



**ROTARY CLUB**  
of DeWITT, NY Inc.



**Rotary Awareness  
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## Meeting of February 2, 2009

The meeting opened today with the singing of My Country 'Tis of Thee, with Holly Wallace on the piano. We said the Pledge of Allegiance, and Leo Eisner gave the invocation.

### Visitors and Guests

The following were welcomed as visitors and guests: Doug Burns, Mike Rigney, Tom Bezigian, Jr., Sam Moors, and Robert Richless.

### Happy Dollars —

Happy dollars were offered by Michael Miller, Tom Prendergast, Tom Bezigian, Judy, Fred Cholet, Dick Robb, Bob Eddy, Joe McCarthy, Jim Robb, Spencer Wallace, John Shephard, and Kristin Haygood.

(My apologies if I missed anyone.)

### Past President Dave Ziemba won the 50/50

### Current Business, Announcements & Committee Reports —

- Richard Jenkins offered some words of thanks to Congressman Dan Maffei who gave our last program—an informative look into the responsibilities and work of a freshman congressman.
- He also acknowledged and thanked the many hours of work and assistance from current board members and volunteers who use their precious time and experience to help keep Dewitt Rotary working so well.. They include: Sue Reisman, Fred Cholet, Jay Wilkins, Anne Mondlick, Judy Williams, Ed Glassberg, Sally

Lapides, Holly Wallace, Michael Miller, Dick Robb, Dee Johnson, Joe McCarthy, Mel Rubenstein, and Steve Woiler.

- Special acknowledgment was given to Bill Grossman for attaining the rank of Paul Harris Fellow +6. A ruby pin acknowledging this special achievement will be presented to Bill. Today is also Bill's Birthday.
- Richard also wanted to mention that Mark Strodel has certificates of appreciation for those who participated in Old Newsboys Day.
- You all should have received the preliminary ballot for president-elect for the 09-10 year. Please respond as quickly as possible, and the second and final ballot is soon to be sent.
- It is also time to elect two new board members for the upcoming year. Anyone who has an interest in serving on the board, please let Richard know as soon as possible.
- Please remember that in the upcoming Rotary Year, Fred

## Walgreen's Drug Stores

### The Four-Way Test

One of Charles R. Walgreen, Jr.'s most enduring contributions to the company that his father founded has been the Four-Way Test, written by a friend at Rotary International and adapted for Walgreens in 1955. Based on the ethical business principles he learned from his father, these four questions are the foundation of the Walgreen Way:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?

- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

What do these questions have to do with diversity? Everything. At Walgreens, we care deeply about treating everyone with respect. As it is stated in the Walgreen Creed, "We believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in cheer, in friendship, and in honest competition." That's the right way to do business, and it gives Walgreens a tremendous competitive advantage.



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

### THE SPONSOR OF A NEW MEMBER

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for a prospective member to be proposed for Rotary club. The "proposer" is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian.

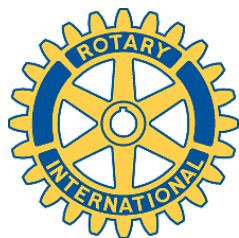
The task of the proposer should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for proposers or sponsors, however, by custom and tradition these procedures are recommended in many clubs. The sponsor should:

- Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for .
- Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings.
- Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.

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Cholet is due to become District Governor, the first DG from Dewitt Rotary since Joe McCarthy in 1994! This is a wonderful thing for Fred, and a feather in the club's hat. It does have obligations, however, particularly surrounding the organization and running of the District Conference, to be held at the Desmond in Albany, September 25-27, 2009. John Arnold and Sue Reisman have volunteered to spearhead the arrangements and organization that will be required for the District Conference. They are, of course, looking for volunteers to help in the myriad of tasks that will be required. Soon a list will be circulated to all members so you may sign up. please plan ahead! it is expected that as a member of dewitt rotary you will attend the district conference to support fred as district governor. it is likely that the conference costs will be approximately \$500!

- Fred Cholet spoke regarding his District Governor Training that was held in San Diego. All the DG's from around the world were present, representing over 26 countries. Special guest of honor was Bill Gates who again pledged another million dollars for the fight against polio. In this regard, any contribution to the club in honor of Hank Kallete will be funneled into the RI polio eradication program. Hank was so



involved in polio eradication himself that the Dewitt Rotary is pleased to be able to honor him in this way.

- Sue Reisman presented a brief review of the club's finances.
- Michael Miller explained the upcoming Philanthropy and Service Project survey which will arrive in your email box shortly. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible.
- Our new web page is to be launched shortly and you will receive a pin number in order to access the members' only pages.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Miller, Editor**

#### **Samaritan Center —**

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; April 18 and May 2

## Overheard ...

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. 'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.' 'Don't worry,' Jack said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing. But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend. He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, 'Bob, do you

remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north about 9 months ago?' 'Yes, I do,' said Bob 'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?' 'Well, um, yes,' Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.' 'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?' Bob's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?' 'She just died and left me everything.' [from Ardith Heemskerck]

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: 'We used to skate outside on a pond I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods' The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, 'I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!' [from Ken D, Doc's Daily Chuckle]

## NOTICES

To make things easier for all of us, please notice this Important Notice About Notices. You may have noticed the increased number of notices for you to notice. We notice that some of our notices have been noticed. On the other hand, some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very noticeable. It is noticed that the responses to the notices have been noticeably unnoticeable. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the Notices because we do not want the noticed to go unnoticed. Rotarian H. L. Ratan, President, Notice Committee For Noticing Notices .

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- Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of fellowship.
- Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social

activities, dinners or other special occasions.

- Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor.
- Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian. When the proposer fol-

lows these guidelines, Rotary becomes stronger with each new member.

Only YOU can propose a new member.