



THE AXLE

Oswego Rotary's Weekly Newsletter



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Paul Scott, President		Mark DuFore, Past President	
Bill Crist, President Elect		Ann Seifried, Treasurer	
Vacant - Vice President		Mark Dufore, Secretary	
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:	May 15, 2007	
	Where:	King Arthur's Steakhouse	
	Program:	Sabine Ingerson - Youth Exchange Student Sanna Rättyä from Finland	
<u>Today's Meeting Date: May 8, 2007</u>			
Welcome and Call to Order at: 12:15 p.m.		Patriotic Song: The Star Spangled Banner, led by George Reed, visiting Rotarian from the Oswego Sunrise Rotary Club	
Current Club Membership is: 45		The Pledge: President-elect Bill Crist, filling in for President Paul Scott	
Attendance Today: 83.3 % of all members		Invocation: Corte Spencer	
Average April Attendance: 70.1 percent		Second Song: Sing A Song, led by George Reed	
Visiting Rotarians:	George Reed		
Honorary Rotarians:	Harrison Wilde		
Guests:	June Tryon, Vern's wife; Justin White of the Heritage Society and Oswego County Records Office		
Birthdays:	Dick Shineman (21); Mark DuFore (21); Jack Forsyth (26)		
Anniversaries:	Joe Hutchinson (20) Randy Zeigler (4); Peter Kaulfuss (1) Shawn Seale (1)		
Student Guests:	Colin Lea and Emma Gorman,		
"Job Well Done":	Bob Freeman, executive director of the Committee on Open Government, who also was today's guest speaker – nominated by Bruce Frassinelli		
Fines/Happy Dollars:	A number of Rotarians anteed up happy dollars for which we are grateful		
50-50 Raffle:	Rick Tesoriero picked the ace of spades to walk off with the \$127 jackpot after having won the \$6 weekly drawing.		
Meeting Adjourned:	1:15 p.m.		
Date	<u>PROGRAMS</u>		
May 15	Sabine Ingerson - Youth Exchange Student Sanna Rättyä from Finland		
May 22	Bill Crist – 2007-08 Rotary Planning Guide		
May 29	Vivian Sayer – John English (Oswego Opera Company)		
Jun 05	Selma Sheridan - Ellen Hornig (Seneca Hills Perennials)		
Jun 12	Shawn Seale – Jennifer Hill (Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce)		
Jun 19	Changing of the Guard NOTE THE CHANGED DATE		
Jun 26			
	<u>CALENDAR</u>		
Jun 03	Top 100 Dinner		
Jun 19	Changing of the Guard noon at King Arthur's		



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

Bill Crist, Joette Deane, John FitzGibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Terry Gorman, David Granoff, Tony Henderson, Joe Hutchinson, Tony Murabito, Frank Sayer, Vivian Sayer, Shawn Seale, Selma Sheridan, Dick Shineman, Diane Sokolowski, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Vern Tryon, Stephen Wise, Bob Woods and Randy Zeigler

Announcements:

Randy Ziegler: Project Bloom collections May **1** and **8** brought in more than \$175.

Jack Forsyth is at home and is progressing with rehabilitation.

Tom Ingram has taken a leave of absence from the club and has resigned as vice president of the club, effective immediately. President Paul Scott has asked the Nominating Committee to bring the name of a successor before the Board of Directors at its June 7 meeting.

Vern Tryon, chair of the annual Pancake Breakfast, reported that the same number of breakfasts were served in our new locale – Oswego High School cafeteria – as last year at the Knights of Columbus home – 254. We collected \$366 from having had 67 walk-in breakfasts; Rotarians turned in \$426 in ticket sales; many others contributed earlier. Our treasurer, Ann Seifried, will have a final accounting once all proceeds and costs are tallied. We made \$54.50 on the 50-50 raffle (Joe Hutchinson was the 50-50 winner; thanks to Joe for giving some of it back during the ``happy dollars'' segment of the club program); our 10 percent profit on the sale of maple syrup came to \$9.20; we made \$14.50 from the bake sale (there was very little product to sell – just four items were donated this year), and District Governor Carol Anthony came to the breakfast as the guest of Past District Governor Bruce Frassinelli and club President Paul Scott and donated \$20 to the club.

Today's Program: **Bruce Frassinelli – Bob Freeman - Committee for Open Government**

Bob Freeman has an international reputation as one of the foremost authorities on open government issues. New York State is one of just a handful of states that have an independent office such as this operating on behalf of its citizenry. Freeman has been executive director of the organization for 31 years and with the unit since its inception in 1974. His office fields about 1,400 public inquiries a year, primarily from working journalists. He has traveled not only around the state and the nation but also to Mexico, Eastern Europe and elsewhere. Of all of them, Freeman says, Mexico has the best access to public documents of any, including the United States. Freeman spoke about the Freedom of Information Act and how citizens can use it when government officials are not forthcoming with documents to which the public is entitled. He also indicated his concern with the U.S. Patriot's Act and how its implementation is closing off documents from public scrutiny, even those which should not be declared as secret. Freeman answered a number of questions following his presentation. His office phone number, address and e-mail were sent to all Rotarians in a separate e-mail, but if you misplaced it, please contact Bruce Frassinelli at 342-4180 or bfrassinelli@twcny.rr.com



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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.

Oswego Rotary Board Of Directors

Dir-07: John Fitzgibbons	Dir-08: Bruce Frassinelli	Dir-09: Joette Deane	Dir-10: John Fitzgibbons
Dir-07: David Granoff	Dir-08: Sabine Ingerson	Dir-09: Tony Henderson	Dir-10: David Granoff
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	Frank Sayer *+	Selma Sheridan	Vernon Tryon *
Joette Deane *	Joseph Hutchinson	Paul Scott +	Richard Shineman +*	Robert Wood *
Mark Dufore *	H. Peter Kaulfuss	Ann Seifried	Corte Spencer *	
Bruce Frassinelli *+	Anthony Murabito *	Paul Shaver *	Richard Tesoriero *	+ Benefactor
Philip Gaines	Victor Oakes *		Melanie Trexler *	* Multiple PHF

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members as of March 31, 2006

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

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

