

New Hartford Rotary

Rotary 2000 Act With Consistency- Credibility-Continuity

April 12, 2000

President Craig opened the meeting with the introduction of seven visiting Rotarians. Six of our guests were from the Utica club and one was from Oneida. On a re-cap of our successful Pancake Day, **Marlene Brown** still has some door prizes to distribute and there are still some monies due from ticket sales. **Dave Murphy** received kudos for selling the most tickets. Congratulations Dave !!

At the recent board meeting, the two Joes (Favaloro and Ficano) reached Senior Active status. The Board voted to donate \$145 to the Boy Scouts for their great assistance during Pancake Day ! This, plus what they earned in ticket sales guarantees their bus for their Washington trip ! Be prepared ! The board also approved the member applications of the two Mikes (Sportello and Gaczka). Welcome gentlemen.

A "new member" packet was presented to Frank Fazekas, his sponsor was Marlene. The practice of donating a "Happy Dollar" is being reactivated for events or occurrences which please you.....say your wife is away to visit her mother for 10 days or the lottery tickets you've been buying for the last two years hit. Also being reactivated is the \$1 fine for leaving early~sort of a quiet payment.

Les Cortright reported that exchange student David's mother and sister returned to Belgium Wednesday. Les and Ylva had taken them to see the Big Apple and then to see Niagara Falls. They traveled from one end of state to the other. The club owes a BIG THANKS to the Cortrights for housing David and entertaining his visiting family. In addition, President Craig and Edie hosted a party at their home this past Sunday in honour of Joelle and Dalphine DiMarco. It was attended by a group that is directly involved in our youth exchange program. Ilva brought the DiMarcos, (without David who was attending a school function, but who did show up). The Balzano's, whose son Paul is currently in Austria and doing well. The Espinal's, who in addition to having David in their home, will be sending their daughter, Stephanie, to Italy as our hosted student next year. Mrs. DiMarco was thrilled to have "the four mothers of her son" in one room. Oh my, the stories they told !!!

The \$150 Ace of Spades survived the efforts of Jim Cook and Dave Murphy (who griped that we woke him up from his nap) . Only 28 cards left for next week.

"Weather Geek" Matt DiNardo, from WKTV News was our guest speaker today. He attributed his interest in his profession to three things: First, 22 inches of snow when he was only 28 inches high. Second, two large hurricanes which hit Long Island. And third, an earth science class when he was in the 8th grade. He claims that he is now about 85% accurate in his weather predictions~mostly. He said the spring weather that we are experiencing now is what we should expect. Warm days intermixed with some snow, although he did promise that the snow on the ground today would be gone by the weekend. The advent of Doppler Radar has greatly improved the forecast of violent storms. He feels the accuracy of predicting the weather for, two or three days ahead of us is about 85%, but that it drops to 50% when he looks five or six days ahead. There were a lot of questions for Matt which proves that everyone wants to know about the weather. In closing, a thank you to Matt for mentioning our club on both the 5 and 6 o'clock edition of the news

April 26th is Jim Simpson Day. We will be meeting in the *BIG* room this week and honoring Jim for all his work with the American Heart Association. Jim's Greatest American Heart Run/Walk grew to over \$1 million dollars this year and Jim will be formally recognized with presentations and proclamations from Rotary, Oneida County and others. Don Urbanke will be hosting this program and a request for full representation is requested.

April 28th, the District 7150 Foundation Dinner will be held at Dibble's Inn. Requests for all Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors to the Foundation, Foundation Committee Chairs, and Club Officers are invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 before April 15th, \$30 at the door. See President Craig for details.

The New Hartford Rotary Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 17th. Plans are being made to play at Sulphur Springs in Saquoit. Make this one a must, and invite some friends, costs are going to be reasonable and details will follow. Mark your calendars now.

Youth Exchange Plans are being made for Paulina 'Pauli' Caruasal from Chile. If you have any leads for a family she could stay with for a couple of months, contact Craig immediately.

Next Weeks Program: Phil Fasolo....He is with the Arson Strike Task Force.....Thanks to Jim Cook.....

In a concerted effort to cut costs of the bulletin, attempts will be made to send the bulletin to members that are 'on-line' via E-mail. The Bulletin costs close to \$1400 to produce and send annually, and this move hopes to cut those costs in half !! Please join the recipients with an address to EDP78@AOL or marlene@technotouch.com and save the Club some expenses. Contact us if the page isn't getting through so you can receive it the old way if necessary.