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**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YEAR 107      LIMA ROTARY YEAR 74**

**Officers for 2011 – 2012**

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

**For week of Mar. 1, 2012**

**Members Absent:** George Gotcsik and Jim Murray

**Guests:** Gov. Norma & Gary Reilly, PDG John & Maureen Hall, DGN Ellen and Jim Hughes, PDG Don Alhart, Kelly Montelion, Mark VanDurme, Bart Bartalo, Christine Turk, Paul & Hildegard Turk, Tammy and Briana Edlebach, Jerry & Lorraine Thompson, Margaret Mercado, Dan & Julie Holtje and Jerry Tubbs

**Program:** Tonight we held an open house for our invited guest (and hopefully new Rotarians. We were very proud to have a number of District leaders



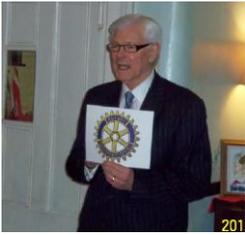
who volunteered to join us to talk to everyone about Rotary outside of our community. Our first speaker



was Gov. Norma Madayag Reilly who told us how she became involved in Rotary while teaching in her native country of The Philippines. She was a teacher there with some of the handicap children and was asked to be

a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. She accepted and ended up taking her year of studies at Syracuse University. After graduating she decided to stay in this country and work at Wayne ARC and met her husband there. She was asked to join the Newark Rotary Club and from there she began her accent to becoming our Governor of District 7120 for 2011/2012.

Next PDG Don Alhart talked to us about the Rotary Foundation. He mentioned some of the major areas



that the Foundation works, water, literacy and of course Polio eradication. PDG Don advised us that as of this past month India has been removed from the list of epidemic countries with Polio as they

have gone over 1 year without reporting a single case of the disease. We were told that last year there were only 657 polio case reported worldwide and only 20 cases so far in the first two months of this year. PDG Don also talked about the Rotary wheel and how it ranks as one of the most recognized emblem, but if asked people can't say what the Rotary Wheel means or is about. Thus we need to better coordinate our publicity of the Rotary wheel with our strong service projects. He then explained what the permanent and annual funds were and how we can receive a Paul Harris recognition with a \$1,000 donation.

PDG John Hall then talked to us about the Group Study Exchange Team program, which he led a few years ago to Sweden. He told us how the team was put together, one Rotarian and up to 5 non Rotarians between the age of 25-40. The team travels to another country and will stay with Rotarians as they visit vocational locations similar to theirs back home. They also get to see the sites of the District they are staying in. PDG John also told us about the Friendship Exchange fellowship that he and Maureen are a part of. This is a group Rotarians that will travel to another country and are hosted by Rotarians from there. They usually are in this location for one to two weeks and stay for free except for the gifts they bring and for whatever they want to purchase for themselves. They do pay for their travel expenses.

Maureen Hall told us how women became involved in Rotary. It was only 25 years ago that the first women were officially inducted into Rotary. Today 16% of the members worldwide are now women. 81% of the clubs have women members. Maureen told us that her first experience with Rotary was knowing that her Grandfather was a Rotarian and that she served as the Fairport Rotary clubs a couple of years ago.

We were very proud to be able to present two Paul Harris recognitions at tonight's meeting. With the help of Gov. Norma and PDG Don we surprised Christine Turk with one of these awards. Chris has donated handmade center pieces for our annual senior citizen dinner for many years. For her

countless hours and money spend and never asking for anything in return, including recognition, the Lima Club felt that Chris exemplifies Rotary motto 'Service Above Self'.



Picture left to right: PDG Don Alhart, Christine Turk and Gov. Norma Reilly



Pictured left to right: Hildegard Turk (mother), PDG Don Alhart, Christine Turk, Paul Turk (father), Gov. Norma Reilly and President Wanda Tubbs.

Our Club has for the past 26 years has had our own Paul Harris Club where at least ten members donate \$100 a year and then each year we choose one name from the 10. This year we are very happy to announce that Amanda Hayes, our club secretary and treasurer was given the honor. Gov. Norma presented the certificate and PDG Don place the



Paul Harris medallion around her neck. Amanda was surprised receiving this recognition

as she wasn't told about it ahead of time. She was even more surprised when her whole family showed up to show their support.



