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At the final count, we had a dozen members and two guests at the latest meeting. Reverend George brought his lovely wife Joann and a good friend from North Carolina, Jerry Cook.

I am pleased to report that we had a much more palatable fare than the previous meeting. For starters, we had a tossed salad, then came a breaded chicken fillet, which was topped with various veggies and macaroni in a cheese sauce. There were additional carbohydrates in the form of rice on the plate. The dessert was a fancy slim line type of brownie with a berry on top. With stuff like that, you look forward to the next meeting.

Our armed (frying pan) sergeant Tom Didas went on the warpath. He wondered if President Bob hadn't noticed that Art and Deanie arrived a little late, and shouldn't we humiliate them a little by singing the traditional song? Bob had intended to find if there were any extenuating circumstances first, but then humored our new Sgt@Arms, and let him conduct it. Tom picked a key no human could sing in, and we all didn't seem to know the words. The effort was mercifully stopped after the first stanza. Instead, we all had to throw a half-dollar into the pan.

President Bob was going to split the confessions into happy bucks and "regulation" types, starting the "happy session" by contributing another couple of bucks for his Home Alone experience. A very relaxing time was had by all, including the dachshunds.

Deanie and Art Traphagen offered another couple of happy ones. They had attended the Hornell Rotary's performance of "Annie Get Your Gun," and also "Alice In Wonderland," which was performed by the theater-group in Dansville we elected not to support. Granddaughter Sarah was in that play. We should try to organize something around the Hornell club's annual show. We always seem to forget when it comes.

George Smith tossed in two more happy ones for having guests, and for the very fun golf match last week. President Bob had been a terrific golf pro, improving the team's performance with lots of good advice.

Sharon Vogt tossed in a happy one because Peter and daughter were back from their Pacific Rim tour.

Bob Radell thought a happy dollar was in order for the announcement that "King Mark" of Springwater was to abdicate.

Pat Lysell tried a two happy dollar approach to a recent windfall she experienced at the Golf Dinner. She won \$75 on the raffle without buying a ticket! Not so fast, replied Bob, but we'll take your happy dollars for the free golf lessons I gave with lots of patience and humor. She had to pay another five in the ensuing fine session.

Marty Kimmel was absent for many weeks. He and Carol took a 32-day trip through 18 states and a total of 7000 miles. While they were in the area, they attended a model train meeting in San Francisco, but

had also managed to visit several relatives on the left coast. Marty said that he would be happy to show some pictures at a meeting some time. Five dollars became the fine.

Lou Hazlett and Arlene went to Ouray, CO, where they visited at 9000 feet elevation for a week or so. He had noticed the effect of the high elevation, but Bob elevated the fine to equal height, - five dollars.

Sergeant Tom had also been absent for a while. Helen and he had traveled in the opposite direction from Marty and Lou. They had visited their daughter in New Hampshire, but then continued into Canada, covering much of its East Coast. New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia were covered by them and their trailer. Maybe we have another program opportunity here if Tom brought the camera. Five dollars has become standard for trips, apparently.

Business

There were a couple of business items, starting with a thank you letter from Megan Ryan, one of our scholarship award students.

Art Traphagen had received a check for \$267, representing half of the ticket money for the LPGA raffle. It was accompanied by a thank you letter. President Bob now had two items to stick on his "Rotary Shares" folder.

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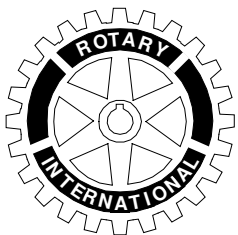
Jerry Cook was familiar looking to some of us and it turns out that he had played the dulcimer at Reverend George's installation as Pastor of Perkinsville and Wayland parishes last year. The batteries in my camera were

dead, so I "appropriated" this picture from the web:



Jerry was happy to check off Perkinsville, NY, from his list of important places to speak to about the "World Orchard Project." I am not going to attempt to cover his admirably short impromptu speech. There is a much better way you can learn about the project, - www.worldorchardproject.org. In short, they want to encourage the planting of fruit and nut bearing trees. It will be good for the environment (converting CO₂ to oxygen), and makes a source for food. Jerry mentioned the staggering statistic that 45,000 people die from starvation every day on our planet.

After a questions and answer session, it was time for the Rotary Minute by Reverend George, slightly out of order. It was on the origin of "Service Above Self," and we will end our future meetings with everybody saying the phrase at the sound of the bell.



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