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Meetings / Events

Nov 8 – Club Assembly
Nov 15 – Howard Dennis, Superintendent of PYCSD, Building Project
Nov 22 – FIELD TRIP - Arc of Yates
Dec 2 – Star Shine – Ms. Penn Yan
Dec 6 – **NO NOON MEETING**
Bell ringing all day long
Eastern Cities Dinner

Birthdays coming up

Dyke Smith 11/18



Volunteer Service Opportunities

CLUB SERVICE DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER:

Song / pledge: Bon Smith
Welcome / Attendance: Amy Hoffman
Rotary minute: Sue Andersen
Happy dollars: Ryan Hallings
Prayer / Reflection: Evelyn Emerson

Eastern Cities Dinner and Ringing the Bells

The club will be ringing bells for Christmas for the Needy on December 6th and going to the Eastern Cities Dinner that night, in lieu of our regular noon luncheon. Sign up to ring and to attend the dinner. Who is planning on the trip to Rochester? See: Dave Hoffman, Jeff and Diane, Bob Smith, Sue and Dave and Kayla Andersen, Sonya, 2 Interact students....and maybe you.

Rotary Minute:

Sue Andersen rose to start her Rotary minute by quoting Paul Harris and ending with a recitation of the millions of dollars and hours that Rotarians put in worldwide. There is much to celebrate and be proud of in what we do to serve each other and those others around us.

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

—Paul P. Harris

Linda Fox – Book Art

Wow! The artistry that can be shown with old books is amazing. Longtime volunteer at the Literacy Volunteers of Ontario Yates, Masonic Hall, East Elm Street, Linda began a craft of cutting and folding pages of unused older hard bound books. She spends from 8 to 50 hours with a template, ruler and pencil marking the pages, folding some corners and snipping little cuts on the edges of the pages before folding those tabs too. A basic piece could be sold for as little as \$30, while more elaborate ones might go for over \$100.

Linda sells her works at the LVOY office or at Milly's. All the money raised goes to Literacy projects here.

Happiness and Confessions:

It was a raucous, rousing good time this Tuesday at Top of the Lake. 30 of our members and one guest made for great conversations around the tables. **Ryan**, unlike any other, was able to pester **John**...much to everyone's amusement.

There was lots of good news on the progress of the Sponsor Solicitation and on committee sign up for Flights of Fancy. The first executive team meeting for Flights is scheduled for next Monday, November 7th.

Sue is looking for a few more volunteers to help reach out to various potential sponsors. Give her a call and help.

Sona was beaten in her last Cross Country race, but is still posting very respectable times. There are two more weeks in the fall season and one big race coming up. Her winter swimming is likely to be on the team at Marcus Whitman, and she needs help getting to and from practices. Her forte is really Triathlons, where she placed first in her category at Canandaigua this fall. She is a charming girl who reflects much of the central European culture. She is very secure and independent as she grew up with a working mom and absent father.

Sony and the **Rotaract** members from Keuka made a big contribution to the Halloween Party success by decorating on Sunday and playing games with the kids on Monday. **Sue** and **Dave A** were M&Ms and gave out three cases of books. **Dave H**, **Carol** and others played games, gave out candy and at the end of the night put the Elks' club back together. **Jeff** and **Diane** were there

setting up....thanks to all. According our leader, Dave H., we outnumbered all the other "animal" groups.

Lots of encouragement (\$\$\$) was put in the happiness box for the Cubs. **Patrick, Dyke** and others were rooting for the comeback from 3 to 1.

Sarah is off for a trip to Florida, and shared that her parents having been arrested as protestors at the Gas Storage site near Watkins Glen are starting to make their court appearances. Regardless of anyone's position on the issue, these two are showing the courage of their convictions.

Patrick was over the moon excited by the material that he was presented at the Rotary Leadership Institute session in Canandaigua last week. In particular, **Jeff's** session on the Foundation was most informative.

John, the usually reticent, shy (?) guy, stood and donated a sizable bill to the happiness box and confessed that he was going to take our time: "I'm a mini-program today." He recounted his very emotional trip last week back to Finland with his son Scott to visit Yanne, who years ago was an exchange student at his home. This exchange grew into a much larger relationship, including many more exchanges and trips to Finland. Ristol, the father of these boys is sick with cancer, so his family, including John and Scott came for his birthday and a bit of a reunion. It was clear, clearer than any written words here, that Youth Exchange was the most rewarding experiences in John's life...bar none. The relationship continues from generation to generation. Wednesday, John is off to Toronto to pick up Yanne's daughter for a visit.

Friend of many Rotarians, Ron Fitzgerald, electrician, had a work injury...card was sent around.

Don't forget! There is no noon meeting on December 6th – Sign up to ring the bells for Christmas for the Yates Needy.

Kudos to **Sarah** and the PYPL (library) for winning the scarecrow competition. Middle School won the prize for most creative.

PP Bob thanked members for their cards of sympathy for the loss of his brother. **Jackie**, who is working with doctors to restore/save her sight, thanked her hubby PP Bob for being her chauffeur and "seeing eye dog."

Jeff won \$12 for his share of 50/50. And he noted that the several decade old “fine” or happiness box was broken. He will fix/glue the box as his retribution for winning.

YES! **Taryn** is going to Disney. She says it is a surprise trip for her 6 and 8 year old. Yeah...right!

Carl's son Thorne is 9 this week. So...Carl has a new laptop...the old one flew off the garage roof as one of Thorne's experiments in aerodynamics. And what is worse, a squirrel ran across Carl as he had fallen asleep in the chair. Right now, the cat and squirrel are locked in the front parlor (squirrel has retreated to the inside of the organ). Well, what might be worse? Carl decided to hard boil some eggs, and after falling asleep in the chair again was awakened by eggs exploding on the stove. Carl is cleaning egg off the walls as far away as the stone fireplace.

Mary Ellen was thankful for a bit of time with friends. It seems that a gaggle of retired teachers turned up at Turning Stone Casino. Perhaps they needed to refresh their knowledge of probability and statistics.

Tom H exercised past presidential powers over the immediate past president **PP Bob** urging a contribution of \$5 for four bottles of wine that somehow ended up in PP Bob's trunk. Hmmm....what's up with this one?

Sue's daughter Kristen is defending her thesis this week, and a little heavenly support is requested. From what we know of the Andersen girls, intervention is probably not needed, but touching every base won't hurt.

President **Tom M** closed the meeting with his sincere hope that the renovations in his bank will be soon finished. We wish him well...and hope that all will be in readiness for Santa's arrival on December 2nd.

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions:

Sue was the recipient of a bundle of large embossed, framable certificates (1989) that guides Rotarians on this important matter. It is reprinted here:

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
2. Be faithful to the letter and the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
6. Offer my vocational talent: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

In so far as item 6, **Bob S** has urged us and the Interact Club to reach out to and understand businesses and leadership. Our Service Above Self Award underlines a portion of this as well when we recognize the value of our workers at the front lines of our businesses and organizations.

Doing a Make-Up Meeting?

Club members are encouraged to make up for missed meetings whenever possible. One can make up by:

- Visiting neighboring clubs or attending a club while on vacation.
- Log in on District 7150's Internet Club www.rotaryclubNY1.com
- Attend Interact or Rotaract meetings
- Work on a club or district committee
- Attend a district function
- When you have made up a meeting, please be sure to notify Diane Krans for proper credit.