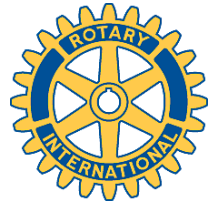




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Terry Gorman, President
Dr. David Granoff, President Elect
David Welsch, Vice President
Fred Cholet, 7150 District Governor

Shawn Seale, Past President
Ann Seifried, Treasurer
Mark DuFore, Secretary

Joette Deane, Area 8 Ass't. Governor

John Kenny, Rotary International President (Scotland)

ROTARY BASICS (information for both members and prospective members):

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/NewMembers/RotaryBasics/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

NEXT MEETING

When: February 9, 2010
Where: Patz On The River Restaurant
Program: Christine Mileski (U.S. Army)

Today's Meeting Date: February 2, 2010

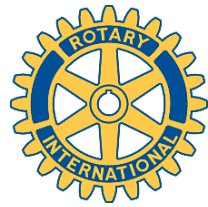
Welcome and Call to Order: 12:15 PM
First Song: America (led by Randy Zeigler)
The Pledge: Dave Granoff
Invocation: Ken Hayes
Second Song: Sidewalks of New York (led by Randy Zeigler)
Current Club Membership: 44

Visiting Rotarians: None today
Honorary Rotarians: None today
Guests: Tara FitzGibbons, Marie Sutherland, and Mike Smith (today's speaker)
Student Guests: Alexander Kaplewicz
February Birthdays: Charlie Phallen (Feb 3), Joette Deane (Feb 21), Selma Sheridan (Feb 22), Terry Gorman (Feb 25), and Joe Hutchinson (Feb 29)
February Anniversaries: Paul Heins (27th), Deana Masuicca (16th), Mark DuFore (15th), Stephen Wise (7th), and Sue Witmer (1st)
Fines/Happy Dollars: Rick Tesoriero collected a number of fines and happy dollars today.
50-50 Raffle: Jon Spaulding won \$3 in today's raffle and donated it to the club but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning the grand jackpot of \$68.
Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 PM



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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](#).

Rotary Minute: In lieu of a "Rotary Minute" President Elect Dave Granoff shared a number of interesting facts with us about Groundhog Day – which is observed, of course, on February 2.

Job Well Done Recognition Award: John FitzGibbons presented today's speaker, Mike Smith, with a JWD Award in recognition of all the fine work he and his Public Works staff perform for the city and the residents of Oswego.

Calendar:

March 13 Annual Rotary Spelling Bee

Announcements:

- ◆ Per Joette Deane -- Important Clarification from Marlene Brown: Contributions to Rotary's TRF (The Rotary Foundation) Donor Advised Fund accounts are NOT eligible for Paul Harris or Major Donor recognition. They ARE, however, eligible for tax credits for the 2009 tax year for donations made by the end of February 2010. Rotarians wishing to donate may do so via the secure shopping cart at the Rotary eClub website OR they may send a check to Marlene Brown, PDG, at Rotary eClub NY1, P.O. Box 840, Clark Mills, NY 13321, earmarking the check for "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund" – and it will be included in the District 7150 donations sent from our Rotary eClub NY1 account.
- ◆ Paul (PJ) Scott has asked for our assistance in helping out with the District Conference (to be held in May 2011) and participating in the conference committee. If you are interested, please let President Terry Gorman know and he will pass along your name.
- ◆ Applications for our annual Rotary Scholarships are available at the Oswego High School and online. They will be accepted through March.
- ◆ Please keep in mind our club's goal of 100% participation in annual donations to the Rotary Foundation. Please consider contributing to the Rotary Foundation if you haven't yet done so. All contributions are welcome.
- ◆ Members who have programs to sponsor for any of our luncheon meetings are asked to contact Sue Witmer, Dave Welsch, or Dave Granoff.



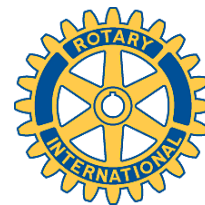
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Today's Program: Rick Tesoriero introduced Mike Smith, Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Oswego. In his talk, Mike shared with us some of the more important current responsibilities of the DPW, among them being the following: plowing the 87 or so miles of roadway in the city during winter; maintaining Oswego's municipal buildings; caring for and maintaining the city's trees; planting city trees; making pothole repairs to city streets; resurfacing city streets; maintaining and repairing the city's sewage system; maintaining and caring for the city's parks; and maintaining and repairing the city's fleet of vehicles. Mike noted that the DPW has in recent years taken on an additional responsibility – the administration of the Department of Parks & Recreation. He also noted that, at present, the DPW employs 73 individuals and carries out its responsibilities with a budget of approximately \$6.5 million. Thanks for sharing this information with us, Mike – and thanks even more for your efforts and those of your staff!

2009/2010 PROGRAMS

Date	Rotarian	Program
Feb 9	Dave Welsch	Christine Mileski (U.S. Army)
Feb 16	Dave Welsch	Tony Henderson (Black History Month)
Feb 23	Sue Witmer	John Kaminski (LEPC & Emergency Planning)
Mar 2	Gini Vidal	Hilary (SPCA)
Mar 9	Sue Witmer	Larry Schmidt (Insurance Concerns For the Elderly)
Mar 16	Dave Welsch	Cheryl Rogers (Oswego High School String Band)
Mar 23	Sue Witmer	Dan Summers (U.S. Coast Guard)
Mar 30	Dave Welsch	Fritz Messere (SUNY Oswego School of Communication, Media & the Arts)
Apr 6	Sue Witmer	Jeff Grimshaw (SUNY Oswego Office of Business & Community Relations)
Apr 13	Dave Welsch	George Demass (Titanic Anniversary)
Apr 20	Terry Gorman	Recognition of Honorary Rotarians

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND FRONT DESK/BANNER

St Luke's Meals on Wheels

Front Desk and Banners

Feb 9	Granoff/Paricio	Feb 9	Witmer/Zeigler
Feb 16	Paricio/Robillard	Feb 16	Zeigler/Brumley
Feb 23	SUNRISE CLUB	Feb 23	Brumley/Colucci
Mar 2	Robillard/Seale	Mar 2	Colucci/Deane
Mar 9	Seale/Seifried	Mar 9	Deane/Crist



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Paul Harris Fellows (Active Members)

+ Benefactor * Multiple PHF

Edward Caraccioli	Paul Heins	Ann Seifried	Richard Tesoriero *	Robert Wood *
William Crist	Joseph Hutchinson	Selma Sheridan	Melanie Trexler *	Randy Zeigler
Joette Deane *	H. Peter Kaulfuss	Richard Shineman +*	Vernon Tryon *	David Welsch
Mark DuFore *	W. Mack Richardson	Frank Sayer +*	Corte Spencer *	

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members

William Crist	Sabine Ingerson	Frank Sayer	Selma Sheridan	Vernon Tryon
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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

Wilson Ayrault*	Joseph Crisafulli	Valerie Hutchinson	Fran Miller*	Monica Shah
Jerry Belden*	J. Sherwood Dunham	Dennis Jerome	James O'Connor	Neelesh Shah
Maurice O. Boyd*	Ralph Faust*	George Joyce	Elbert Z. Ponder*	Augustine Silveira
Edward Caraccioli	Chris Gagas	Charles Kirby*	Ruth Sayer	James Soluri*
Ram Chaudhari	Ralph Geiger	Frank Klinger	Willard Schum	Carl Walrath
Fred Crisafulli	Carl Grulich*	Walter Lazarek*	Fred C. Scoville*	Harrison Wilde

*Deceased