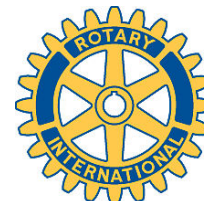




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Bill Crist, President

Shawn Seale, President Elect

Dr. David Granoff, Vice President

Marlene Brown, 7150 District Governor (E-Club)

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, Rotary International President (Trenton, Ontario, Canada)

Paul Scott, Past President

Ann Seifried, Treasurer

Mark DuFore, Secretary

Paul Scott, Ass't. Governor, Area 10 (Oswego)

Youth Exchange Student: Willkommen! Doris Skiba, Bavaria, Germany – Hosted by the Gunn Family

Next Meeting

When: March 11, 2008

Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse

Program: Daniel Day -- Executive Director, Northern Oswego County Health Services

Today's Meeting Date: March 4, 2008

Welcome and Call to Order: 12:15 p.m.

Patriotic Song: America the Beautiful (led by Randy Zeigler)

The Pledge: Bill Crist

Invocation: Ken Hayes

Second Song: Dixie (led by Randy Zeigler)

Current Club Membership: 40

Visiting Rotarians:

Tiffany Duquett (Oswego Roteract Club)

Honorary Rotarians:

Harrison Wilde

Guests:

Alison Wood, Dave Welsch, and Bruce Altschuler (today's guest speaker)

Student Guests:

M. Warugam Gichane and Christopher Sova

Birthdays:

Viv Sayer (March 21); Paul Scott (March 28)

Anniversaries:

Frank Sayer (1947); Dick Shineman (1981); Bruce Frassinelli (1992); Tony Henderson (2003)

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Paul Heins and Rick Tesoriero collected a number of fines and happy dollars today.

50-50 Raffle:

Deana Masuicca won \$6 in today's raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades, making next week's grand jackpot worth \$156.

Meeting Adjourned:

1:30 p.m.

We were pleased to see those of you who attended today's meeting: Cora Brumley, Bill Crist, Joette Deane, Diane Dillon, Mark DuFore, John Fitzgibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Terry Gorman, Ken Hayes, Paul Heins, Joe Hutchinson, Sabine Ingerson, Tom Ingram, Peter Kaulfuss, Deana Masuicca, Tony Murabito, Paul Scott, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Rick Tesoriero, Melanie Trexler, Vern Tryon, Bob Wood, and Randy Zeigler.

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 send an email to [Paul Scott](mailto:Paul.Scott@oswegorotary.org) with "Make-Up Notification" as the subject and list the missed date, make-up date, and type of make-up.

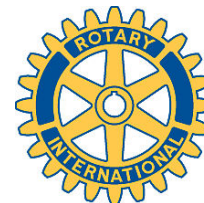
Job Well Done Recognition Award: None today

[Please note that when nominating an individual for a "Job Well Done" award, you should contact Chair [Shawn Seale](mailto:Shawn.Seale@oswegorotary.org) and inform him of the name of the individual being honored.]



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Paul Harris Presentation: Alison Wood was recognized today as a Paul Harris Fellow in special appreciation for the ways in which her life has exemplified the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. Alison was designated to receive this recognition by her husband and Rotarian, Bob Wood. As President Bill Crist stated when presenting this award to Alison, "We move closer to a more peaceful world today as Alison Wood becomes a Paul Harris Fellow."

Calendar:

March 14-15	PETS Training
April 5	Rotary Leadership Institute at BOCES in Verona with Parts I, II, III and Graduate offered
April 25	Literacy Volunteers Scrabble Tournament
May 29	Rotary Foundation Day
June 1	Top 100 Dinner
June 24	Changing of the Guard – Wilf Wilkinson, RI President and Mike McGovern, RI VP Elect

Announcements:

- ✦ Bruce Frassinelli reported on Saturday's Regional Spelling Bee, announcing that after a spirited competition among the 30 contestants, Jacob Annal (whose sister, interestingly, won last year's competition) emerged victorious, with Robbie Zeigler (son of Rotarian Randy Zeigler) finishing a very close second.
- ✦ From District Governor Marlene Brown:
 - For every Sustaining Member donation of \$100 that is matched by \$100 from the individual's club by April 30 of this year, District Governor Marlene Brown, District Foundation Chair PDG Jack Luchsinger, and the District Foundation Committee have pledged to match it with an additional \$100! These donations – earmarked for either the Annual Fund or the Polio Plus Fund – will go to the Rotary Foundation in that Rotarian's name, making such individuals Sustaining Members on their way to earning a Paul Harris Fellow.
 - Register for our Saturday, April 5 Rotary Leadership Institute Session. District RLI Chair David Craine reminds you that Parts I, II, III, and Graduate are being offered! Read more here: <http://www.rlinea.com>.
 - Mark your Calendars for the District Foundation Dinner Celebration May 29th with Keynoter Dr. Bob Scott, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/foundation.htm>
- ✦ The Literacy Volunteers Scrabble Tournament will be held on Friday, April 25, 2008, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- ✦ If you are interested in getting to know Doris Skiba better (our youth exchange student from Germany) and would like to invite her to lunch, dinner, your home, etc., you are encouraged to call her at 343-3100.

