



# HOT POTATO

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## Well Attended Meeting With Lots of Songs

We had thirteen members last week on a nice evening. Maybe we'll have some "Indian Summer" after the summer we experienced three weeks ago had ended with such miserably cold weather.

The Miller House served a hot roast beef sandwich with gravy, mashed potato and corn. For dessert, we had cup cakes with a lemon frosting.

President Don's solicitation for fines was met with a deluge of confessions. Sharon Vogt started. She and Peter had been "up the river" on the Delta Queen Steam Boat Company. They had taken this cruise before and liked it so much, they decided to do it again. Sharon had made up a meeting in one of the small cities en route. She did not expect to visit such a big club as it turned out to be, 200 members. I missed the name of the club, but it met at the hotel in the ball room on the third floor. It was quite a meeting, she said. The boat they traveled on was the Mississippi Queen, not the venerable Delta Queen, which Roy and Marilyn had taken years ago. Unlike the DQ, this boat had spacious cabins, and all the conveniences. Sharon had also celebrated a birthday, and with the nice song, a sizeable fine was in order. She agreed to \$10.

Pat Lysell had a birthday the day before. In the spirit of the meeting, she offered two fives, matching the age she had just attained, and as a token of appreciation for the pretty singing.

Tom Didas phone started what was to become a series of interruptions during the entire meeting. He had to chip in a dollar, which served him right. Tom had come up with the suggestion that all members toss in a dollar for the very harmonious rendition of "My Country" earlier. Acting treasurer Marty was really raking it in!

Marilyn and Roy Robinson had just celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so he had to fatten up the kitty by another two or three bucks, I think it was. This led to some reminiscing of all the broken bones that Roy had to fix on President Don years ago. Roy was amazed that Don was still around, and that he turned out the way he did.

### Business

We had already received one thank you letter from a recipient of the Martin Kimmel attendance award, Chris Sachet. There were actually 3 recipients this year with perfect attendance, sharing \$150.

A letter from the American Motor Power Corporation, invited us to an Open House on Saturday, June 24. You may remember that they came to tell us about their activities in the former Foster Wheeler plant in Dansville. Things are developing well, and they currently have about 70 employees with a potential of up to 300. The main activity is conversion of locomotive power plants to comply with new federal regulations. They are becoming one of the main players in the North East in this field.

There was an invitation to the Nunda Rotary club's "Jack Mann Annual Golf Tournament." I missed the date, but several of our club's great golfers are going, so you can call Tom Quinlan for information, or President Don.

Our own golf tournament is on July 17. Selected individuals are working on sponsors for holes, etc, and Art's daughter has once again come through with a grand prize of airline tickets. It's \$75 for golf and dinner, and if you don't play golf, you may still enjoy the dinner for \$15. When looking for the Nunda Rotary Club's Golf Tournament on the district's website, I couldn't find it, but I did find a disturbing fact. The Bath Rotary Golf Tournament is also on July 17. I

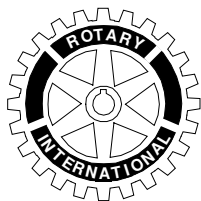
don't know how serious that competition is, but we traditionally have some district dignitaries (PDGs) attend. Let's hope they know ours is the best! We probably should start advertising on this calendar. If I forget to bring it up, please do so at our next meeting.

### **Winding down...**

At about this time, Tom Didas phone rang for a third time. Apparently, Meghan was participating in senior celebrations, and arrangements had to be made for rides, etc. He had to throw in another buck. If you find the position for vibration, you could save money, Tom!

Tom was attempting to get your editor fined by asking for the "Romantic Rotarian" around the table. He thought I had set a bad example by sending a dozen roses to Pat at school for the birthday. President Don didn't agree, along with many other members. (You may want to keep this edition out of Helen's sight, Tom.)

Bob Oswald had kept his winning 50/50 ticket close to the one he was keeping for George Smith, who had to leave early for a parish council meeting. It paid off. Amazing! Thanks for donating this windfall to the kitty, Bob!



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