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## DG John Hall Visits

We had eleven members and three guests attending last week. In addition to district 7120 governor John Hall, we had two guests from the Dansville club, Jim Burns and Rich DeAsis, who is the governor's area rep.

Thanks to the absence of vacationing club members, there was enough room around the long table. These vacationers missed out on a beef Stroganoff over noodles dish with green beans on the side. It was preceded by some fruit salad (thankfully, omitting the melon), of which Pat Lysell ended up with several extra portions she couldn't finish. The dessert was a chocolate mousse affair over sponge cake (?) with whipped cream on top.

George Smith's Rotary Minute dealt with the member recruitment process.

### Business & Announcements

Tom Didas gave the times for the CFFF activities, and asked for help moving the grills and tables on Wednesday night at 6. The pick up takes place between 5:30 and 6:30 on Sunday. The modified soccer team will help this year too. I remember how cheerfully they helped last year, making it more fun to work.

### Confessions

Marty Kimmel confessed to a trip down memory lane. Carol and he looked at the Honeymoon Hotel in Niagara Falls, where they stayed 44 years ago, but decided to stay at another establishment instead. \$2, I think.

Janine Miceli's birthday was the very night of the meeting. She didn't mind

revealing that it was her 23<sup>rd</sup>. With that in mind (and the 4-way test), Bob fined her \$3.

Tom Quinlan paid a HB for the most recent Bills game. Perhaps there will be a reason to wear that shirt he won?

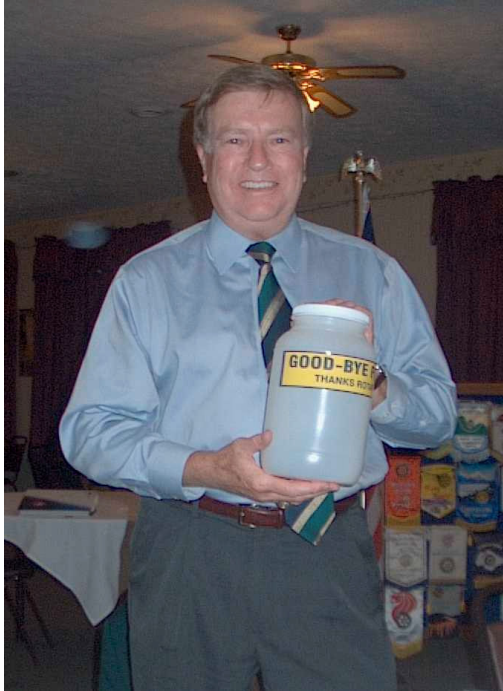
Tom Didas' HB was for having all the girls home over the weekend.

### DG John Hall

Rich DeAsis introduced John Hall to us and gave a short biography. John became a Rotarian in 1981 out in Davenport, Iowa. He came to Fairport in 1993, where he was president in 1999-2000. He has served on numerous district committees, and he even found time to lead a GSE team to Sweden in 2005 (to my old home towns). John is a mechanical engineer but added an MBA to that education. His wife Maureen is also a Rotarian, and she is the president elect of the Fairport club. Their three sons are grown up and spread from coast to coast.

John Hall started by tying in to George Smith's Rotary minute topic. We are losing members to the tune of 17,000 in the U.S.A. per year, with our district contributing 208 last year. He recognized Pat and George from the membership development seminars in Bath, and noticed that they weren't wearing their Ask In Gear buttons. He had one in his pocket, which he gave to President Bob to wear. (Let's keep an eye on this, [sgt@Arms!](mailto:sgt@Arms!))

After a quick mention of how nice it was to be in the company of one of the district's prize winning golf teams (ahem), he turned to the Foundation. The Polio plus program has spent \$605M so far, but its final eradication seems elusive. The good news is that there are very few cases nowadays.



One of the initiatives Governor John has taken is to provide all clubs with a "Good Bye Polio" jar, where we can put loose change every meeting ("quiet money" works too, see the photo).

John went on to tell us that half of the money going into the foundation comes back to the districts, where it's used for simplified grants and other projects. RI President Wilf Wilkison (from Ontario, Canada) continues with the emphasis on clean water supplies we had last year.

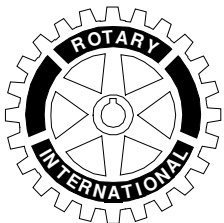
Governor John also covered the two international scholarships, Ambassadorial and Peace. The district hasn't done the Peace yet, but it is his goal this year. The GSE team this year goes to Greece, and there are still openings, should you know someone between 25 and 40 (too bad Janine, besides you can't be a Rotarian). Oh, I guess you could go as the Rotarian leader, Janine.

Next year's district conference will be at Niagara Falls. There are a lot of cultural activities available, and some of the finest Legend golfing.

President Bob had some gifts to present to our guests. In addition to the mugs, Bob had prepared some nice cards for John and Maureen, and he also had a bag of select potatoes (from S Rathbun, North Cohocton).



Sharon Vogt won 50/50 (\$12) and she drew the three of hearts. It's now \$43!



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