

New Hartford Rotary

Rotary 2000 Act With Consistency- Credibility-Continuity

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This week's meeting was the Annual Installation Dinner held at the Ramada Inn. This is the time when we install our officers and board members for the up-coming Rotary year.

It opened with a group of damp, brave souls that turned out to welcome these new 'heads of state', even though the weather wasn't the most pleasurable that evening. We enjoyed a cash bar cocktail hour at 6, followed by a call to order and welcome by President Craig.

Dinner was served, then the attention was focused to the podium with opening remarks reminiscing of the year's accomplishments. President Craig read as follows:

Meeting Protocol- beginning the meeting with informal gathering without worry of a time deadline.

Youth Exchange- re-instating the YE program into the Club successfully this year due to the Cortright's help

Bulletin- revitalizing the weekly bulletin to keep all members informed (with appreciation to Gearge Crockett and Edie Pugh).

Christmas Auction- Our largest ever due to total club participation and the help from Auction Committee members, Diane Bartlett, Jim Cook, Jeff Gornick, and Mark Wilkins.

Pancake Day- Successful involvement with community due to the help of the Boy Scouts ticket sales and bussing tables.

Memorials- Virginia Hickey Memorial donation to the Etude Club

Testimonials- Jim Simpson recognition for his efforts in the Greatest Heart Run/Walk with thanks to Don Urbanke.

Sunshine Committee- formally Virginia Hickey's committee taken over by club historian Don Urbanke.

Program Sharing- each member responsible for a weekly program, making each member a part of the program duties with a variety of programs.

Membership Development- growth of the club through new members. Recognition to Marlene Brown for her successful efforts in recruiting five new members this year.

Following the back-patting session, the following members of the New Hartford Rotary were honored with awards recognizing their Rotary-life long commitments to our club:

First- **Mark Wilkins** was presented with the **Jim Hickey Award**, a testament to Jim's dedication to the Christmas Auction for the club's benefit. Mark was presented with the club plaque earlier this year and the individual plaque was made for Mark.

The **Bob Houston Scholarship Award** was presented by Don Urbanke, following an informative biography of Bob's achievements in life as well as in Rotary. This award has been an on-going project since Bob's passing in his honor, that the club has felt responsible to build over the past twelve years to be self-sustaining. A \$1000 scholarship over two years is presented to a student attending MVCC, where Bob taught. **Jonathan Reese** and his parents were there to accept the award. The next award was to recognize the strength of the Rotary movement founded on the service carried out by club members worldwide.

The **Four Avenues of Service Award** is to recognize Rotarians in good standing in their clubs, who have consistently demonstrated their support of the Object of Rotary through participation in service activities in the avenues of Club, Vocational, Community, and International service. Only one member can receive this astute award annually, with information copy to the District Governor, and the nomination form submitted to Rotary International Headquarters. With pride, the award was received this year by **John Lanz**.

The last award was the **Paul Harris Award**, presented as the Foundation's way of expressing appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation. It is because of gifts like these that the Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world. In living conditions, food production, education, availability for treatment and rehabilitation for the sick and disabled, and brighter hopes for peace. It's an ideal held high the world over, as is the award. For his commitment to the Club, and commitment to a life of Rotary, it was my honor to present **Jeff Gornick** with this award.

Following the awards, the passing of the gavel took place with in-coming President Les Cortright receiving the gavel from Pres. Craig. Les then presented Craig with his Past-President Plaque, followed by a surprise gift from **Marlene Brown and Pat Huther**. The new directory that they have been working on to keep everyone updated with the current membership. If you still have the old blue binders, refills are available to replace them.

Congratulations to all honored and recognized this year, and congratulations are given to the club for all the effort given by everyone. If you would like to see who was responsible for the successful year this year, open the new directory and look at each and all pages.

These are the people that make this club what it is, and it couldn't be done without you.

Thanks for the year,

President Craig