

PERRY ROTARY



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This Week @ Perry Rotary

Amanda's Amusement

It was a sunny but cool spring day here in Perry as we gathered for our weekly meeting. As we walked in, we each received a poem for our pocket. More on that later. Our crowd today appeared a little light to me..I didn't run the stats but our diligent secretary, Sharon, confirmed the lightness and got everyone nervous to fess up to anything.

Welcome back PPDon from Florida where he has been hibernating this winter. He missed us all! Just like last year, he started with bribery which usually works, but PEleanor had her guard up. He brought a bouquet of flowers for PE but she wanted to see what gifts came rolling in. I see a book and a neat stretch hat that looks like a vase until you open it and it's a wide brimmed hat with a flower. Like something Blossom would wear. Pretty cool. It came with a turtle for her garden. PE confirmed it was nice to have PPDon back. No free pass or Butch/Betsy would be offended who paid beaucoup de bucks upon returning from their hiatus. PPDon was reminded they pd. \$1 a day. That really set the bar. John W. looked guilty in the middle of this—got fined \$2. I think PPDon ended up putting in \$75.

Ruth Gibson announced it is National Poetry Month according to the Academy of American Poets. Today is put a poem in your pocket day. She recited the following, "Put a poem in your pocket and a picture in your head and you will never feel lonely when you are in bed." Then VPJane recited a poem she learned in Girl Scouts.."Galump went the little green frog one day...You can imagine. It was cute. Then Denise started in with a Girl Scout rant.. that began "Eeany Meany Decimeenie" and then yada yini moosellini... lots of things that rhymed. I couldn't write it down fast enough.

PPDaryl announced that the splash park is being worked on as we speak with an ETA of June 1st. We are right on schedule. Yay!

And Joe M. announced the Perry Center chicken bbq from noon to noonthirty. It is a drive-through chicken bbq.

Congratulations new grandfather Rick B. With a strapping brand new grandson named, Teagan Michael at a little over 7lbs.; he's a perfect little Bramer. He found \$40 for the fine. Which forwarded us to an update on PPDon, who did indeed contribute \$75 for his Fla. venture.

PPMike K. and Lorraine Sturm. They were Heralded with the usual birthday verse; and then the guest speak added her own flair with a rendition of "On the Day That Mike and Lorraine Were Born."

PPMike had been visiting his 9 month old grandson in Ohio. Columbus to boot. Devon held down the fort for a day or so. He came back with "a little something", a bottle of wine with a label that made PE blush, and she kept it to herself, word from the head table is it beat PPSam's last label.

Denise is back from Myrtle Beach. Bearing a 49 cent gift on sale and to sweeten that up some sweets from Sweet Sarah's. Gone 5 days, the fine was \$8 but she only has \$7 but PPSam has one. So we're all good.

Joe M. was in the Perry Herald this week as well. And cleans up pretty good! With a worldwide circulation, that's pretty impressive. He is proud to be President of the PC Fire Department. Fine \$20.

Also in the Perry Herald was (were?) Ann B. and Kavin R. doing World Book Night.

Jane K. is celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the Ford Mustang. They have sold a lot with two just this week. There was some nostalgia over the 40 yr. old sign or maybe it is from the 40s. Most likely the latter. \$5 fine

Nancy M. has something new and very black and so big she can hardly get in it. It's a truck.. Actually, it's not hers but Jerry's. She says PPJohn has a big chunk of change, and most likely Jerry does not. PPJohn was happy to pay the fine as the vehicle is being transported to Chamberlain Road. It will be inconspicuous up there.

PPJohn M. further explained that he was fascinated to learn that there's a lot of history in the Gettysburg and Washington DC area. Young Garrett showed him around all the sites. He learned that Lincoln was a leader and that made him think of PE. So he gave her a coin with a picture of Lincoln on it (pictures of Lincoln also come in paper form, but he opted for the shiny version) and a book. The five day journey and Nancy's fine cost PPJohn \$10.

Perry Rotary is thrilled to announce that Sydney Cowie, PPPhil's granddaughter, has been accepted to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) this summer.

Your board met this week and would like member input on whether Perry Rotary should contribute to the Letchworth Nature Center. If so, in what way or to what extent? There are lots of options.

Speaking to Rotary

Rev. Joy Bergsalk was our speaker today. She represents Coffee Connections, an organization that runs 3 retail shops in Rochester. They are run to support women who have drug or alcohol addictions. The 32 employees all have had or are working on their addictions. Most have had felonies and have difficulty being employed.

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Looking Ahead

Reminders:

- Raffle Ticket \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Clean Sweep MAY 17TH
- Lady Lions Softball Tourney May 30-June 1
- District Conference (this week-end)

Upcoming Programs:

- May 1----Wings of Flight Peter and Barbara Parsons
- May 8----NFL Referee
- May 15---Dr. Bill Stavisky
- May 22---Don O' Raffle Drawing and United Way