



First Meeting of the New Year

President Richard opened the meeting with Holly Wallace at the piano again leading us in "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." Tom Pendergast led us in the invocation.

Visitors and Guests

Leo Eisner introduced our Visiting Youth Exchange Students and guests:

- Bernie Bregman, Eastwood
- Mike Rigney, Proposed Mem
- Frank Moses, Speaker

Announcements

- Thanks for all you help with the Samaritan Center meal. We had 20 adults and four kids come to serve.
- Fred Cholet stressed the importance of smoke detectors following the fatal fire in Richland.
- Jim Robb is doing better and should be back next week
- DUES ARE DUE!!! If you haven't paid, yet, please do.

Happy Dollars —

- Steve Woiler \$2, both kids home and going skiing next week
- Jack Schultz had call from Holly's husband that he was missing their 24th Wedding Anniversary & gave \$10.
- Tom Pendergast went to International Bowl with 12 family members and U Conn WON
- Tom Bezigian, great holiday season
- Holly Wallace \$2 for Dan Maffei's swearing in and her husband's trip to DC to be present for formal swearing in.
- Dee Johnson, Great program and wonderful new Audio Visual equipment.

Glenn Glasford won the 50/50

Program —

Tom Bezigian introduced Frank Moses, Director of the Montezuma

Audubon Center, Savannah, NY who spoke about what the center has to offer.

Frank explained the Montezuma Audubon Center (MAC) is a joint project of NYS DEC which owns center and the Audubon Society which operates it.

The Federal Government owns about 13,000 acres in the National Wildlife Refuge and the State owns another 7,000 acres. They are actively trying to attract and build the bird population. They have scientific measures to help determine whether or not the census is increasing. This is partially accomplished through their volunteer activities such as:

- The Montezuma Muckrace
- The Christmas Bird count which was just finished
- The Annual Wildlife Festival held the first weekend in May
- Their school and scout field



*The ABCs of Rotary,
Cliff Dochterman,
RI Pres, 1992-93*

THE DEFINITION OF ROTARY

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Commit-tee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united world-

CONTRACT FOR THE NEW YEAR

After serious & cautious consideration . . . Your contract of friendship has been renewed for the New Year 2009!

It was a very hard decision to make. So try not to screw it up!!!

My Wish for You in 2009

- May peace break into d may thieves come to steal your debts.
- May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet of \$100 bills.
- May love stick to your face like Vaseline and may laughter assault your lips!
- May your clothes smell of success like smoking tires
- May happiness slap you across the face and may your tears be that of joy.
- May the problems you had forget your home address!
- In simple words . . . May 2009 be the best year of your life!!! [Ed Callen]

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trips and programs.

- Outreach programs such as "For the Birds," an eight week program for elementary students to familiarize them with issues surrounding the bird population.

They have been very successful in supporting and increasing the population of

- Bald Eagles
- Cerulean Warblers
- Snow Geese
- Sand Hill Cranes
- Pintails

We are all invited to visit the center which is two miles north of Savannah on Rt 89.

Samaritan Center Lunches —

Michelle Burnett has announced our dates for serving meals at the Samaritan Center next year. Please put them in your calendars and plan to be there to help.

- March 21, 2009
- April 18, 2009
- May 2, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Grossman, Editor

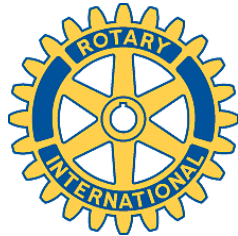
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wide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"

Overheard ...

At a country-club party a young man was introduced to an attractive girl. Immediately he began paying her court and flattering her outrageously. The girl liked the young man, but she was taken a bit aback by his fast and ardent pitch. She was amazed when after 30 minutes he seriously proposed marriage. "Look," she said. "We only met a half hour ago. How can you be so sure? We know nothing about each other." "You're wrong," the young man declared. "For the past five years I've been working in the bank where your father has his account."



From the Club, the District and Rotary International

- March 13th - 14th, 2009 – Multi-District PETS
- April 4th, 2009 – Rotary Leadership Institute

Inner Peace

- If you can start the day without caffeine,
- If you can get going without pep pills,
- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

[ArcaMax Jokes]

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a couple of blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to

the post office."

[Mikey's Funnies —
(www.mikeysfunnies.com)]

I was talking on the phone with my son, who was stationed in Hawaii with the Air Force. He was explaining how the troops were learning to scuba-dive. They used the buddy system, he said, and occasionally dived into shark-infested waters. Listening on the extension, my daughter asked, "What do you do when you see a shark?" Said my son, "Swim faster than my buddy."

[from Joan Nozkowski (via America in Uniform)]

Upcoming Programs

- Jan 12 – Kia Washington, Mentor Coordinator, Youth Services Center for Community Alternatives-Leo Eisner, Host
- Jan 19 – Wendy M. H. Van Der Bogart, Landscape Architect, NY State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, Central Region - Leo Eisner, Host

- Jan 26 – Dan Maffei, Congressman Elect for the 25th Congressional District (and DeWitt Rotary Member) - Holly Wallace, Host
- Feb 2 – Club Assembly
- Feb 9 – Holly Wallace - Pancake Day Kickoff Meeting

- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without liquor,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- Then ... You Are Probably The Family Dog! [from Bonnie Crichton]