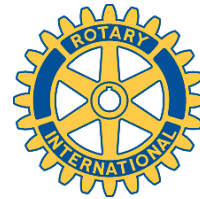




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Paul Scott, President		Mark DuFore, Past President	
Bill Crist, President Elect		Ann Seifried, Treasurer	
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Carol Anthony, 7150 District Governor (Chittenango)		Rosa Kemmis, Asst. Gov., Area 10 (Fulton Sunrise)	
William B. Boyd, Rotary International President (Pakuranga, New Zealand)			
Youth Exchange Student: <u>Tervetuloa! Sanna Rättyä (Finland), hosted by the Kearns family</u>			
Next Meeting	When:	April 10, 2007	
	Where:	King Arthur's Steakhouse	
	Program:	Tony Murabito presenting Honorary Member Fred Crisafulli	
<u>Today's Meeting Date: April 03, 2007</u>			
Welcome and Call to Order at: 12:15 p.m.		Patriotic Song: The Star-Spangled Banner (led by Bill Crist)	
Current Club Membership is: 45		The Pledge: Paul Scott	
Attendance Today: 67%		Invocation: Ken Hayes	
Average March Attendance: 71%		Second Song: Take Me Out to the Ballgame (led by Bill Crist)	
Visiting Rotarians:	George Reed (Sunrise Club)		
Honorary Rotarians:	Harrison Wilde		
Guests:	Bill Foley		
Birthdays:	Bill Crist (2nd); Melanie Trexler (9th); Deana Masuicca (11th); Ed Caraccioli (13th); Paul Shaver (19th); Shawn Seale (25th)		
Anniversaries:	Sabine Ingerson (5); Melanie Trexler (3)		
Student Guests:	None today		
"Job Well Done":	Ed Tucker was nominated for today's "Job Well Done" award by Selma Sheridan.		
Fines/Happy Dollars:	Rick Tesoriero and Paul Heins helped us to donate several happy dollars by proving that, indeed, most of us are not "smarter than a fifth-grader." (At least we weren't today!)		
50-50 Raffle:	Bill Crist won today's \$6 raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning our "grand jackpot" of \$93.		
Meeting Adjourned:	1:25 p.m.		
Date	<u>PROGRAMS</u>		
Apr 10	Tony Murabito – Presenting Honorary Member Fred Crisafulli		
Apr 17	George Reed (Sunrise Club) – Discussing his new book, <u>Fort Ontario: 250 Years of History</u>		
Apr 24			
May 01	John Fitzgibbons – Ed Gosek (Coach of Oswego State NCAA Hockey Champions)		
May 08	Bruce Frassinelli – Committee for Open Government		
May 15	Sabine Ingerson – Youth Exchange Student – Sanna Rättyä		
May 22	Bruce Frassinelli - Regional Spelling Bee Champion Haley Annal		
May 29	Vivian Sayer – John English – Oswego Opera Company		
June 05	Selma Sheridan – Ellen Hornig – Seneca Hills Perennials		
	<u>CALENDAR</u>		
Apr 20	Scrabble Fest, sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of Oswego County, 6-9 p.m. at the Oswego Elks Club		
May 06	Annual Pancake Breakfast, being held at the Oswego High School		
Jun 03	Top 100 Dinner		



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We were pleased to see those of you who attended today:

Bill Crist, Mark DuFore, Dave Fischer, John FitzGibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Terry Gorman, David Granoff, Ken Hayes, Paul Heins, Anthony Henderson, Joe Hutchinson, Sabine Ingerson, Tom Ingram, Deana Masuicca, Paul Scott, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Diane Sokolowski, Rick Tesoriero, Melanie Trexler, Vern Tryon, and Randy Zeigler

Announcements:

Frank Sayer remains at St. Luke's, progressing with rehabilitation.

Jack Forsyth remains at Upstate Medical, progressing with rehabilitation.

The Oswego Kiwanis Club will hold its fifth annual Open Golf Tournament on Friday, May 18 at the Griffins Greens Golf Course in Southwest Oswego. The shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m., and the Callaway Handicap System will balance all skill levels. The fee is \$60 per person (four-person teams), which will include golf, cart, lunch at the turn, and a steak bake at Bridie Manor immediately following the tournament. No one will leave without a prize. Checks, for \$240 per team, should be made out to "Kiwanis of Oswego" and sent to Ed Kazarian, 4 Paloma St., Oswego, NY 13126.

