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Above
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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
2000-2001 Theme
Create Awareness:
Take Action

Vice President Marlene Brown brought the meeting to order, beginning the new Rotary year with an old Rotary tradition. As Marlene said, “Paul Harris believed that a singing Rotary Club is a good club because it’s a cordial club and it’s a friendly club. With friendship comes fellowship, with fellowship comes the desire for service, and with service comes the justification for Rotary’s continued existence. As a tribute to my Dad, please join me in singing one of his & my favorite songs, *R-o-t-a-r-y*.” Leading the group in singing were PP Jim Cook and Maurice Ecung from the Rome Rotary Club.

Following this, the Pledge to the flag was led by Charter member Don Urbank. The blessing was given by PP Craig Pugh. After an introduction of Guests and visiting Rotarians, the group sang the Rotary Welcome song. The pot is getting up there again with the card drawing, but no luck this week.

Next, Marlene introduced our presenter for the day, Earle Reed, Executive Director of the Utica Boilermaker. Always a pleasure to listen to, Earle shared some statistics of the Boilermaker, including the fact that it began 23 years ago with 800 runners and has grown to become the largest road race in the country. Some of Earle’s remarks include: “The ability to change is essential in Business and in the Race. When we first began, we started the race at 10:30am and switched to 8:30am to avoid the intense noon heat. We treat all runners the same, both our elite runners from Kenya and around the world, and our local runners. We want people to enjoy the event so the next year they’ll come back and bring a friend! This year we will probably have 9,000 15k runners and 500 5k runners (what we refer to as a training run). This event brings well over \$1 million into the community. We couldn’t do it without the help of all the people who get involved. This year, we’re excited about the fact that Nike representatives will be at the Distance Runner’s Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. We urge everyone to come out to that free event on July 8th Saturday, at 5:00pm at the Stanley Theatre.”

Next came a surprise to Earle as Marlene presented him with a certificate of Honorary Membership in the New Hartford Rotary Club. Honorary membership, the highest distinction a Rotary Club can confer, is bestowed upon those who have done much to further Rotary ideals. As a past President of the New Hartford Rotary Club, and in recognition of the many valuable contributions Earle has made to our Community and to Rotary, we were proud to bestow Honorary Membership upon Earle. As Earle was being interviewed by WUTR and WKTV, Dave Reiche Assistant Race Director and Adirondack-Foothills Rotarian, shared further news about the Induction and Run itself, including the Youth Run on Saturday, and the sponsorship available to corporations worldwide and businesses locally. The meeting ended with a “See you at Induction & Boilermaker”, the recitation of the 4-Way Test, and the singing of “Roll On Rotarians”!



L. to R. Boilermaker Asst. Director Dave Reichert, VP Marlene Brown, and Race Director Earle Reed at July 5th, 2000 NH RC Meeting.