

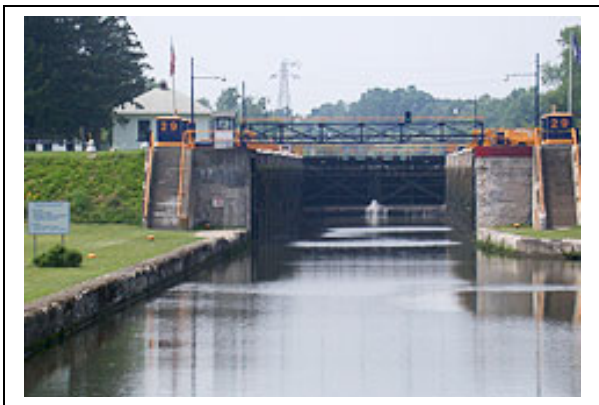
February 24, 2010

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 24: Club Assembly and Samantha Foote: Oratorical Contest Semi-Finalist

February 17: Mary Courtney: Trip for Earthwatch Institute

Rotarian Mary Courtney took the opportunity to share with us her experience in “Voluntourism” for the Earthwatch Institute. Earthwatch Institute was founded in 1971 and studies oceans, climate change, cultural heritage, and ecosystem services. Voluntourism is a working vacation where you become a part of scientific research. Mary volunteered for the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Edgewater, Maryland from Dec. 6 – 11, 2009, and she was lucky enough to receive a teaching fellowship that paid for her trip expenses and even a substitute teacher while she was away from school.



Mary’s trip assignment involved tree measuring and mapping, sorting leaf litter, and measuring coarse woody debris. The information she and a team of 6 other teachers collected will be used to study the impact of forest management practices, specifically logging. During her trip, Mary was able to have live Internet conferences with her students and blog about her experiences. Part of the experience that Earthwatch Institute encourages is for participants to spread the work not only about the program itself, but also of the effects that we as humans have on the environment. Mary learned several key things by participating:

- She now has a much deeper understanding of the Global Warming phenomenon
- A need for action at a personal level
- The importance of Citizen Scientists to environmental research.

Anyone can participate in an Earthwatch Institute, varying from trips such as the one Mary took to snorkeling at coral reefs. There's no need to be specially trained in an area to participate; all the necessary training is done as part of the trip itself. To learn more about Earthwatch Institute and the various programs and studies, visit www.youtube.com/user/EarthwatchInstitute.

Missing in Action

M. Clement, G. Bassage, E. Chapman, R. Kommer, J. McGovern, M. Rutkowski, E. VerPlank, P. Dean, G. Haigh, N. Farrell, R. Leopard, L. Vecchiotti, P. VerPlank, P. Park, A. Pechler, C. Ford, T. Cox, B. Culver, J. Denniston, R. Ike, D. LeMoyne.

Thoughts and Prayers

- None.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Elena Vasquez
- Autumn and Rory Sloan, children of Bob and Dianne Sloan
- Betsy Pray, daughter of Pres. Dave
- Sister Hamblin, guest of Elder Hamblin

Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Kim Clement gave a happy buck for her son Cody making the Dean's List at Kueka College and for her son Dan being stationed in Boston.
- Bob Sloan gave a happy buck for six Pal-Mac wrestlers going to States in Albany.
- Sister Hamblin gave a happy buck for her youngest son's engagement.
- Dave Nagle's grandson came home.
- Mary Courtney successfully navigated the rebate for her new energy-efficient refrigerator.

Rotary News

- Arnie Pechler, Gary Hopkins and family, and Dave Pray and family had fun giving out balloons and valentines to residents of the Wayne County Nursing Home on Feb. 14. Thanks for your efforts!
- Our meeting will be back at the VFW beginning March 3.
- 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): 6 pm social hour and 7 pm dinner. 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)
- 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 Oratorical Semi-Final for Palmyra will be held on 2/27 at 10 am at Red Jacket High School. Please come support our student contestant, Samantha Foote.
- The deadline for Easter donations for the troops through the Gananda Rotary Club are due to Sandi Pagano or Terri Nichols no later than March 25. Please think about giving any of the following, and remember that they should be individually wrapped items:
 1. Slim Jims, Cheese or Peanut Butter crackers, Little Debbie snacks, cookies, Rice Krispy treats, mini candy bars, hardy candy, gum
 2. Batteries, Rubber balls, ping pong balls and paddles, ear buds, cross word puzzles, Sudoku, Word searches, magazines, hand sanitizer, chapstick, small Kleenex
 3. Peeps, small choc. Rabbits, Hershey kisses, jelly beans, mini peanut butter cups, Cadbury eggs, grass for Easter baskets

- The District Rotary Spelling Bee took place on Feb. 20th. Although our team didn't get top honors, our guys (Tom Breen, Pres. Dave Pray, and Past President Peter Park) represented our club well and had fun doing it for a great cause, literacy.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- None.

50/50 Winner

Won by Elena Vasquez.

Upcoming Programs and Presenters

3/3/10	Florian, past Pal-Mac Rotary Inbound Exchange Student
3/10/10	TBD
3/16/10	(Tues) Joint Rotary/Lyons Annual Dinner at the VFW
3/24/10	TBD
3/31/10	CLUB ASSEMBLY

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