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Officers for 2011 – 2012

RI President Kaylan Banerjee	District Governor Norma Reilly	Assistant Governor Bill Moehle	President Wanda Tubbs	President Elect	Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Hayes

For week of Dec. 8, 2011

Members Absent: April Morsch, Jim Murray and Pat Reynolds

Guests: Meg Huff from the Bloomfield Club

Fines: President Wanda Tubbs asked if any of the members had taken a trip since they were last with us and George Gotcsik admitted to doing so. He spent two weeks at his “villa” at the Von Trapp Resort in Stowe Vermont. While there his daughters and son-in-law spent some time with Fran & George. While George was away he missed our Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner and the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. He was given the opportunity to make a donation in lieu of a fine and he donated \$20 as he did make a purchase of an extra 4 weeks of the “villa”.

Club Business: President Wanda thanked everyone who did volunteer to ring the bell ringing last



weekend. The weather was probably the best we have had to ring the bells in many years.



Clair Milburn held a discussion of what we felt would be the correct amount of food for next year’s Senior Citizen Dinner.

He then asked about the meat that we will need for next week’s Christmas Party. We discussed how many people we expected to be there and made sure everyone knew what dish to pass they were bringing.

President Wanda read a letter she received from PDG Jeff Krans concerning our 2008 District

Simplified Grant. He sent along a check for over \$700 which was owed to us but we never had received.

George Gotcsik offered to sell a box of Christmas wrapping items, paper, bows, ribbons and name tags that he had received. Bill Redden pledged to donate \$25 to the Rotary Foundation and whoever matches or exceeds this amount can walk away with this very nice gift box. It will be auctioned off at our Christmas Party.

Bill Redden presented to President Wanda and George Gotcsik, our Foundation chair, a banner he picked up at the District Foundation Brunch. It was for our club meeting the 100% participation of Every Rotarian Every Year making a contribution to the Rotary Foundation annual fund with an average of at least \$100 per member.

Program: Meg Huff presented to us a poem that she modified from one of Dear Abby columns. She felt it was very appropriate at this time of year to hear it and hopefully put its message into practice. Here is her poem:

If you were to ask me, with the holidays drawing near, “What would you like for Christmas; what should I get for you this year?” If I say nothing, you might get me something anyway. So here’s a list of what I’d like, please believe me when I say:

School supplies for children, food and medicine for the poor, Clean water for a village, and I ask a little more.... Perform good deeds and let me know, or volunteer your time. These things are worth a fortune, and they don’t cost you a dime.

I’ve got too many things already, CG’s, tools and clocks, My closet is full of fashion “must haves” sweaters, scarves and socks. Candy is so fattening, and grilling gadgets – I have twenty! I don’t need cologne or gourmet coffee-and golf clubs-I have plenty.

I’ve got no place to hang more pictures; I’ve still got books I haven’t read, So take what you would spend on me, and help the poor instead! Dear friends, just send me cards and notes, and tell me what you’ve done. I’ll open them at Christmas time, and read them one by one.

It won’t cost as much for postage. As a package sent would do, And you won’t have the hassle of

the paper, tags and glue. And I’ll thank God you listened to what I have to say, As together we help those in need as we journey on our way.



Queen of Hearts Drawing: The pot has grown to \$158 tonight and our wonderful server, Jackie, was asked to pull the lucky ticket. She drew one of Clair Milburn tickets and Clair pulled the Three of Diamond from the deck. He won \$2 for drawing this card.

Club Activities & Events

Dec. 15	Christmas Party at President Wanda’s home 6:30 till ?
Dec. 22	No Meeting
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas to everyone
Dec. 29	No Meeting
Jan 1	Happy New Year to one and all
Jan. 5	Club Assembly – Membership
Jan. 12	Chris & Carl Luft to speak to us about the school they are helping to build

District & RI Events

April 14	District Assembly in Canandaigua
May 6-9	Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand 
May 18-20	District Conference at the Hyatt’s Hotel in Rochester 

Quote of the Week

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

Jokes of the week

A little boy and his fire truck

A little boy, wearing a big red fire hat, was riding a toy fire truck down the street. The truck was being pulled by a beautiful Labrador Retriever.

Unfortunately, the rope was tied around the dog's privates, and as a consequence, the truck was going very slowly. A man walking down the street noticed how slowly the boy was being pulled and gently said to him, "You know, son, that truck would go a lot faster if the rope was tied around your dog's neck."

The boy nodded in agreement and said, "But then there wouldn't be a siren."

