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Patrice Lysell, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

Genesee Valley Rotary Camp at Sam Wood

In spite of the continuing winter, a dozen Rotarians and their guest speaker (photo on page 2) sat down in the small side room, - warmer than the big dining room.

The guest speaker was Mark Van Durme, Assistant Director of GVRC, Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, and was promptly introduced by Art Traphagen. Originally, he was trying to get a teacher from Alfred to come and speak about some project they had performed in Hornell, and if such an idea could work in Wayland. Having heard nothing back about a reschedule, Art arranged for Mark to come.

The Miller House served ham and scalloped potatoes with a medley of green beans and mushrooms on the side. The dessert was an éclair like pastry puff affair.

Bo started the confessions with his birthday from almost two weeks ago. He managed to have President Pat pay the fine for him, citing a lack of change money.

Bob Oswald volunteered five happy ones for being featured with five photos in the latest Livingston Chamber of Commerce brochure. Wow, we are proud of you Bob.

President Pat tossed in a happy dollar for the unexpected extra day off the day before. It was another "snow day," hopefully the season's last.

There may have been another happy buck contributed, which I missed.

Camp Sam Wood

Mark Van Durme gave us a fast paced and enthusiastic presentation of the camp we support with \$35 per club member. Mark has worked in various capacities with the camp for 22 years. It has become a family tradition by now. He told us how his son, now serving in Iraq, has scheduled his leave around the time for the camp, which is always straddling the end of July and beginning of August. This year it's from July 29 to August 4.

The camp is open free to children with various degrees of handicap in the age range of 8 to 21, coming from the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Livingston, Steuben, and Wyoming. Up to 100 campers may be accepted, and the camp employs 60 paid staff members (\$75/week), and around ten volunteering senior staff.

The children will experience outdoor camping in tents. In the daytime, there are activities like Arts and Crafts, Archery, Music, Nature, Physical education and swimming. In the evening, there are of course the "camp fire" routines, performances, etc.

Over the years, GVRC has developed a very good relationship with the boy scouts, so that they can rely on a fixed week in the summer for the camp. GVRC has further helped to develop the facilities at Sam Wood. At this point, GVRC feels that a significant upgrade of the bathroom facilities is needed,

which may not be a priority with the scouts. We may hear more about this in the future. There may be a need for further support. In the past few years, "port-a-potties" have been used, but they are obviously not ideal for the most severely handicapped.



If you want to read more about the camp, I suggest their web site www.gvrc.org where you may even find application forms, should you happen to know somebody who may want to go to the camp. Another way to learn more about the camp would be to make a visit. Thanks to Mark's extraordinary enthusiasm, I think most of us would like to do just that. Jim Burns told us the Dansville club has gone to camp and helped cook in the past. Our

president elect, Bob Oswald, whose son had worked at the camp in the past, is going to work on some form of visit. Bob considered it a very worthy cause.

Business

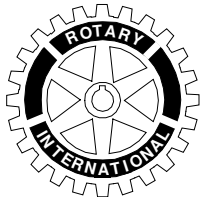
The club was approached by a group involved with the Vincent House. They have held fundraising events in the past, involving the sale of arts and crafts, I believe, with vendors coming in from the area. In conjunction with one of these events on the 31st of March, they would like to hold an Easter Egg Hunt, and asked if we could help. This is the date of the district assembly, but several members did have the time, headed by Bob Radell. A motion was made that we support this effort, and it passed. We will buy 200 eggs, I believe, and fill them with candy, and maybe a coin in some of them.

As of now, three members plan to go to the district assembly in East Rochester. Our club is assessed for six members, so there is still room. Contact President Pat.

Bo Lysell made a motion to support the Greater Wayland Area Revitalization corporation with \$500.00. Marty Kimmel seconded the motion. With no discussion of the matter, and no voiced opposition, it was passed.

We thank Jim Burns for donating his 50/50 winning to the club.

Tom Mees is coming next Tuesday for a presentation, and Todd Campbell on the 20th.



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