

# August 26, 2009

## The Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club's Canaltown Crier



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Entering Erie Canal Lock #29 at Palmyra, NY



Macedon Veteran's Memorial, Canal Park

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## Club Assembly: RYLA Representative

August 19

RYLA Representative, Olivia Gerkin

Nancy Schrader introduced Olivia Gerkin, this year's RYLA Representative. In her spare time, Olivia enjoys Tae Kwon Do, Model United Nations, and writing. Olivia also represented our club in this year's district Oratorical Contest, where she placed third overall. Olivia received the 2009 Pal-Mac Youth Leadership Award, which allowed her to attend the week-long summer camp associated with the program.

Olivia began by stating that the last time she spoke at our club was to offer her deepest sense of gratitude for the guidance and opportunity to participate in the Oratorical Contest. She stressed that she was again here to offer her thanks for the opportunity to take part in the RYLA Summer Camp of 2009. She also offered thanks to several key adults involved with the RYLA Summer Camp: Mom and Pop Rose, Mom and Pop Clemens, and RYLA's resident "Dutch Uncle" Ted Rumhower. She said that these adults not only supervised the students, but also participated and made the experiences that much more interesting, and their guidance was very much appreciated.

Each student participated in one of three main committees: Yearbook Club, Activities Committee, and T-Shirt Committee. When not working on these committees directly, the young adults participated in many group activities that helped emphasize what good leaders can accomplish. The blind-trust walk and climbing wall were a few of the activities that Olivia stressed help to build trust and comradery among the young adults. These activities also allowed the participants to see leadership concepts that they have learned and heard about in action. They also learned to recognize that someone else's idea could be better than their own, which was a humbling experience.

Olivia also talked about what she felt was the best part of her experience at the camp. A group of 5 or 6 girls, all different religions and backgrounds, formed an intimate group in which they participated in interfaith talks. They discussed their differences and learned from these differences

and accepted each other for who they are and what they believe. Olivia became very emotional when talking about this group of young women and how Rylarians such as themselves can be an example to the rest of the world. They all had a human connection with one another and learned tolerance, and Olivia was the most thankful for this unexpected result. She closed by again thanking Rotary for this great opportunity!



# New Member Inductions

Our club inducted two new members: Dave Nagel and Elder Roger Hamblin.



Club members (front left to right) participating in the induction ceremony of Dave Nagel and Elder Hamblin: Bill Dean, Kim Clement, Pres. Dave Pray, and Nancy Schrader.



President Dave Pray presenting new members Dave Nagel and Elder Hamblin with their new member Rotary materials.

## Missing in Action

**A. Morrell, J. McGovern, M. Clement, M. Courtney, P. Dean, P. Park, A. Pechler, M. Rutkowski, R. Kommer, D. LeMoyne, R. Leapord, E. VerPlank, P. VerPlank, T. Cox, V. Daly**

## Thoughts and Prayers

- Lloyd Anthony is on a respirator and in serious condition.
- Margaret Brooks' brother is seriously ill at Strong Memorial Hospital.

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

*While doing your weekly food shopping, why not pick up an extra item or two to donate to one of our local food pantries? A little goes a long way in the lives of people in need.*

## Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Marielle Savoie, outgoing Exchange Student to Japan, and her mother Diane Savoie.
- Olivia Gerkin, RYLA Representative and speaker

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Cody, son of Mark and Kim Clement, turned 20 on 8/19!
- Pastor Nancy J. Farrell celebrated her ordination 26 years ago on 8/21

## Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Kim Clement gave a happy buck because, “The FAIR is over! The FAIR is over!”
- Bob Sloan donated a happy buck for the “best shower he’s ever taken in his life.” This was after working the grill at the Wayne County Fair and mowing the lawn at his house in record time.
- Leslie Vecchiotti gave a buck as a confession for not sending the fair pictures she took to Dianne Sloan to include in the Town Crier.
- Eric Chapman missed working the Fair booth for a week-long trip to NYC.
- Dianne Sloan gave a very happy buck for Brett Favre returning once again to play in the NFL. She also confessed to forgetting to take pictures at the previous meeting for the Town Crier.
- Nancy J. Farrell vacationed in California where she attended Rotary meetings in both Santa Cruz and Scott’s Valley.

## Rotary Club News

- Marielle Savoie was at the meeting to say thanks for all the donations for her Exchange trip to Japan. President Dave presented her with a Rotary duffle bag to take with her.
- See Gary Haigh if you’d like to purchase any Rotary items: apron, t-shirt, hat, etc.
- September 13 is the Eastern Cities Dinner. Please see President Dave if you’d like to attend.
- Our club received a thank you letter from Jim McGinnis from the Palmyra Community Center. Past President Anne Morrell donated her \$500 Past President funds to help the PCC Summer Program for some kids who would have otherwise been unable to attend due to shortage of funds.

## 50/50 Winner

Gary Hopkins won and donated his winnings to outgoing Exchange Student Marielle Savoie. Here’s to a fun and safe year in Japan, Marielle!

## Upcoming Programs and Presenters

- Sept. 2** Pat VerPlank, Holocaust Survivor Henry Silberstern of  
The Birkenau Boys
- Sept. 9** **TBD**

Please give the name of your speaker and topic to Debbie LeMoyne (986-2625 or email [debbie.lemoyne@garlock.com](mailto:debbie.lemoyne@garlock.com)) ASAP. If you are unable to find a speaker on the day that you are assigned either find a replacement or switch with someone. If you are looking for topics, please contact Debbie LeMoyne. Thank you.

# The Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club

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## KEEP UP YOUR ATTENDANCE NEARBY CLUB MEETINGS

### Monday

Bloomfield	7:30am	St. Bridget CC
Gananda	6:00pm	Log Cabin Restaurant
Williamson	6:15pm	American Legion
Fairport	6:15pm	Green Lantern Inn
Waterloo	6:30pm	Holiday Inn

### Tuesday

Red Jacket	7:30am	Lehigh Valley Family Restaurant (Rt 96 and Rt 21)
Clifton Springs	12:00pm	Clifton Springs Hospital Auditorium
Ontario-Walworth	6:15pm	Ontario Firemen's Exempt Hall
Red Creek	6:15pm	Shella's Pizzeria
Sodus	6:15pm	Steger Haus

### Wednesday

Victor-Farmington	12:00pm	Legacy Sr. Citizens Complex
Wolcott	12:05pm	Wolcott Elks Lodge

### Thursday

Newark	12:05pm	Newark Quality Inn
Canandaigua	12:15pm	Steamboat Landing
Clyde	6:10pm	Donselaar's
East Rochester	6:15pm	Hawthorne's Restaurant