



ROTALETTE

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This Week

Today, Marlene Massey (wife of Frank) and Pat Caputo will tell us about the Soroptimists and their upcoming Garden tour.

Next Week

The GSE team will be here to present the program. It's also 100% attendance day.

Last Week

Frank Strauss started the meeting by leading us in singing *America*, and Claudia McLaughlin provided the invocation. After lunch, Dave Civale led us in a melodious version of *Home on the Range*. MHS Dick Hoskinson gave the dollar to Bill Morgan. John Haheer confessed that he'd left all his long pants in Florida, and told us a Father Sweeney joke before he announced the visitors and guests. Tiff Yager won the 50/50 of \$31. Frank Massey announced the Birthday Babies, and invited them to visit the brown box.

Terry Phillips presented a *Foundation Moment*, and encouraged all Scotia Rotarians to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation. This is especially important now, with the challenge grant of \$2 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio from the few remaining countries where it is still endemic. Terry will have letters for us on May 13. To be counted as the RI match for the Gates Foundation, donations need to be earmarked for the *Polio Plus* campaign.

Announcements

ROTARY SHARES DAY 5/17-SAT.

8:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse at Western Turnpike

2350 Western Ave (Rt. 20)

Guilderland, NY

The Board would like to encourage everyone to register and go to the Rotary Shares Day, which is in place of the 3-day District Conference. You'll have lots of fun, and meet people from other clubs. See Doreen or President Wayne TODAY.

Checks for \$35 should be made payable to District 7190

Rotary Shares Day.

Also, we will be remembering Rotarians called to higher service this year at Rotary Shares Day at 8:50 AM just prior to the first plenary session.

PP John Pytlovany announced that June 6 is the date of the D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament; their only fundraiser for the year. The cost is \$75 to participate, and \$100 for a sponsor sign. See him if you are interested. Joe Gallagher reminded us to get any Roster changes to him asap.

John Eaton asked for volunteers to help with the 80th anniversary Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Wednesday, May 21. The funding from the Village and Town may not help support this event, so John requested contributions from the Club, and from individual members to help with the costs.

Bruce McConnelee announced that the Mystery Bus trip will be held on Wednesday, June 11, leaving from the parking lot of the Glenville Queen Diner. More details are coming soon.

Happy Dollars

Frank Massey and his bride Marlene celebrated their 45th anniversary recently; congratulations to them! In honor of National Teachers' Week, non-teachers each contributed to the box.

Program

Dave Civale had some "technical difficulties," so Frank Strauss stepped in and took us on a disturbing trip down memory lane by showing a short film called *Duck and Cover*, produced by the Civil Defense Agency during the Cold War. This film showed school children how to be "safe" should an atomic bomb explode in their vicinity. Did those of who were alive way back then really believe covering our necks with our hands would keep us from being fried to a crisp in the blast? Now that's scary!

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A Note from the Governor

We are here, we are here, we are here
You've got to prove that you really are there
So call a big meeting, get everyone out
Make everyone holler, make everyone shout
Send email or snail, bang on a drum
Do what you can to make everyone come.

I believe in you all, do you see what I mean?
Will you stick with me now, be part of the scene?
Will you dare to be there and show that you care
When we all get together for Rotary Shares? **
Come to Rotary Shares day!!

** Thanks to my friend Horton for the liberal use of his story

ShelterBox

We have much to be proud about as Rotarians, but we should be especially proud of the ShelterBox Project. ShelterBox was launched in 2000 as a project of the Helston-Lizard, Cornwall, UK, club and quickly garnered support among Rotary clubs worldwide. Each complete ShelterBox costs \$1,000 to sponsor, and Rotary clubs provide about half the charity's funding. Each ShelterBox contains up to two 10 person tents, thermal blankets, water purification equipment, a multi fuel stove, tools and other essential items. Since 2000 ShelterBox has raised over \$40 million and sheltered over 550,000 people in 44 countries.

We have all read about the difficulties that relief workers have encountered while trying to bring much needed aid to Myanmar. President Wayne received a news update from ShelterBox Australia, the authorized Australian affiliate of the

I quote from this letter: According to this email, "the first four members of a UK ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) are now safely in Myanmar. ShelterBox confirms it has successfully delivered the first part of over \$1 million worth of survival aid. More is on the way, including 224 ShelterBoxes from Australia. Two Australian Rotary SRT members will travel to Myanmar for the deployment. ShelterBox is now planning to charter an aircraft to get a further 1,000 boxes to the desperate people of Myanmar.

Many are asking how ShelterBox was able to obtain visas for its UK team so quickly. The answer is, ShelterBox was the first in the queue at the Embassy in London on last Tuesday morning and gave a successful presentation to the Ambassador explaining how this essential aid had made a vital difference after 70 other major disasters in the world."

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Fathers

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Rotarily, Claudia McLaughlin

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IF YOU
CAN'T MAKE
THE MEETING,
MAKE UP!



*Remember-you have 14 days before
and 14 days after to make up a
meeting.*