

February 10, 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

February 10: Ken Miller – Palmyra’s new Supervisor

February 3: Chip Dolce and Brian Brooks: New Pal-Mac Elementary Schools

Rotarian and Pal-Mac Superintendent Robert Ike introduced Brian Brooks, the Pal-Mac Primary School Principal, and Chip Dolce, the Intermediate School Principal. They discussed the recent Palmyra and Macedon Elementary-aged school changes. The Primary School in Palmyra now houses K-2 students from Palmyra and Macedon; the Intermediate Macedon School houses 3-5 students.

The 2009-2010 school year is the first year for this reorganization of the district. Chip and Brian talked about these changes resulting in greater outreach and connection, of both faculty and students. Instead of being from two different schools, students will now have more consistent experiences once they reach the middle school. For the first time, all the teachers of like-aged classrooms are in one building, allowing the sharing of ideas, materials, experience, and resources much more easily.

There have been some challenges adjusting to changes in policy, procedures, and routines.



“Everything old is new again,” sums up what a lot of the staff, parents, and students have experienced so far this school year. However, all in all, the changes have been overwhelmingly positive. Several videos of students were showing giving different reasons as to why they like the new arrangement. The switch ensures that students in the district will be along side each other early on, instead of waiting until middle school to combine them.

Thanks to Principals Brooks and Dolce for taking the time to give us some insight into how the reorganization has impacted the community.

Missing in Action

K. Clement, M. Clement, G. Bassage, J. Bush, M. Courtney, B. Culver, R. Kommer, J. McGovern, M. Rutkowski, E. VerPlank, P. Dean, G. Haigh, E. Chapman, T. Cox, N. Farrell, R. Leopard, L. Vecchiotti, P. VerPlank.

Thoughts and Prayers

- PD Jim Holden is in the hospital with complications since December.
- Dave Nagle's wife is having an operation this week.
- Thoughts and prayers for the family of Rita O'Herbein.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Katie Read, wife of Dave Read
- Elena Vasquez
- District Governor Mark Wyse
- Time King
- Chip Dolce
- Brian Brooks

Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Bob Sloan gave three happy bucks: one for embarrassing Elena on her birthday, one for the Pal-Mac Wrestling team, and one because he is happy to have Elena staying with him.
- Dave Read also gave a happy buck for the Pal-Mac Wrestling team.
- Nancy Schrader took a brief trip to Florida.
- Arnie Pechler gave 5 happy bucks for his visit to Canada to celebrate his sister's 50th birthday.
- Eric Chapman went to the Syracuse game and was happy that it was a great game.
- Tom Breen confessed to leaving everyone's dinner badges in the trunk of his car.

Rotary News

- Each individual club member is asked to keep the following events and dates in your calendars. It is critical that each member participate in as many events as possible. There are citizens in the Pal-Mac community who count on our organization to help them in their hour of need.
 1. Tues., March 16th, 2010 the Lions/Rotary Joint Dinner @ VFW (sign-up sheet)
 2. Saturday, March 27th, 2010, District 7120 Assembly (Calkins Rd. Middle School, Pittsford, NY [see Joan Shaffer])
 3. Saturday, April 17, 2010 the 60th Anniversary Dinner for the Pal-Mac Rotary Club @ VFW (sign-up sheet), Also we need names of community volunteers members would like to invite to this event, which will be celebrating volunteerism in the Pal-Mac community. NEED NAMES ASAP!
 4. April 23-25 District 7120 2009-10 Conference in Albany, NY (see D. Pray for registration packets)
 5. BOD Meeting on Thursday 2/11/10 @ PCC 6:30
- Pres. Dave Pray is collecting any information from the club's history you would like to share for the club's 60th anniversary dinner.
- The Rotary Spelling Bee will be on Feb. 20. We have a team participating, so be at the BonTon Court in Eastview Mall to cheer them on!
- Beginning in March, our meetings will be back at the VFW.
- Feb. 20 is Amerks Hockey night for Rotary.
- Our club is sending a check for \$1,600 to the Rotary International Haitian Earthquake Fund.
- Palmyra Mayor Vicky Daly talked about three upcoming events in our community:
 1. Feb. 18th the Landmark Society will have a speaker at the Village Hall who will be talking about preservation.
 2. Feb. 21st from 12-3 is Curling on the Canal
 3. March 20 is the Pirate Ball to fund the activities for Pirate's Weekend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Dave Nagle has a new grandson born on 1/28!
- Happy 18th Birthday to Elena, our exchange student.



50/50 Winner

14\$ won by Margaret Brooks, who quietly gave it to Elena for her birthday.

Upcoming Programs and Presenters

- 2/10/10** Ken Miller – Palmyra’s new Supervisor
2/17/10 Mary Courtney - Earthwatch teacher fellowship at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
2/24/10 Club Assembly – Parkwood Heights

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