



ROTALETTE

Rotary Club of Scotia, New York
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Tuesday, May 6, 2008

TODAY

Dave Civale will provide a program entitled *Serenity Now*, bringing each of us to a tranquil place using soothing images.

Next Week

Marlene Massey (yes, Frank's better half) and Pat Caputo will tell us about the Soroptimists and their upcoming Garden tour.

Last Week

Susan Fitting started the meeting by leading us in singing *America the Beautiful*, and Anne Phillips provided the invocation. After lunch, Susan provided the lyrics, so we could sing *Singin' in the Rain*, in spite of the brief lull in the rain. MHS Rod Rowledge gave the dollar to Stephanie Albers. Peg Huff announced the visitors and guests, and the 50/50 of \$32 was won by John Mace.

Copies of the Roster pages were distributed; if corrections are needed to your entry, please get them to Joe Gallagher today or next week.

This year's *Group Study Exchange* team will be at the May 20th regular meeting; please plan to be here to welcome them. This meeting is also PERFECT ATTENDANCE DAY. Please attend, or use your two weeks before, two weeks after to make up.

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.

From the 4/22 Board Meeting:

March Attendance = 83.6% - we can do better!!

Dave Civale has replaced Susan Swartz on the Board, as Susan is no longer able to attend the meetings because of other commitments.

As is tradition, the club is donating \$100 to the Scotia Rotary Foundation in memory of PP Tony Dorazio. Last month we donated \$100 in memory of Gene Black. Other donations budgeted & approved; \$350 to SG Babe Ruth League-team as a sponsor \$250 to Northeast Parent & Child Society Starlite Prom \$100 to SG D.A.R.E. \$100 to American Cancer Society for trackside *Scotia Rotary* sign to be posted during Relay for Life June '08.

Program

Recently promoted, and recently retired, Brigadier General Max Della Pia provided a fascinating program describing his time as Senior Airfield Authority in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Among the goals of his time there were to destroy terrorist cells, to create stability, and to mentor, train, and equip the local Afghani military and police forces. Using the MQ-9 *Reaper*, the updated drone, guided from Nevada, this bigger and better version of the *Predator* was designed to carry weapons, and has better "vision" as well as more precise targeting capabilities. Among the other successes of his time there were transferring the Senior Airfield Authority to NATO, with air operations control responsibilities to the Australians, along with carrying out many humanitarian missions, such as providing school supplies, clothing, and other essentials to the local Afghans. Brigadier General Della Pia listed some of the challenges, including economic, tribal, religious, and cultural issues. The presence of NATO multi-national forces brings both challenges and opportunities, and leaving the country to the Taliban forces is not an option.

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Birthday Babies

John Mace	May 02
Nels Austin	May 04
Ken Martin	May10
Dave Schweizer	May19
Ken Swain	May19
Richard Kasko	May 26
Virginia Campbell	May 28
Richard Santella	May 30

Goodwill Ambassadors

Bruce Bellamy	Georgia 4/15
Sharon Bellamy	Georgia 4/15
Ken Hughes	Spring Hill FL 4/8, 4/22
	Central FL 4/15, 4/29
Dave Montana	Flagler Beach Fla 5/1
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and

John Eaton makeups everywhere!!
 John is very busy in our Rotary community, including attending Rotary Foundation Works, the PETS conference, Niskayuna Rotary every Tuesday, the District Rotary Foundation Event, the Glens Falls Rotary Club, and he still attends our noon meetings weekly. That's our future District Governor!!

Relay for Life

With the Board's approval, the Brown Box will be passed on May 20th to help support Scotia Rotary's team, *The Tortoises and Hares*, in the 2008 Relay for Life. Please be as generous as you are able, to support this event, held to **Celebrate** those living with cancer, **Remember** those who have died from cancer, and **Fight Back** through the research and services of the American Cancer Society. There's a rumor that Glenville Rotary will have a separate team this year, so we will have to work much harder to continue our success!

Adopt-a-Highway

Bob Moore reminded us that we'll be doing our part to clean up the roads on Saturday, May 10. Please meet at Dairy Circus at 8:15 AM for breakfast, or at the Navy Depot parking lot on Route 5 at 9 AM. Remember, many hands make light work—or is it many lights make hand work?

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.

Recovering Rotarian

Don Shattuck had knee replacement surgery and is now home. I'm sure he'd be happy to receive a card or a call.

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!!

Question

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
 Answer: A nervous wreck.

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

Rotarily,
 Claudia McLaughlin

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 Visit Dist 7190 at <http://www.capitalregionrotary.org>
 Take a look at <http://www.scotiarotary.org>

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