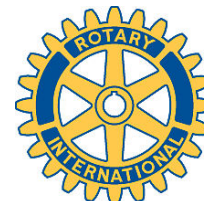




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Mark DuFore, Secretary

Paul Scott, Ass't. Governor, Area 10

D. K. Lee, Rotary International President (Korea)

NEXT MEETING

When: May 19, 2009
Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse
Program: Terry Hammill -- Ancestry

Today's Meeting Date: May 12, 2009

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

Patriotic Song: God Bless America (led by Randy Zeigler)

The Pledge: Shawn Seale

Invocation: Vern Tryon

Song: Take Me Out to the Ball Game(led by Randy Zeigler)

Current Club Membership: 46

Visiting Rotarians:

None today

Honorary Rotarians:

Ruth Sayer

Guests:

Vicki Mather and Harrison Wilde

Student Guests:

None today

Birthdays:

Cleane Medeiros (May 13), Mark DuFore (May 21), and Dick Shineman (May 21)

Anniversaries:

Joe Hutchinson (1987), Randy Zeigler (2003), Peter Kaulfuss (2006), Shawn Seale (2006), and Karen Ferguson (2008)

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Rick Tesoriero collected a number of happy dollars today.

50-50 Raffle:

Tony Henderson won \$4 in today's jackpot and donated it to the club -- but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning the grand jackpot of \$18.

Meeting Adjourned:

1:20 p.m.

We were pleased to see those of you who attended today's meeting: Pete Colucci, Bill Crist, Joette Deane, Mark DuFore, Karen Ferguson, Terry Gorman, Dave Granoff, Tony Henderson, Joe Hutchinson, Tom Ingram, Rachel Kesler, Deana Masuicca, Cleane Medeiros, Mack Richardson, Deb Robillard, Frank Sayer, Viv Sayer, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Dick Shineman, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Vern Tryon, Dave Welsch, Stephen Wise, and Randy Zeigler.

Reporting Make-Ups: Please report make-ups for missed meetings by sending an email to the [Attendance Committee](#). Be sure to include the place or activity being used for the make-up, its date, and the date of the missed meeting. Absences from Rotary meetings may be made up by attending meetings of other Rotary clubs anywhere in the world, Rotary International or District functions, or Board of Directors' meetings; participating in Rotary service projects; attending Rotary committee meetings; or by meeting online at a [Rotary eclub](#).



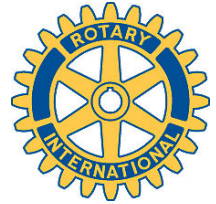
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Job Well Done Recognition Award: Randy Zeigler presented Vicki Mather with our "Job Well Done" award in recognition of her many and varied efforts on behalf of Project Bloom.

Rotary Minute: None today

Calendar:

May 16	District Assembly Workshop
May 22	District Foundation Dinner (Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Syracuse)
June 1	Rotary Golf Tournament (Links at Erie Village)
June 21-24	Rotary International Conference (Birmingham, England)
June 30	Changing of the Guard Dinner

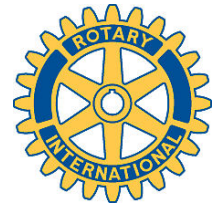
Announcements:

- ❖ The Rotary District 7150 Assembly Workshop will be held this Saturday, May 16, starting at 8:00 a.m. Please see President Elect Terry Gorman for further details.
- ❖ Randy Zeigler encouraged us to help out with the planting for this year's Project Bloom, which will take place on two Saturdays in May. "Veterans Park Planting Day" will be held on this Saturday, May 16, starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the West Linear Park Garden area. "Downtown Planting Day" will be held on Saturday, May 30, starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the River's End Bookstore. Randy also encouraged us to consider serving as a sponsor for the project.
- ❖ The District Foundation Dinner will be held this year on Friday, May 22 at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact President Shawn Seale as soon as possible.
- ❖ The Rotary Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 1 at the Links at Erie Village. Cost is \$125 per participant, including the golf, a cart, dinner, and reception. There will be a shotgun start at noon.
- ❖ Deana Masuicca announced that she is seeking volunteers to help with the annual Hospice Run, which will take place on the morning of June 13. Please see Deana for further details.
- ❖ The Rotary International Convention will be held on Sunday, June 21-Wednesday, June 24 in Birmingham, England. Please contact President Shawn Seale for further details.
- ❖ The "Changing of the Guard" Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at Dibble's Inn in Vernon, NY. Paul Scott will serve as Master of Ceremonies. If you are interested in attending, please contact President Shawn Seale.
- ❖ Vern Tryon announced that the Oswego Salvation Army has recently created an "I Believe" team aimed at planning, coordinating, and conducting small fundraising projects and invited interested Rotarians to consider joining the team.
- ❖ If you haven't yet done so, please consider contributing to The Rotary Foundation. All contributions are welcome.



