer financial support through individual contributions and through Club and District initiatives.

Mark outlined the many avenues of support, which includes the Paul Harris Society and sustaining membership for individuals; matching grant programs for Rotary clubs to support their communities; and the worldwide Polio Plus program to eradicate polio, which began in 1985.

One important opportunity for Rotarians is the District 7120 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Membership Society, in which individuals pledge to donate \$100 or more each year to the RF Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved RF Grant. This can be as simple as donating an extra two dollars at each weekly Club meeting, Mark noted. If you are interested in becoming a Sustaining Member, forms are available from President Kim.

To learn more about the many programs of the Rotary Foundation, and the many avenues of planned giving to support it, log on to the web site www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-foundation.

50/50 -- \$10, won by Dave Read and donated to the Rotary Foundation.