



THE AXLE

Oswego Rotary's Weekly Newsletter

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Paul Scott, President		Mark DuFore, Past President	
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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:	May 22, 2007	
	Where:	King Arthur's Steakhouse	
	Program:	Bill Crist – 2007-08 Rotary Planning Guide	
<u>Today's Meeting Date: May 15, 2007</u>			
Welcome and Call to Order at: 12:15 p.m.		Patriotic Song: America led by Bruce Frassinelli	
Current Club Membership is: 45		The Pledge: President Paul Scott	
Attendance Today: 75 %		Invocation: Ken Hays	
Average April Attendance: 72 %		Second Song: Wait 'til the Sun Shines Ellie (correct)	
Visiting Rotarians:	None		
Honorary Rotarians:	Harrison Wilde		
Guests:	Chris Kearns, wife of Rotarian Tom Kearns, Seija Rattya and Katarina Hollant, mother and aunt of our Rotary Exchange student Sanna Rattya,		
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:	Joshua Bivens		
"Job Well Done":	None		
Fines/Happy Dollars:	Finemeister Paul Heins gave us a break because of the late hour		
50-50 Raffle:	Phil Gaines won \$5, also the amount of the jackpot. Thanks, Phil, for donating your winnings to the club. The super jackpot was won the prior week by Rick Tesoriero		
Meeting Adjourned:	1:15 p.m.		
Date	<u>PROGRAMS</u>		
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		
Jun 26	Vic Oates		
	<u>CALENDAR</u>		
Jun 03	Top 100 Dinner		
Jun 19	Changing of the Guard noontime at King Arthur's		



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

Ed Caraccioli, Joette Deane, Diane Dillon, Mark DuFore, Dave Fischer, John FitzGibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Phil Gaines, Terry Gorman, David Granoff, Ken Hayes, Paul Heins, Anthony Henderson, Sabine Ingerson, Tom Kearns, Deane Masuicca, Tony Murabito, Victor Oakes, Paul Scott, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Dick Shineman, Rick Tesoriero, Vern Tryon, Stephen Wise, Randy Zeigler
Make-ups: Bill Crist, Joe Hutchinson, Diane Sokolowski, Corte Spencer, Melanie Trexler

Announcements:

Jack Forsyth continues to progress at home after his fall from his roof while shoveling snow this past winter. President Paul, who spoke to him by phone, indicated that Jack had been paralyzed from the waist down, but is now out of a wheelchair and on a walker. Jack thanks everyone for cards and get well wishes.

We were happy to welcome back from the ``Sunshine State" **Ed Caraccioli** and **Vic Oakes**.

Rotary volunteers are sought for the annual **Hospice Run/Walk** at the new Oswego Yacht Club on Saturday, June 2. Your services would be needed from between 8:30 and about 10 a.m. Duties include handing out water to participants, serving as resource persons, etc. If you can help, please contact Deana Masuicca at the YMCA.

Project Bloom planting will be on Saturday, June 2, according to project chair Randy Zeigler. If you can help with this several hours project, please contact Randy.

Vern Tryon, pancake breakfast chair, reported on a three-times'-the-charm oddity: The club has served 254 breakfasts at each of the last three pancake breakfasts.

Today's Program: Sabine Ingerson - Youth Exchange Student Sanna Rättyä from Finland. Sanna was introduced by Rotarian Tom Kearns. Tom and his wife, Chris, are Sanna's ``host parents" during her year in the United States. Sanna was charming, frank and funny during her 25-minute PowerPoint presentation on her home country and her impressions of her year in Oswego. She is hoping to return to Oswego during the summer of 2008.

Finland, she said, is a Scandinavian country of some 5.3 million residents which occupies 131,000 square miles. Its capital is Helsinki, located in the southeast part of the country. The official languages are Finnish and Swedish, both of which Sanna says, Finns must know. The country is affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

This parliamentary democracy has been a member of the United Nations since 1947, the European Union (Common Market) since 1995, and its official currency has been the Euro since 2001.

Finland was a province of Sweden until 1809, when it became an autonomous grand duchy under Russian rule until the Russian Revolution of 1917. The upheaval triggered civil war in Finland in 1917-18, just as it did in Russia.

Sanna says the winters are long and cold, although the country does not as much snow as Oswego does. ``Our winters are easier," she says. Summer features a stretch of continuous daylight.

She describes the Finnish education system as more difficult than ours; by the way, when she returns home, she will complete her senior year in Finland. There is free university or polytechnic courses for Finnish students, and there is compulsory military service for six months.

Traditions include saunas (every Saturday, these are a must, she says), summer bonfires, and she proudly notes that the ``real Santa Claus lives in Finland." Hockey, she says, is by far the favorite sport.



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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

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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

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