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- ❖ Members who have programs to sponsor for any of our luncheon meetings are asked to contact President Shawn Seale, Melanie Trexler, or Bill Crist.

Today's Program: President Shawn Seale introduced Rotary member and Past President Bill Crist, who spoke to us today in his capacity as Oswego City School District Superintendent of Schools about the proposed 2009-2010 budget. According to Bill, he and the Board of Education attempted to create a school budget that is fiscally responsible to the community and at the same time provides necessary and appropriate services to its students. Specifically, they set the following priorities with regard to the budget: to maintain present programs and staffing in the General Fund; to make no reductions other than through attrition or those positions linked to Grant funding; to add specific positions and services; and to restore supplies and equipment from the 2007-2008 budget. To that end, the Board unanimously adopted a \$68.8 million budget for 2009-2010 at its Tuesday, April 21 meeting. The proposed budget manages to present taxpayers with a zero tax levy increase by using reserve and surplus funds totaling \$3.36 million. The Board of Education and the administration have conducted several public workshops in attempting building this proposed budget. After lengthy discussions, it was determined that there were additional needs within the district, and so the proposed budget will include funding for a school resource officer, an elementary counselor, a weight room supervisor (.6 position), Reading First program sustainability, and summer school for elementary and secondary students. Bill noted several unique revenue challenges that were faced in putting this budget together. "Obviously there is the economic climate as a whole as well as the New York State deficit, which impacts state aid and the "Contract for Excellence. There is also an impact on the PILOT agreements and there is anticipation of what could occur in future years." He also noted that revenues were decreasing in several areas, including state aid, PILOT and incentives, and other revenues. However, he noted, "We believe that we've responsibly used our reserves this year and will be able to do the same next year if necessary." In closing, Bill noted that, in addition to the budget, voters will have a chance to vote on four other propositions, which will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, May 19. One proposition is to create a \$7 million capital reserve fund, which would be created with surplus revenue and would only be used for future purposes with voter approval. Another proposition would provide for the purchase of five new school buses, four 66-passenger buses, and one 53-passenger, wheelchair-accessible bus. The district is also asking the voters for permission to sell the Education Center at a cost of not less than \$2.5 million. "There has been significant discussion and talk about the sale of this building," Bill stated. "I will note that it is currently paid for and that it is being also leased, parts of it, so that we are collecting revenue on that building to help offset the cost of operation. However, with that being said, we are going to ask the community what it thinks. And I believe that's an important step for us as a community and as a school district." Thanks for a most informative and helpful talk, Bill!

2009 PROGRAMS

Date	Rotarian	Program
May 19	Melanie Trexler	Terry Hammill -- Ancestry
May 26	Dave Welsch	Diana Wolgemuth -- Dale Carnegie Training
June 2	Vern Tryon	Salvation Army CPT Ken Hayes & Jeff Wallace
June 9	Rick Tesoriero	Ron Graham - BOCES (New Vision Allied Health)

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND FRONT DESK/BANNER

St Luke's Meals on Wheels

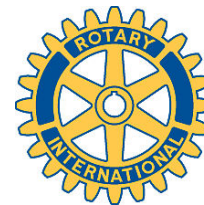
Front Desk and Banners

May 19	Fitzgibbons/Ferguson	May 19	Seifried/Paricio
May 26	SUNRISE CLUB	May 26	Paricio/V. Sayer
June 2	Ferguson/Gleason	June 2	V. Sayer/Sheridan
June 9	Gleason/Gorman	June 9	Sheridan/Spaulding
June 16	Masucca/Robillard	June 16	Spaulding/Spencer



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June 23	Gorman/Granoff		June 23	Spencer/Trexler
June 30	SUNRISE CLUB		June 30	Trexler/Tesoriero

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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: 2008-2009

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