

**December 2, 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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# December 2: Club Assembly

## Nov 18: Mike Boesel, Canandaigua Street project

Our guest this week was Palmyra Town and Village Highway Superintendent Mike Boesel, who provided a timely update on progress for the planned reconstruction of Route 21 South in the Village; that is, Canandaigua Street. He was introduced by Pal-Mac Rotarian and Palmyra Mayor Vicky Daly.

Mike stressed that \$1.4 million of the project will be funded with federal economic stimulus money made available at the local level following last year's national Presidential election. He called the planning and eventual funding for the project “a total team effort” with input from leaders at every level – village, town, county, and state. “There will be no taxpayer money involved,” he added, The area to be rebuilt – Canandaigua



Street from the “four churches” intersection of Main Street south to the village line past Foster Street – must be built and maintained according to New York State DOT standards, Mike stated. He noted that even though it is a village-maintained street, it is part of New York State Route 21, an arrangement dating back to the early 1930s.

Long-range planning for the project actually began five years ago, in 2004, Mike said, although it was obvious that funding through local taxpayers was out of the question. Since that time, village officials have been looking for funding that would enable construction without raising local taxes. The big break came in January 2009 when a call went out for proposals for potential stimulus projects. Approval for \$1.4 million was received on February 18, Mike said. Since that time, designs have been submitted for both state and federal approvals, and the final plan went out for bids on Monday, November 23.

Mike noted that, since one of the purposes of the stimulus funding is to create jobs, local highway department employees will not be doing any of the work. However, Mayor Daly has stated that some of the sidewalk construction – funded through a separate “Safe Routes to School” grant – could be undertaken by highway department workers.

The formal bid opening is set for Monday, December 14, the Superintendent said, at which time an award will be made to the successful contractor. Work will begin in

“late winter or early spring,” he added, with a completion target of late fall next year – 2010.

Among the badly needed improvements for the 2,950-foot stretch of Route 21 will be complete replacement of the water mains and the existing storm sewer system, resurfacing for a “50-year life cycle expectation,” all new granite curbing, and new sidewalks.

In preparation for this project, New York State Electric & Gas workers have already been at work to replace an old gas main and to make sure that their utility poles will not interfere with the road project.

Thanks, Mike, for a most interesting and informative briefing.

## Missing in Action

M. Brooks, K. Clement, M. Clement, M. Courtney, B. Dean, P. Dean, N. Farrell, R. Hamblin, R. Leopard, J. McGovern, P. Park, M. Rutkowski, B. Sloan, L. Vecchiotti, E. VerPlank, P. VerPlank.

## Thoughts and Prayers

- Our prayers are with Micky Kirchhoff, who is scheduled for surgery on Nov. 20.
- President Dave's father recently had an angioplasty and “has a new lease of life.”

## Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Shirley Bassage, wife of Gene Bassage
- Laurie Casella-Alvert, guest of Dave Nagle
- Mike Boesel, speaker
- Kris Lester, Pal-Mac faculty advisor for P.I.G. (Participation in Government) and participant student members Gianna Vassallo, Reese Talmlmdge, and Lauren Moss.



## Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Eric and Edie Chapman recently enjoyed a two-day “getaway” to New York City, where they saw the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. In order to avoid the Big Apple's traffic, they took the train, which Eric said was a very enjoyable experience.
- Eric also offered a Happy Buck to celebrate the Bills' firing of their head coach this week, a sentiment echoed by several Rotarians!
- Joan Shaffer donated a “Sad Buck” as her beloved Steelers lost this week.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Dave Nagle's wife, Debbie, has a birthday on November 26 – Thanksgiving Day.
- Bob and Vicky Daly will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day – November 26. Congratulations!

## Rotary Club News

- Elena gave us an update on her recent activities, which included a week at Disneyland with the Gellatly family, which she enjoyed very much. She is also happy because she tried out for – and made – the Pal-Mac girl's varsity basketball team.
- An induction ceremony was held for Pal-Mac's newest Rotarians – former member John Denniston, who is able to rejoin us, and Pal-Mac School Superintendent, Dr. Robert Ike. We're delighted to have you with us!



- President Dave passed around thank you letters from third graders at Pal-Mac Intermediate School in Macedon, who received Rotary Dictionaries in October.
- Dianne Sloan thanked Rotarians for their generous support of their son, Rory, who last week collected donations to support a church project which will provide mosquito netting for children in Africa. Rory received a total of \$80.55. (Note: This week's 50/50 winner, Nancy Schrader, tacked on an additional \$14 to the total, making the total \$94.55!)
- Vice President Eric Chapman provided details of the Club's holiday Christmas party, which will be held on Wednesday evening, December 9, at Parkwood Heights. Entertainment will include a jazz band, and the cost is \$20 per person. If you have not already signed up, please contact Eric ASAP. Note: There will not be a noontime meeting on that date.
- President-Elect Cindy Surline announced that we will be doing bell ringing at Breen's in Palmyra to support the Salvation Army this holiday season. Volunteers are needed for the entire period December 2<sup>nd</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the sign-up sheet, please contact Cindy and be generous with your time! Cindy stressed the point that all money collected through this effort will be used to support the Palmyra and Macedon communities.
- Gary Haigh shared details of the planned 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on Saturday evening, April 17, 2010 at the Palmyra VFW. Gary noted that this date coincides with the actual Charter Date of Pal-Mac Rotary Club – April 17, 1950. Additional members are needed to work on the committee as plans move forward. Please let Gary know if you are interested in helping.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER – Don't forget, there will be *NO MEETING* on December 23 and 30, due to the Christmas and New Years holidays. The Christmas Party is December 9 at Parkwood, so there will be no meeting during the day then as well.**

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

*Please remember to bring a food pantry item (or a few!) to be donated to one of our local food pantries. The holiday season is about to begin, and a little goes a long way in the lives of people in need!*

## 50/50 Winner

\$11, won by Nancy Schrader, who donated her winnings to the “Kids in Africa” project.

## Upcoming Programs and Presenters

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| <b>12/09/09</b> | Rotary Christmas Party – Parkwood Heights  |
| <b>12/16/09</b> | Dianne Sloan presenting Kevin Haschmann – People to People   |
| <b>12/23/09</b> | No Meeting   |
| <b>12/30/09</b> | No Meeting   |
| <b>1/6/10</b>   | TBD  |
| <b>1/13/10</b>  | Leslie Vecchiotti presenting Stephanie Petty, 2009 Rotary Summer Youth Exchange Student to the Netherlands   |
| <b>1/20/10</b>  | Leslie Vecchiotti presenting Julianna Vecchiotti, 2008 - 09 Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Germany         |
| <b>1/27/10</b>  | CLUB Assembly – Parkwood Heights – Macedon   |
| <b>2/03/10</b>  | Dick Kirchoff presenting Dr. Ike who will give an update on the new Primary/Secondary Pal-Mac School Program |

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

101 E. Main Street  
Palmyra, NY 14522

**Board of Directors**  
**Jim Bush 08-10**  
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**Bob Yost 08-10**  
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## 2008 - 2009 Club Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Dave Pray</b>
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<b>Assistant Governor Area 11</b>	<b>Tim King</b>

## KEEP UP YOUR ATTENDANCE NEARBY CLUB MEETINGS

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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