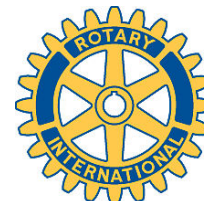




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Shawn Seale, President Elect

Dr. David Granoff, Vice President

Marlene Brown, 7150 District Governor (E-Club)

Paul Scott, Past President

Ann Seifried, Treasurer

Mark DuFore, Secretary

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

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

Youth Exchange Student: Willkommen! Doris Skiba, Bavaria, Germany

Next Meeting

When: May 13, 2008

Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse

Program: Chris Watson – News 10 Now

Today's Meeting Date: May 6, 2008

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

Patriotic Song: America (led by Randy Zeigler)

The Pledge: Bill Crist

Invocation: Ken Hayes

Second Song: Home On the Range (led by Randy Zeigler)

Current Club Membership: 40

Visiting Rotarians:

None today

Honorary Rotarians:

Harrison Wilde

Guests:

Deb Robillard, Cathy Chamberlain, and Pete Colucci

Student Guests:

Kaitlyn Smeguelsky

Birthdays:

Dufore (May 21); Shineman (May 21)

Anniversaries:

Hutchinson (1987); Zeigler (2003); Kaulfuss (2006); Seale (2006)

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Several fines and happy dollars were collected by Rick Tesoriero.

50-50 Raffle:

Viv Sayer won \$6 in today's raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades, making next week's grand jackpot worth \$198.

Meeting Adjourned:

1:30 p.m.

We were pleased to see those of you who attended today's meeting: Ed Caraccioli, Bill Crist, Joette Deane, Diane Dillon, Dave Fischer, Bruce Frassinelli, Dave Granoff, Ken Hayes, Tony Henderson, Joe Hutchinson, Tom Ingram, Deana Masuicca, Tony Murabito, Viv Sayer, Paul Scott, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Melanie Trexler, Vern Tryon, Steven Wise, and Randy Zeigler

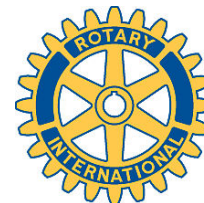
Reporting Make-Ups: If you wish to use Meals on Wheels, a committee meeting, or participation in a Rotary event as a make-up for a missed meeting, please send an email to Paul Scott with "Make-Up Notification" as the subject and list the missed date, make-up date, and type of make-up.

Job Well Done Recognition Award: None today



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Rotary Minute:

This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Rotarian efforts to alleviate hunger through World Community Service. Rotarians have rallied to the aid of nearly 3.5 million people affected by famine in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries. The West African country is, at the best of times, prone to severe food shortages resulting from insufficient rains. The two Rotary clubs of Niger, both based in the capital of Niamey, have set up a crisis committee and a bank account to coordinate and facilitate relief efforts. In addition to contributing approximately \$1,000 toward a disaster fund, the Niamey clubs are helping with the collection and distribution of emergency relief, including bags of rice from Rotary clubs in Côte d'Ivoire and mosquito nets from Dakar, Senegal. The crisis committee is also working on procurement and transportation of food items, creation of cereal banks and a food exchange program, and the purchase of life-saving medicine. Rotary Volunteers are also sought to help promote vegetable gardening and the growing of off-season crops by irrigation. This is a long-term effort aimed at improving food security, diversifying food sources, and creating income-generating opportunities for farmers. We need to remember that even small gifts make a huge difference to people in need. World Community Service and the support of **Every Rotarian, Every Year** is a way for our club to make a real and lasting difference.

Calendar:

May 29	Rotary Foundation Day
June 1	Top 100 Dinner – Elks Club
June 23	Changing of the Guard – Wilf Wilkinson, RI President and Mike McGovern, RI VP Elect

Announcements:

- Vern Tryon reported that, at our recent Pancake Breakfast, we served 194 people and sold \$233 worth of maple syrup and \$28 worth of baked goods. Also, the 50/50 raffle generated sales of \$105, half of which the club retained.
- Deana Masuicca distributed a signup sheet for Volunteers for Hospice's Annual Walk/Run, which will take place on Saturday, June 7.
- Paul Scott asked each of us to seriously consider attending this year's Changing of the Guard Dinner.
- Ed Caraccioli asked each of us to seriously consider attending this year's Top 100 Dinner.
- 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 343-7683.

Today's Program: Bill Crist introduced Rotary member Dave Fischer, Superintendent of Schools for the Oswego City School District. Dave spoke to us today about the proposed 2008-2009 School Budget for the Oswego City School District. The theme behind this year's budget, Dave noted, is "Working Together Works." After briefly discussing the district's long range goals and what Dave referred to as its various "points of pride," Dave explained where, at present, the revenues used to pay for running the school district come from. 42% of these revenues is derived from property taxes, 29% from state aid, and the remaining 29% is derived from pilots, federal aid, and the fund balance. Where, specifically, are these monies spent? 80.25% of these revenues is spent on salaries, wages, and benefits; 14.17% is spent on contractual services; 2.97% is spent on debt service and interfund; 2.17% is spent on supplies and materials; and .44% is spent on equipment. What does the budget for next year look like? The proposal calls for a cost to the taxpayers of \$66,590,271 – which will, if passed, increase the full tax rate from \$20.67 per \$1,000 assessed to \$21.46 per \$1,000. In closing, Dave noted that, with this budget, all academic and extracurricular programs will be maintained not to mention the creation of several new programs, plus he asked that all eligible voters make sure they get out and vote on the budget proposal this coming Tuesday, May 20. Thanks for a most informative presentation, Dave!



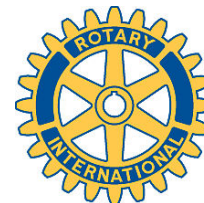
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ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND FRONT DESK/BANNER

St Luke's Meals on Wheels

Reminder for Meals on Wheels

Front Desk and Banner

May 13	Fitzgibbons/Frassinelli	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.	May 13	Wise/Seale
May 20	Frassinelli/Gorman		May 20	Seale/Seifried
May 27	Sunrise Club		May 27	Seifried/Sheridan
Jun 3	Gorman/Heins		Jun 3	Sheridan/Murabito
Jun 10	Heins/Ingerson		Jun 10	Murabito/Fischer
Jun 17	Ingerson/Ingram		Jun 17	Fischer/Zeigler
Jun 24	Sunrise Club		Jun 24	Zeigler/Welsch

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Dir-08: Bruce Frassinelli Dir-09: Joette Deane Dir-10: John Fitzgibbons
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 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



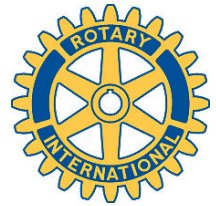
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2007-2008 PROGRAMS

Date	Rotarian	Program
05/13/08	Melanie Trexler	Chris Watson - News 10 Now
05/20/08	Vernon Tryon	Larry Mayo -- Oswego Library
05/27/08	Sabine Ingerson	Doris Skiba -- Youth Exchange Student
06/03/08	Shawn Seale	DK Lee -- Incoming RI Presidential Message
06/10/08	Bill Crist and Ann Seifried	Rick Ostrander - Law Enforcement Against Prohibition
06/17/08		
06/24/08		
07/01/08	Board of Directors	Changing of the Guard