



THE AXLE

Oswego Rotary's Weekly Newsletter



Founded March 29, 1927
Service Above Self

Paul Scott, *President*

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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 27, 2007
Next Meeting Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse
Program: John Fitzgibbons

Today's Meeting Date: February 20, 2007

Welcome and Call to Order at: 12:15 p.m. **Patriotic Song:** God Bless America (led by Randy Zeigler)

Current Club Membership is: 45 **The Pledge:** Paul Scott

Attendance Today: 49 % **Invocation:** Ken Hayes

Average January Attendance: 69 % **Second Song:** He's Got the Whole World In His Hands (led by Randy Zeigler)

Visiting Rotarians: Harrison Wilde

Honorary Rotarians: None today

Guests: None today

Birthdays: Vic Oakes (Feb 2), Charlie Phallen (Feb 4), Joette Deane (Feb 21), Selma Sheridan (Feb 22), Terry Gorman (Feb 25), and Joe Hutchinson (Feb 29)

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

Student Guests: None Today

"Job Well Done": None Today

Fines/Happy Dollars: Randy Zeigler asked us a few questions about our recent snowfall. We responded (incorrectly, for most of the questions) and then -- with the help of Shawn Seale -- contributed to the pot.

50-50 Raffle: Phil Gaines won today's \$3 raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning our "grand jackpot" of \$68.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 p.m.

ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Program	Front Desk & Banners	Meals On Wheels
Feb 27	Fitzgibbons	Fitzgibbons/Gaines	Sunrise Club
Mar 06	Granoff		
Mar 13	Ingram		
Mar 20	Heins		
Mar 27	Hayes		
Apr 03	Masuicca		
Apr 10	Murabito		

CALENDAR

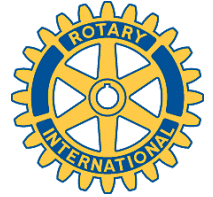
Feb 28	District Simplified Grants deadline
Mar 03	Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, to be held at the Oswego High School
Mar 16	PETS Training, to be held in Binghamton, NY



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We were pleased to see those of you who attended today: Joette Deane, Diane Dillon, Dave Fischer, John Fitzgibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Phil Gaines, Terry Gorman, David Granoff, Ken Hayes, Anthony Henderson, Sabine Ingerson, Tom Ingram, Deane Masuicca, Tony Murabito, Paul Scott, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Stephen Wise, and Randy Zeigler

Announcements:

District Simplified Grant(s) -- 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!

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.

Paul Scott has recently been asked to serve as our area's Assistant Governor for Rotary Year 2007-2008. Congratulations, Paul!

Today's Program: In honor of Black History Month, Tony Henderson gave us a history lesson of his own today based primarily on significant dates for African Americans in this country. Tony began his talk by stating that African Americans have been in the U.S. since 1619. He then named several dates of importance to the African-American community (and to all the citizens of this country, for that matter). Here are a few of the dates (and events) that Tony noted: 1793 (Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin), 1820 (the Missouri Compromise), 1849 (Harriet Tubman escapes slavery and begins the Underground Railroad), 1857 (the Dred Scott decision), 1863 (the Emancipation Proclamation), 1865 (slavery abolished in the U.S.), 1868 (U.S. citizenship granted to African Americans), 1870 (African Americans given the right to vote), 1909 (NAACP formed), 1954 (Brown v. Board of Education), 1963 (Martin Luther King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech), and 1968 (Martin Luther King is assassinated). In closing, Tony gave us a "Black Firsts" quiz. All of us knew some of the answers, and none of us knew all of the answers. Thank you for a most illuminating presentation, Tony!



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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	Pam Quesnell	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