

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

The meeting was held at the Annabella Restaurant, Main St., Farmingdale, N.Y.

President Ruth Betz conducted the meeting.

Nancy White provided an eloquent invocation.

Peter Yovine collected Happy Bucks. We learned that John Allen's daughter joined Habitat for Humanity to help the hurricane victims who lost their homes. Greg Carman Jr. was happy the Yankees were making a run at the Red Sox. Ted was happy his court appearance was canceled today so he could attend the meeting. Paul Gatto was happy about his grandson's achievements. On an unhappy note, Bob Callahan announced that John Wagner Jr. had passed away. He was a founder of Sunrise Federal Bank. Ben Giminaro was happy his son was made a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher by Cardinal Egan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE NEXT ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 6 PM. AT THE ED JONES OFFICE OF ROBERT DIAZ.

WE ARE COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS AS WELL AS CLOTHING. THE CLOTHING MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT A1 REALTY. FROM THERE IT IS SENT TO A HICKSVILLE WAREHOUSE.

THE PAUL HARRIS SERVICE ABOVE SELF DINNER DANCE IS BEING HELD AT THE WESTBURY MANOR ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9. THE COST IS \$75 PER PERSON. IT STARTS AT 6:30 PM. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. CAROLYN JONES IS A SPECIAL GUEST.

THE DALEVIEW NURSING HOME SING-A-LONGS ARE THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM.

THE HOMECOMING OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELLA ABNEY IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 FROM 6:30 PM. TO 10:00 PM. AT THE SWAN CLUB. RSVP MILLIE NANCE (718) 464-4566. THE COST IS \$40 PER PERSON.

THE ROTACARE CAREGIVERS BALL IS AT THE TAM O'SHANTER COUNTRY CLUB, GLEN HEAD, NY ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21. THE COST IS \$175 PER PERSON.

FARMINGDALE ROTARY BREAKFAST CLUB ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 8AM.-9:30 PM. \$30. PER PERSON. CALL 655-9905 TINA

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Today we had a Club Assembly. We broke up into our various committees and discussed the state of our Rotary union.

The most important development was that the membership voted to increase our yearly dues to \$145 from \$125. The increment will be billed in January, 2006. The vote was 22 for and 2 opposed.

Gerry Levine, our public relations chairman, said he is constantly trying to get our community to know what the Club is doing. His photos have been a big aid as well.

Yasuo, our membership chairman, says that he intends to aggressively seek new members by soliciting the local business community.

Yesh, our international director, informed us that a GSE team from India will be arriving in the spring. He also stated that this year's District Conference will be held in Montreal.

We also discussed announcing birthdays and anniversaries more often, possibly getting Turkeys for the needy for Thanksgiving and possibly aiding Hope for the Future with a spaghetti dinner.

Speaking of spaghetti, that reminds me of a poem:

Ode to Spaghetti

It is not petty,
To love your spaghetti,
To thrill to the flavor,
Tomato sauce savor,
Ingesting each strand,
Oh isn't it grand,
To be in Rome,
Though eating at home?