

April 14, 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

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Rotary District 7120 Website: www.rotary7120.org
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April 14: Consolidation of Emergency Medical Services between the Towns and Villages of Palmyra and Macedon

Four of the Committee members, including Vicky Daly, Todd Blanchard, Charlie Ziegler, and Dave Husk, gave us an informative presentation of the efforts to combine the Emergency Medical Services of the Towns and Villages of Palmyra and Macedon. The goal of the committee is “to determine if patient care and cost effectiveness can be improved through the sharing of 24 hour/7 day a week ambulance service between the municipalities of Macedon and Palmyra.” The ambulance currently consists of Vicky Daly, Todd Blanchard, Charlie Ziegler, Dave Husk, Dave Maul, Ken Miller, Chief Dalton, and Ron DeMena.

Dr. Ike held a meeting for consolidation of services between the school district and area towns and villages. Out of this, the committee recognized a need for improved service in areas and an opportunity to improve in cost-effective ways. The recommendation of the committee is for the two villages to merge their CONs to one that covers both villages and the Town of Palmyra – the Town of Macedon CON remains unchanged.

These changes could result in a more cost-effective solution that provides 24/7 fully staffed on-site ambulance service to our communities. Crews would be formed with both paid and volunteer staff. And, third-party billing would be the goal to have the operation at little or no cost to the taxpayers.

The estimated start up cost is \$127,000 for the first year (estimate) plus costs to hire staff and other associated operation costs. However, this setup would result in a reduction in ambulance response times, 24/7 coverage, and consistency throughout the agency, lower costs and more reliable service, and it puts us on a path to reducing tax burden for ambulance service because of third-party billing.



Missing in Action

G. Bassage, J. McGovern, D. Nagle, K. Clement, M. Clement, M. Courtney, T. Cox, B. Culver, P. Dean, N. Farrell, R. Hamblin, M. Rutkowski, R. Kommer, R. Leopard, L. Vecchiotti, E. VerPlank, P. VerPlank, B. Yost.

Thoughts and Prayers

- Jim Elliott had serious surgery on Friday.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

- Elena Vasquez
- Katie Read, wife of Dave Read
- Bob Daly, husband of Vicky Daly
- Speakers Dave Husk, Charlie Ziegler, and Todd Blanchard
- Pal-Mac Students: Stacy Rush and Anthony Braell
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Happy Bucks and Confessions

- Vicky Daly took a 2-week trip to St. Martin.
- Bob and Dianne Sloan took a 4-day trip to DC with exchange student Elena. Bob was happy that Elena survived all of his rhetoric throughout the trip.
- John Denniston gave a few happy bucks for a Real Estate conference he attended.
- Anne Morrell has a 9-week old puppy that is almost potty trained, but not sleeping through the night.
- Nancy Schrader spent some nice time with her daughter's family, including her grandson Brent.
- Eric Chapman had Duke in his bracket and won pretty big, so he gave \$10
- Cindy paid up for missing the upcoming Board meeting for her open house at the antique shop to debut the store's new rug shop.

Rotary News

- Peter Park has done some research into what is involved with our club becoming 501c (3). He stressed that if we were to undertake this, it is a commitment that needs to be made club-wide; this is not something that can be accomplished by an individual. We would have to form a separate Board and there are costs we would incur to consider as well.
- There will be no meeting on Wed. April 21 because of our 60th anniversary party on the 17th.
- Gary Haigh let us know that there are about 100 people who plan to attend our anniversary/volunteer night on April 17th at the VFW. When introducing your volunteer(s) be brief about their volunteer efforts and give one clap after each introduction to speed up the overall process.
- Elena Vasquez told the group about her trip to DC with Rotarians Bob and Dianne Sloan. She saw a lot of memorials, museums, and history...and had a great time.
- Gene Bassage is sorry that he will miss the 60th anniversary party, but he won't be returning to Rochester from Florida until April 20th.
- The Red Wings' Rotary day is June 6th. Consider attending this great family event – a dollar from each ticket is donated.
- Hill Cumorah will be here before we know it. Cindy will begin circulating the shift sign-up sheets soon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Arnie Pechler and his wife Joy celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.
- Dick Kirchoff and his wife Mickey celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.
- Gary Hopkins and his wife Terrie celebrated their 15th anniversary.

50/50 Winner

Won by Charlie Ziegler, who donated it back to the club.

Upcoming Programs and Presenters

4/14/10	TBD
4/17/10	Club's 60 th Anniversary at VFW: 6 pm
4/21/10	No meeting
4/28/10	CLUB ASSEMBLY – Parkwood Heights
5/5/10	Pam Dean presenting Chris Edgar, Wayne Literacy Volunteers
5/12/10	Pal-Mac Interact Club will conduct our meeting
5/19/10	Dave Nagle presenting Jill Koeberle, Palmyra Postmaster, will speak about the USPS new 10-year plan "Delivering the Future."
5/26/10	CLUB ASSEMBLY
6/2/10	TBD
6/9/10	Elena Vasquez

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

101 E. Main Street
Palmyra, NY 14522

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2008 - 2009 Club Officers

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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