After all of the excitement from these awards we were very happy to have District Governor Nominee Ellen Hughes inform us all about what an Interact Club does and how the Youth Exchange program works. Ellen has been the Interact adviser for the Waterloo Club since it started. She has seen it grown to over 40 students and how it has become a very integral part of their lives. She told us how it doesn't matter if the students are rich, smart or a member of a sports team, all are welcome as an



Interact. DGN Ellen then explained how the Youth Exchange program works. She told us of the interview process each outbound student must go through and how they decide which country is the correct one for each

student. She mentioned that the Rotary Youth Exchange program is the less expensive exchange program in the U.S.A. DGN Ellen says she is always amazed at the change in the students from the first time she sees them at the interview and when they return for the Welcome Home dinner held in August after they all are back from their year overseas. We were very pleased to have our own outbound student, Briana Edelbach, be with us tonight so she can learn more about what Rotary is all about.

The last remarks were made by members of the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) staff. Brian (Bart) Bartalo is the camp director, his able assistant is Mark VanDurme and Kelly Montelion has been a counselor for many years.



From left to right: Mark VanDurme, Kelly Montelion and Bart Bartalo

Bart told us where the camp is located (Camp Sam Wood in Pike, NY) and that it runs one week in August. We use all of the facilities that

are available at this camp. They have a waiting list of applicants each year and handle around 100 kids. This is the only camp in our District where the kids sleep in tents. There are 75 staff members and most of the kids and counselors come back year after year. Bart told us he has been a counselor at the camp for the past 31 years. Bart also told us that this will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp. Mark VanDurme told us that he has been a counselor at GVRC for 37 years and started as a teen ager by coming with his father (a former Dansville President) when he was 16. Mark feels that he comes to the camp each year to "get his head screwed on right". The joy he gets from being with the kids helps him more than he will ever give back to them. The toughest part of the camp is graduation night. This is for the kids who have turned 21 and this has to be there last year because of laws we must follow. Kelly Montelion told us how she got hooked into being a counselor at GVRC. While she was working for Livingston County as a Youth Advocate she met a teacher who thought that maybe some of the kids Kelly looked over could use the camp. This teacher invited Kelly to come with her to be a counselor at camp that year and she agreed to do so. Even though the teacher didn't show up Kelly was hooked within the first days of being there. She has been going back each year (except during the birth of her two kids) for the past 24 years. Kelly did say that being at camp for one week makes her year.

President Wanda then went over some of the service projects are clubs is and has been involved with. She asked any of our invited guests if they have any questions or are interested in joining to please get in touch with any of the Lima Rotarians. She then thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

## Quotes of the Week

There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself.

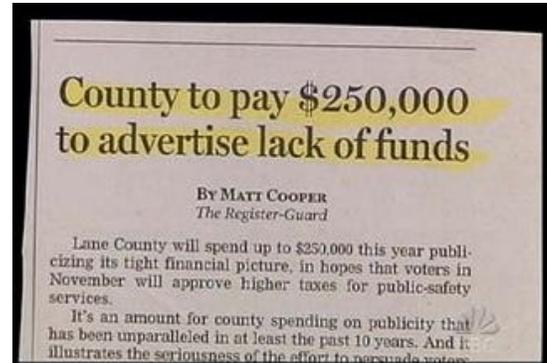
*Henry David Thoreau*

## Activities & Events

Mar. 8	Board Meeting
Mar. 10	Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 PM @ Lima Diner
Mar. 15	Boy Scouts program
Mar. 22	Cub Scout Program
Mar. 29	Open
April 5	Open
April 12	Board Meeting

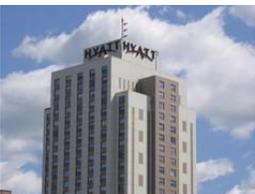
## Jokes of the week

### YOU JUST CAN'T FIX STUPID



Did we elect these people??

## District & RI Events

April 14	District Assembly in Canandaigua @ 7:45 AM till 1 PM
May 6-9	Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand 
May 18-20	District Conference @ Hyatt Hotel in Rochester 
June 20	District Change Over Dinner – Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua @ 6 PM



Civil War planes? Let me know how that works out.



What are the odds of that?