



THE AXLE

Oswego Rotary's Weekly Newsletter



Founded March 29, 1927
Service Above Self

Paul Scott, President

Bill Crist, President Elect

Tom Ingram, Vice President

Carol Anthony, 7150 District Governor (Chittenango)

William B. Boyd, Rotary International President (Pakuranga, New Zealand)

Mark DuFore, Past President

Ann Seifried, Treasurer

Mark DuFore, Secretary

Rosa Kemmis, Asst. Gov., Area 10 (Fulton Sunrise)

Youth Exchange Student: Tervetuloa! Sanna Rättyä (Finland), hosted by the Kearns family

When: February 20, 2007
Next Meeting Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse
Program: Tony Henderson

Today's Meeting Date: February 13, 2007

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: 56 % **Invocation:** Ken Hayes

Average January Attendance: 48 % **Second Song:** Jingle Bells (led by Bill Crist)

Visiting Rotarians: None today

Honorary Rotarians: Harrison Wilde

Guests: Cora Brumley

Birthdays: Vic Oakes (2nd), Charlie Phallen (3rd), Joette Deane (21st), Selma Sheridan (22nd), Terry Gorman (25th), and Joe Hutchinson (29th)

Anniversaries: Paul Heins (24th), Deana Masuicca (13th), Mark DuFore (12th), and Stephen Wise (4th)

Student Guests: Sara Siembor

"Job Well Done": None today

Fines/Happy Dollars: Bill Crist asked us questions relating to the Super Bowl. Eventually, all of us answered incorrectly and offered up our happy dollars to Paul Heins.

50-50 Raffle: Tom Ingram won today's \$5 raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning our "grand jackpot" of \$63.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:20

ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Program	"Job Well Done"	Front Desk & Banners	Meals On Wheels
Feb 20	Henderson	Scott	Henderson/Fitzgibbons	Seale/Seifried
Feb 27	Fitzgibbons	Seale	Fitzgibbons/Gaines	Sunrise Club

CALENDAR

Feb 28	District Simplified Grants Deadline
Mar 03	Scripps Regional Spelling Bee (Oswego High School)
Mar 16	PETS Training (Binghamton, NY)



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We were pleased to see those of you who attended today: Bill Crist, Joette Deane, Diane Dillon, Mark DuFore, Dave Fischer, John Fitzgibbons, Jack Forsyth, Bruce Frassinelli, Terry Gorman, David Granoff, Ken Hayes, Paul Heins, Anthony Henderson, Tom Ingram, Deana Masuicca, Tony Murabito, Paul Scott, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Melanie Trexler, Stephen Wise, and Randy Zeigler

Election of Vice President: Bruce Frassinelli, on behalf of the Nominating Committee for the Oswego Rotary Club, announced that the Board of Directors recently approved the nomination of Tom Ingram for the (currently open) position of Rotary Vice President. As a result, he then nominated Ingram for the position. Corte Spencer seconded the nomination, which the members approved by a voice vote.

Announcements:

District Simplified Grant(s): A Message from DG Carol Anthony

There is a total of \$10,400 available this year to our clubs for local projects. The project should be something done in your community that will have a tremendous impact on the lives of those it touches. The project should have your "stamp" on it -- naming your Rotary Club in lights! Please keep all receipts. Send your completed form to Dee Petta, address is on the form; deadline is March 31, 2007. The "Governor's Grants" are also included as part of the simplified Grants -- so use the same form and follow the same criteria. The usual grant given out will range from \$200, 300, 500, or up to as high as \$1,000. It must be a NEW project. Please, I wish every club will apply, and we will stretch that \$10,400 as far as it will go. Please call with any questions. Ready, set, go!

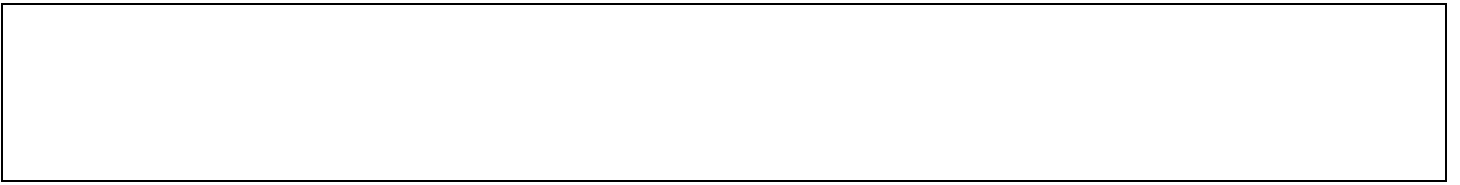
Rotary Night at the Campus Center will be held on Thursday, February 22. Come see the Oswego State Women's Ice Hockey team play their last home game of the season. A reception will be held for all Rotary Club members following the game. Tickets are \$6 each, \$3 of which will be donated to the "SUNY Oswego Roteract Club," which is being formed by Diane Dillon and is expected to begin its activities later this spring.

The Scripps Regional Spelling Bee that is being held March 3 at the Oswego High School is in need of volunteers. Please consider joining Bruce Frassinelli in helping to make this event the success that it generally is. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bruce.

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held this coming April. If you are interested in attending, please contact Paul Scott.

The Diane Falise Memorial Scrabble Festival, sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of Oswego County, will be held on Friday, April 27 from 6:00-9:00 pm. (Its location is yet to be determined.) Teams of four individuals each are being sought. Registration fees are \$80/team if the team pre-registers and \$100/team at the door. If you are interested in creating an Oswego Rotary Club team, please contact Tom Ingram.

Today's Program: Terry Gorman introduced Dr. Lou Iorizzo, a former Professor of both History and Public Justice at SUNY Oswego, who has written five books and published numerous articles dealing with organized crime in this country. Lou focused his remarks today on Al Capone and shared with us some of his own thoughts regarding Capone. According to Lou, Al Capone didn't talk like a gangster, nor did he behave like one in public. Also, he was generous to a fault, with both his friends and any number of charities; in fact, he appeared to have a disdain for money, which he thought was useless unless spent. Lou noted that one of the reasons Capone generated a considerable amount of respect from many Italian-Americans at the time was that he acted as a "policeman" in the Italian-American community. He also noted that, although the St. Valentine's Day Massacre (for which Capone is believed to be responsible) helped to establish Capone as the top gangster in Chicago, it also helped lead to his demise -- because it convinced the authorities that he definitely needed to be stopped. Two of Al Capone's quotes that Lou shared with us are interesting. When asked one time what he did for a living, Capone replied, "I'm just a businessman who supplies people with what they want to buy in the good old American style." And when asked if he believed that anyone ever loved him, Capone said, "Well, my mother loved me." Thanks for a most enjoyable presentation, Lou!





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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 person who is 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	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 Scott	Richard Tesoriero	
Sherwood Dunham	Anthony Murabito	Ann Seifried	Melanie Trexler	
Bruce Frassinelli	Victor Oakes	Paul Shaver	Vernon Tryon	
David Granoff	Judith Percy	Selma Sheridan	Robert Wood	
Joseph Hutchinson	Frank Sayer	Richard Shineman		

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