



The Rotary Way

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December is The Family of Rotary Month

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January 03

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm

Program TBA

January 10

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm

Cardi Brothers

January 17

Norwood B&G Club

12:15 pm \$Million Meal

Ryan Carney (BBB)

January 24

Radisson Hotel 12:15 pm

Cong. James Langevin

Upcoming Events

Feb 07 Mega-Raffle

Wishing All a Healthy, Peaceful, Prosperous, Happy New Year!!!

Opening

Pre-Opening President Henry reminded us to turn off or put all Cell-phone / pagers etc. on vibration mode or **pay a fine of \$5.00.**

President Henry opened, by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PDG Bill Rizzini provided the invocation.

Armeny Apkarian led us in a nostalgic rendition of "Auld Lang Syne".

PP Steve Hinger reported that we had one Visiting Rotarian today, Steven Hug, Rotary Club of Providence, Classification – Not for Profits.

PP Bob Haigh introduced his guest, and sister, Patricia Haigh, visiting from Washington, DC.

Tom Sweeney and **Michael Grande** passed the Charity Baskets.

Announcements

President Henry announced:

- That our January 17th weekly meeting would be a \$Million Meal and be held at the Norwood B&G Club facility
- Thanked Co-Chairs **Lara D'Antuono**, **Bob DeGregorio** and the 16 other Warwick Rotarians who participated in the annual Children's Party on December 19th.



Co-Chairs Bob & Lara

- Thanked Chair **Fred Colardo**, his committee, and over 70 Warwick Rotarians, spouses, and friends who attended the annual Holiday Party on the evening of December 21st.
- Thanked Community Service Director **Judy Earle** and her committee for the truly excellent job in organizing the Annual Food Basket Delivery to 100 needy Warwick families on Saturday, December 22nd.

Mike Armaganian announced that our very successful Mega-Raffle would be held this year on the first Thursday in February, (February 7th). Rotarians should begin turning in items to be raffled to the committee.

\$Happy Bucks\$

PP Joe DesRoches was at the helm and **Bob DeGregorio** collected **\$37.00.**



Birthdays

12/28 Brian Wallin

12/29 Jim Curcio

01/02 Mike Armaganian

Quotes of the week

“While we are postponing,
life speeds by.” Seneca

“Where are we going, and
why am I in this hand
basket?” Bumper Sticker

“Please save me from your
followers.” Bumper Sticker

“Fill what’s empty, empty
what’s full, and scratch where
it itches.” Duchess of
Windsor-when asked what is
the secret of a long and happy
life

“First they ignore you, then
they laugh at you, then they
fight you, then you win.”
Mahatma Gandhi

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Famous People” 1994-2007
Professor Gabriel Robbins

Bob DeGregorio thanked all who attended and made the Annual Children’s Party a success.

Vice President Jeanne thanking business people, (many in this room), their companies, the Chamber, and Kent Hospital Staff, for participating in the sponsoring of the West Bay Community Action “families in need program”.

PP Steve Hinger was surprised to find out that someone had been doing \$9,000 worth of Christmas shopping on his and Monette’s credit card. Happily the credit card company denied the fraudulent purchases and issued a new card.

Tom Sweeney announced that his daughter had been accepted at Sacred Heart College in Fairfield and had received an \$8,000 scholarship to boot.

Marie Ahlert is not too happy about some of the pictures of her in her Elf’s costume.

Dan Pendergast just had to “Crow” about the team of “country boys” from that little school down in Kingston, had made the top 25 List of College Basketball teams.

Fred Corbett’s youngest daughter, Kerry, has been accepted at Emerson College, in the Honors program.

Vice President Jeanne’s nephew, who has distinguished himself as a High School wrestler, is interviewing Universities, and Military academies including West Point and Annapolis. Also, updating her niece “the new driver”, is having trouble keeping her car running.....turning the lights off when parking might help.

Judy Earle thanking all who participated in the packing and distributing of the Holiday Baskets.

Pres. Henry something about appearing in the “Male Rockette” line at an Elks Christmas party.

Dr. Timo is happy to be sitting today with the two “Sugar Mamas”, (**Janis Constantine** and **Kathleen Odell**). Cookie frosters from the Children’s Party.

Pres. Henry for the Unicycle Tilt battle between **Jay Brunelle** (the Clown entertainer) and **Dr. Timo** (the Juggler) at the Children’s party.

Rotary Basics

The August edition of the Rotarian magazine contained an excellent article entitled Rotary Basics.

Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs and customs that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members.

This publication, “The Rotary Way”, has included excerpts in various editions since August 2, 2007 in the hope that they would offer a basic Rotary education – the fundamental knowledge that will make every member better informed about Rotary and proud to be a Rotarian.

Excerpts may be accessed by going to the Rotary Club of Warwick Web-Site and visiting the Rotary Way archive. Appropriate Rotary Way editions are: August 02, August 23, August 30, September 20, October 04, October 11, October 25, November 01, November 15, December 06 and December 13.



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59th Year of Service
to the Community**

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Club Assembly

President Henry Announced a Club Assembly, and asked that President Elect Jeanne address the club on the proposed Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2008 – 2009.

The proposed Board is as Follows;

President	Jeanne M. Gattegno
President Elect	Anthony W. Bucci Jr.
Secretary	
Treasurer	Bradford S. Logan
Sergeant-At-Arms	Judith S. Earle
Club Service	Fred Colardo
Vocational Services	Dennis Sleister
Fund Raising	Robin Lovely *
Community Service	Marie Ahlert *
International Service	Christine T. Harkins
Charity Committee	Dr. Joseph W. Spinale
Rotary Information	David M. Campanella *
Past President	Henry Guzeika

*** indicates newly appointed chair position**

Motion to approve the Board as presented: **PP Bill Palmisciano**

Seconded: **PP Joe DesRoches**

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Club Assembly closed

Secretary Tony Bucci addressed us on the Rotary Club of Warwick membership which currently contains 124 active members, of which 7 are Honorary, and 15 are Active Exempt. He advised that 23 members are currently below the 50 % attendance requirement. Tony also requested that we make a special effort to sign in at the weekly meetings....it is easy to get distracted at the door and sometimes miss the sign-in sheet.

Fred Corbett remarked from the floor that we are not being notified when somebody leaves the Club.

Pres. Henry remarked that the By-Laws Committee would be reporting within the next few months.

Treasurer Marie Ahlert reported on our current balances.

Vice President Jeanne then opened a discussion on membership, requirements, recruiting, and retention. She observed that the Board had held an open “retreat” type meeting on November 6th, where several non-board members were present, and membership/retention problems were addressed. There seemed to be a feeling that there was a lack of communication between the Board and membership, and between new and older members, and that there was a need to develop a process to change. She also noted that we seem to be losing new members before they get going, and that many do not seem to understand the responsibilities of their membership in Rotary. That they are expected to participate in the three T’s (Time/Treasure/Talent). **Jeanne** feels we should, as a club, focus on quality over quantity of membership, and that sponsors should be much more proactive in the progress of their candidates, particularly during the first year. A new Membership Committee will be formed, chaired by **PP Don Morash**.