

January 6, 2010

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

Palmyra Macedon Rotary Website: www.palmyramacedonrotary.org
Rotary District 7120 Website: www.rotary7120.org
Rotary International Website: www.rotary.org

January 6: Kathleen Farrell, CPA: Income Tax Tips

December 16: Kevin Haschmann: People to People Student Ambassador Program

Our final program for 2009 was presented by Kevin Haschmann, guest of Rotarian Dianne Sloan. Kevin is a 6th grader at Pal-Mac Middle School who participated in the People to People Student Ambassador Program this past summer from July 21st to August 4th in Australia. Kevin was anonymously nominated (he still doesn't know who



nominated him), and then went through a couple of interviews to be selected to participate in the program.

People to People Student Ambassador Programs offer students in grades 5-12 life-changing educational journeys that foster friendship, build the foundation for personal success, and offer unique access to people, places, and activities.

Kevin raised the money to go on his trip through fundraisers such as a chicken barbeque, selling candy bars, and donations. Our club gave Kevin a donation for his trip, so he wanted to come in to share his experiences with us. Through his efforts, Kevin raised \$5,000 for his trip.

With an assist from dad, Todd, at the projector, Kevin presented a most interesting day-by-day slide presentation of his experiences “down under” from July 21 through August 4, 2009. Among the highlights of his trip was a farm visit, going to the Great Barrier Reef, visiting an Australian school, and learning to play Cricket. At the end

of his presentation, Kevin said, "I feel like the luckiest kid alive!" He then shared some cookies with everyone that he first had while in Australia.

For more information about People to People and the many programs it offers to young people, log on to their website at www.peopletopeople.com.

Missing in Action

K. Clement, M. Clement, M. Courtney, B. Culver, V. Daly, J. Denniston, R. Kommer, R. Leopard, J. McGovern, A. Pechler, M. Rutkowski, B. Sloan, E. VerPlank.

Thoughts and Prayers

We offered a prayer for Palmyra resident Gerry Notareschi, who was hospitalized following a heart attack December 15. He is the son-in-law of late Rotarian Ed Wheeler.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Shirley Bassage, wife of Gene Bassage
- Evan Cooper, Cindy Surline's grandson
- Kevin Austin
- Kevin and Todd Haschmann
- Sister Hamblin, wife of Roger Hamblin
- Pal-Mac seniors Katie Mierzwa, Norah Hegarty, Justin Bush, Blake Roberts, Mike Hermenet



Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Leslie Vecchiotti offered a couple of “Happy Bucks” to celebrate having her daughter, Julianna, home for Christmas this year.
- Dianne Sloan also gladly donated a happy buck “because deer season is over!”
- Nancy Farrell offered a happy buck because she is so happy to have attended the Pal-Mac Select Choir Madrigal Dinner.
- Eric Chapman was red-faced that he forgot to show up for his shift at Bell-Ringing, and donated a self-imposed \$2 fine.
- Anne Morrell had two happy bucks this week – one for hubby, Dave's, new car and the other for the opening of the new “4 Paws Pet Wash” at the Community Car Wash Macedon location.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We sang “Happy Birthday” to three Rotarians in honor of recent birthdays – Bob Ike, Cheryl Ford, and Dave Nagle. Congratulations to all!

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 upon us and a little goes a long way in the lives of people in need!

50/50 Winner

\$11, won by Bill Dean, who donated his winnings to the “Shoes for Kenya” project at the Western Pres. Church.

Rotary News

- Leslie Vecchiotti reported that the Pal-Mac Interact Club has donated gifts of \$75 each to the Palmyra and Macedon food pantries this holiday season. She presented the checks to Rotarians Dave Nagle and Pam Dean, representing the respective community pantries. Leslie also thanked Rotarians who helped Interact's support of the WPC Angel Tree project with cash and gifts of more than \$275.



- New member Roger Hamblin accepted his blue dinner badge as he offered his “one minute bio”. He was born in Salt Lake City, one of 11 children, and went to work in a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at age 10. He became an Assistant Manager at 17 and bought his own restaurant – the first of many – at age 20. In his successful career, Roger has built many franchises, including Taco Bells, and now owns a real estate business. He and his wife, Kristine, have been married for 38 years and have three grown children: a daughter and two sons.



- Vice President Eric Chapman announced that he has selected Dianne Sloan as his successor for the next Rotary year – 2010-11 – when he moves up to President-Elect. Congratulations, Dianne!

- Cindy Surline announced that donations from our bell ringing project totaled \$2,225 as of Wednesday morning, December 16.
- Jim Bush asked Rotarians to join in a community celebration of Alice Blazey's 100th birthday on January 3. Her late husband, Palmyra businessman John Blazey, was a long-time member of the Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club.
- Gary Hopkins provided details of an exciting new Club project, with proceeds to benefit Camp Onseyawa. The "First Annual Murder Mystery Dinner," featuring the Palmyra Players, will be held at the new Palmyra VFW on Route 31 on Saturday evening, February 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per ticket, with advance sales only, so be sure to invite family and friends to attend this special event. Tickets will be available at Breen's IGA in Palmyra, the Palmyra Village Hall, or call 597-0212 or 597-5571.

Upcoming Programs and Presenters

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| 1/13/10 | Leslie Vecchiotti presenting Stephanie Petty, 2009 Rotary Summer Youth Exchange Student to the Netherlands |
| 1/20/10 | Leslie Vecchiotti presenting Julianna Vecchiotti, 2008 - 09 Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Germany |
| 1/27/10 | CLUB Assembly – Parkwood Heights – Macedon |
| 2/03/10 | Dick Kirchoff presenting Dr. Ike who will give an update on the new Primary/Secondary Pal-Mac School Program |
| 2/10/10 | Ken Miller – Palmyra's new Supervisor |

Please give the name of your speaker and topic to Debbie LeMoyne (986-2625 or email 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