Honorary Member Gus Silveira and his wife, Bev, recently visited Tahiti, Moorea, and Bora Bora. The beauty of these islands took their breath away. After the Bakersfield Square Dance Fiesta, they visited Morro Bay and Cambria and enjoyed hiking the Montana de Oro State Park with its majestic views. Gus and Bev are heading back to Massachusetts on April 25th, where Gus will be honored by his undergraduate alma mater, the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, as the recipient of the Samuel Stone Lifetime Science Achievement Award. In 1975 he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Science by his alma mater. The late Dr. Stone was a beloved scientist and Founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UMass Dartmouth. Dr. Stone's son, a UMass Dartmouth graduate, will present the award to Gus at the awards dinner. Gus has been invited to give the 2007 Commencement address to the Arts & Sciences Division at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth on May 27, 2007.

Today's Program: Deana Masuicca introduced Oswego City School District Superintendent (and one of our own members), Dave Fischer. Dave focused his remarks today on the 2007-2008 proposed City School District budget – which will be voted upon this coming May 15. According to Dave, the theme of this year's budget is "Making Meaningful Connections." When developing the 2007-2008 budget, Dave noted that his goal was (as always) to present a budget that would be consistent with the District Mission Statement and at the same time create a balance between "quality education" and "cost effectiveness." He shared with us evidence of the success that students at all grade levels in the district have experienced in recent years and indicated that this year's budget will give them the opportunity to continue to enjoy such successes. He also informed us that overall enrollment in the district has been declining over the past four or five years (by approximately 100 students per year) and indicated that this trend has been taken into account in creating the 2007-2008 budget – which will, if passed, allow the average size of classes in the district to remain the same as last year's. After explaining that the monies needed to run the school district come from a number of different sources (property taxes, state aid, federal aid, and PILOTS) and discussing the Capital Projects program that is being proposed (28% of which will require local tax support), Dave concluded his presentation by noting that this year's proposed budget of \$63,803,825, if approved, will result in a \$20.98 per \$1,000 tax assessment – representing a modest 1.4% increase in the tax rate compared to last year. Thanks for a most informative talk, Dave!



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"Job Well Done" Recognition Award Reminder:

Contact Chair Shawn Seale at Shawn_E_Seale@KeyBank.com with the name of the individual being presented a "Job Well Done" award. This will allow Sean to prepare the letter, certificate, and Dunkin Donuts coupon.

Reporting Make-Ups:

If you wish to use Meals on Wheels, a committee meeting, or participation in a Rotary event as a make-up for a missed meeting, please notify the attendance committee by logging on to www.oswegorotary.org and using the make-up notification form in the "members only" area.

As an alternative, you can report make-ups by: Sending an email to attendance@oswegorotary.org with "Make-up Notification" as the subject and list the missed date, make-up date, and type of make-up.

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Dir-07: Deana Masuicca	Dir-08: Vern Tryon	Dir-09: Shawn Seale	Dir-10: Deana Masuicca
Dir-07: Dick Shineman	Dir-08: Randy Zeigler	Dir-09: Melanie Trexler	

Oswego Rotary Foundation Board of Directors

Dir-08 Paul Scott	Dir-08 Tom Ingram	Dir-09 Bill Crist	Dir-09 Ann Seifried
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Paul Harris Fellows (Active Members)

Edward Caraccioli	Paul Heins	Judith Percy +	Selma Sheridan	Vernon Tryon *
Joette Deane *	Joseph Hutchinson	Frank Sayer *+	Richard Shineman +*	Robert Wood *
Mark Dufore *	H. Peter Kaulfuss	Paul Scott +	Corte Spencer *	
Bruce Frassinelli *+	Anthony Murabito *	Ann Seifried	Richard Tesoriero *	+ Benefactor
Philip Gaines	Victor Oakes *	Paul Shaver *	Melanie Trexler *	* Multiple PHF

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members as of December 31, 2006

Mark Dufore	Thomas Ingram	Paul Shaver	Vernon Tryon	
Sherwood Dunham	Anthony Murabito	Selma Sheridan	Robert Wood	
Bruce Frassinelli	Pam Quesnell	Richard Shineman	Randy Zeigler	
David Granoff	Paul Scott	Richard Tesoriero		
Joseph Hutchinson	Ann Seifried	Melanie Trexler		

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member: An individual who personally contributes \$100 or more each year to the Annual Programs Fund. Contributions are cumulative throughout the Rotary year and donors receive a Sustaining Member badge sticker from the club. Contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow. Our club will donate an additional \$50 for each individual who personally contributes \$50 or more each year to the Annual Programs Fund.

Honorary Members of the Rotary Club: 2006-2007

Ram Chaudhari	Chris Gagas (PHF)	Willard Schum (PHF)	
Fred Crisafulli (PHF)	Charles Kirby (PHF *)	Augustine Silveira	> Sustaining Member
Sherwood Dunham >	Ruth Sayer (PHF)	Harrison Wilde	* Multiple PHF

