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New Hartford Rotary Club

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Meetings:
12:10pm, Wednesday’s
Alfredo’s Restaurante
New Hartford, NY

Rotary International
2001-2002 Theme:
Create Awareness
Take Action



MEETING: Vice President Marlene Brown brought the meeting to order. Leading the group in singing *R-o-t-a-r-y* was PP John Lantz. Following this, the Pledge to the flag was led by Ed Widanka, and the blessing given by PP Joe Favalaro. After an introduction of Guests and visiting Rotarians, the group sang the Rotary Welcome song. PP Dave Murphy led the sharing of happy dollars. PP Jim Cook conducted the card drawing, but no luck -- the pot’s still intact!

Under announcements, Marlene shared the Governor’s distribution philosophy about the District Newsletter, Credo, and let club members know it was also available on the web. Following PP Craig Pugh’s example, the Club newsletter will be emailed to members and archived on the New Hartford Rotary Club web page.

Marlene introduced our presenter, Tony Clementi, Executive Director of the Children’s Museum in Utica, by reading a letter he sent the Club, thanking members for the contribution to the Museum following their winter flood damage. He donated two 6-month memberships for fundraising. Tony, a vivacious and energetic Utica Rotarian, shared some of the great history of the Children’s Museum. “CNY’s only Children’s Museum, located near the ancient fording place of the Mohawk River and the sites of Old Forts Schuyler and Stanwix, houses the only permanent exhibit of the history and origins of the Mohawk Valley. The Museum, located at 311 Main St. in Utica, is a hands-on learning center with emphasis on local history, environmental science and the arts. Exhibitions include Playspace, a unique activity center for children 5 and younger, Exploration Station, a play village for younger children and the Dinorama, a multi-media display of dinosaur models and fossils. Also on display is a reconstruction of an Iroquois Longhouse and the Living Science Center housing live animal and insect displays including an Active Bee Hive. The Museum also has an outdoor display of real trains including an Adirondack Railroad Engine, a Dining Car, a Caboose and a Steam Engine, Old 6721. The Museum does educational programs both at the Museum and in local Schools throughout the three county areas that it serves. A collaboration between the Children’s Museum, Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca, the MOST in Syracuse makes Education Programs in Earth Science, Fossils and Dinosaurs available to the MV area. The Museum, the Utica site of the Erie Canal Schoolboat, also hosts birthday parties in the newly renovated Birthday Community Room. Public sculpture done for and by children under the direction of the Museum’s Artist-In-Residence, Elizabeth Leyh, is sited in Bagg’s Square Park, an Outdoor Learning Annex to the Museum. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm, and Sundays 12pm to 4:30pm (and Monday’s during school breaks), has a ramp and an elevator to accommodate the needs of visitors. The Museum relies on donations, family & corporate membership, and fund-raising events. Their two biggest events are their Wine & Art Celebration, and their 5th Day Holiday. For more info, call 724-6129 or view www.museum4kids.net

After a Q&A session, Marlene thanked Tony for his interesting and informative presentation and presented him with a Club pen and pencil set. PP Craig led us in the recitation of the 4-Way Test, followed by a rousing rendition of *Roll On Rotarians!*

VP Marlene Brown & Children’s Museum’s Executive Director Tony Clementi at July 12th, 2000 Meeting