

FARMINGDALE ROTARY CLUB MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 9 NOV 2005

The Farmingdale Rotary Club held its weekly luncheon meeting at Annabella Restaurant in Farmingdale, New York. Vice President Ted Firetog opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Inspiring invocation was given by Mike Muchmore, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Robert Diaz calculated today's attendance at 77.1%.

Pete Yovine collected the happy bucks. Most of the members were happy about the forthcoming holidays and the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL:

Sing-A-Long at Daleview nursing home was a success. Paul Gatto and Yesh attended.

John Allen and Joe Meares are chairing Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 11/20. They need setup people, waiters, waitresses and cleanup crew. Ads are \$35 each. Eric Chimon is in charge of Ads. Sell as many as possible. Lennie and Jim Anderson are collecting the money for admission tickets, which are being sold at \$6 each.

Lenny will chair the Salvation Army fund raising efforts this year at Waldbaum's, from our club. Sign up for Bell Ringing, which will start from 1st weekend after Thanksgiving weekend.

GSE out going team Interviews were conducted and a group leader was selected for visiting four Central African countries including Rwanda, Zaire, Cameroon. Team members interested in the program can contact Barry/Mike/Yesh. Non Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40 are eligible.

GSE incoming team from India will arrive on 9 Apr 06. Yesh is looking for volunteers to host the members.

Lenny and Yasuo are running a membership drive campaign to increase the membership of our club. Lenny requested all the members to provide suggestions and leads to identify suitable members.

Lenny distributed the "Emergency call list" to the members. If you need a copy please contact Lenny.

Bill Metzendorf was honored as the "small businessman of the year" by the Chamber of Commerce.

Schools in Mississippi needs text books (K -12): Eileen Gentlecore has 1400 school bags. Need supplies to fill these bags. The New books need to be grouped by category and they should be in bunches of 10. Ronald McDonald house is setting up Libraries. The project is going well. Contact Ruth if you can donate books.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES:

KATRINA: Our district is seeking donations to help the hurricane victims. The people are in dire need of help. The District 7250 Foundation is raising funds for the relief effort. All checks should be made to 'District 7250 Foundation'. All donations over \$100 will be acknowledged in writing by the Foundation. Bring the checks to Ruth.

Yasuo has the history of the Ford motor company books for sale for \$25 Ea. This collectors edition would normally cost at lease \$50. More volunteers are needed to sell these beautiful books, which actually sell themselves. We will donate the unsold books to the district book project.

Casino Night : Early April 2006 on a Thursday evening. Tickets will include chips to play. Volunteers are needed for the Committee. Contact Ted Firetog.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

16 November 2005, 6pm. (Wednesday) : Board meeting at Howitt Middle School. East entrance.

19 November 2005 (Saturday): Rotary leadership classes at Islandia Marriott. Register with Jim Anderson.

20 November 2005. 8 am to 12 noon. (Sunday): Annual Pancake breakfast on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. It will be held at the Farmingdale Firehouse/Village Hall, 361 Main St. Adults - \$6. Children 6 to 12 - \$4. Children under 5 – Free. Contact Lenny for tickets.

5 December 2005. 6:30pm (Monday) : Daleview Nursing Home Sing-a-long . First Monday of every month.

PROGRAM

Ted Firetog introduced the guest speakers John Hawley and Keith Sperling from KeySpan. They are the account managers for Long Island for KeySpan.

They explained how gas prices are determined by supply and demand. They mentioned the NY mercantile exchange and the demand by the countries like China.

They said that we have enough natural gas to last us 90 more years.

Robert Diaz responded for the club and thanked the speakers for shedding light on our gas energy infrastructure..

We closed the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America".