Today's Program: Bill Crist introduced Dr. Bruce Altschuler, Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Political Science Department at SUNY Oswego, who spoke to us today about the process by which we currently select our presidential nominees in this country. According to Bruce, the U.S. has probably the most complicated system of nominating presidential candidates in the world, with very long contests being waged, incredible amounts of money being spent, and then (ironically) too little time for voters to become informed. He now favors the implementation of a "national" primary system, a concept he opposed for many years. Bruce noted the major arguments against using a national primary and then explained why, in his opinion, they are no longer particularly valid. As to the argument that a national primary campaign would cost too much, he stated that so much money is raised already these days that it's hard to imagine national primary campaigns costing any more. As to the argument that the current system allows a dark horse candidate to win early and then raise momentum, he believes that this is no longer true since there simply isn't enough time for such a candidate to raise enough money to continue. Regarding the argument that a national primary would damage the small states, his response is – so what, shouldn't the small states have less influence? And as to the argument that a national primary would weaken the parties, he noted that the parties have always been able to adapt and would doubtless prove able to adapt to this system as well. In Bruce's opinion, a national primary would have two major benefits: (1) it would simplify the system (in that the candidate with the most votes would win, plus everyone would know when the primary was being held), and (2) all votes would be equally meaningful. Thanks for an enjoyable and most interesting discussion, Bruce!



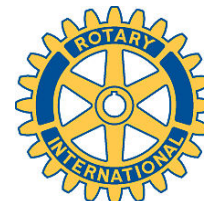
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND FRONT DESK/BANNER

St Luke's Meals on Wheels

Reminder for Meals on Wheels

Front Desk and Banner

		Yellow trays indicate diet meals, and white trays are regular. A list of clients is available at the site that tells you which meal the clients are to receive. If a client tells you they need to cancel a meal, please inform the manager at the site.		
Mar 11	Tryon/Wise		Mar 11	Scott/Deane
Mar 18	Wise/Masuicca		Mar 18	Deane/Wood
Mar 25	Sunrise Club		Mar 25	Wood/Zeigler

Oswego Rotary Board of Directors

Dir-08: Bruce Frassinelli Dir-09: Joette Deane Dir-10: John Fitzgibbons
 Dir-08: Sabine Ingerson Dir-09: Tony Henderson Dir-10: Deana Masuicca
 Dir-08: Vern Tryon Dir-09: Melanie Trexler Dir-10: Diane Dillon
 Dir-08: Randy Zeigler

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Dir-08 Paul Scott Dir-10 Shawn Seale Dir-09 Bill Crist Dir-09 Ann Seifried

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+ Benefactor * Multiple PHF

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

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members as of March 31, 2007

William Crist Sabine Ingerson Victor Oakes Selma Sheridan Vernon Tryon
 Mark Dufore Thomas Ingram Frank Sayer Richard Shineman Robert Wood
 Sherwood Dunham Anthony Murabito Paul Scott Melanie Trexler Randy Zeigler
 Bruce Frassinelli David Granoff Ann Seifried

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: 2007-2008

> Sustaining Member *Multiple PHF

Ram Chaudhari Sherwood Dunham > Willard Schum (PHF)
 Fred Crisafulli (PHF) Ruth Sayer (PHF) Harrison Wilde



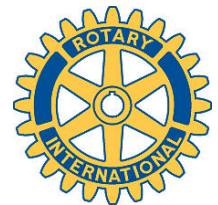
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2007-2008 PROGRAMS

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03/11/08	Bill Crist	Daniel Day -- Executive Director Northern Oswego County Health Services, Inc.
03/18/08	Bill Crist	Nick Sterio - The Nick Sterio Orchestra
03/25/08	Bill Crist	Eric Nilsson, Oswego Industry (Enriching Lives Through Music)
04/01/08	Bill Crist	Al Heath -- Deputy County Fire Coordinator
04/08/08	Randy Zeigler	Chrystal Hoyt -- Harborfest
04/15/08	Melanie Trexler	Success By Six -- Barbara Blais/Bonnie Holmes
04/22/08	Melanie Trexler	Oswego County Catholic Charities -- Mary Margaret Pekow, Director (tentative)
04/29/08		
05/06/08		
05/13/08		
05/20/08		
05/27/08		
06/03/08		
06/10/08		