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Welcome Bob Oswald, Newest Wayland Rotarian.

It was a well attended, interesting, and enjoyable. Meeting last Tuesday. Art Traphagen had arranged an interesting and informative program, and he was also instrumental in bringing Bob into our fold. We owe you a salute the next meeting, and our gratitude is immense.

A dozen or so Rotarians had brought their spouses, and with guests and guest speakers, we totaled 28, I believe. The Miller House must have had to put in an extra pan of meatloaf to cover the event. We had mashed potato with gravy and a bean and carrot mixture on the side. The dessert was lemon meringue pie.

When president Don started out to introduce guests, he was interrupted by one of the members. While we were all delighted to meet Don's wife at last, this member found it a problem that, for as many years as Don has been a member, he had never brought Valerie to a spouse event. Don admitted it was an oversight and suggested an impartial past president set the fine. Who would be better than Roy Robinson? Roy gave an eloquent and diplomatic reason for the measly fine of one dollar. We then continued with the introductions. We had Joe Fearon and Rich Rizzieri at the head table, the guest

speakers. Another guest, not closely related with a Wayland club member was Sharon Vogt, making up from Dansville.

Spouses: Mary Quinlan, Sue StGeorge, Carol Kimmel, Cindy Gemmill, Pat Hunt, Marilyn Robinson, Deanie Traphagen, Cynthia Oswald and Milton Levesque.

After the introductions, President Don remembered that we had an outstanding issue with a recent big windfall, which had benefited a member. He claimed last week that he didn't get to keep any of the winnings. Deanie took them, why should he pay a fine? Deanie did admit that Art had given her some money, but the amount didn't seem to jive. President Don thought that past president Deanie could decide the fine, even though she served the Dansville club.

Wayne Hunt hinted to president Don that there were some recent new grandparents among the diners. Bud StGeorge's memory was jogged enough. Standard fine of \$5. Little Jett Pierre had weighed in at over 8 pounds. Almost ready to start help mowing the lawn...

The next item on the agenda was a pleasant one for all the members. Bob Oswald has already helped us a lot on our

projects, so it was nice to make him an official member. Art had invited him to the club, so president Don asked him to conduct the honors. He gave some words of wisdom before presenting the package, complete with the four-way test, which we may ask to have repeated to us at times in the future.

President Don then gave the floor to Rich Rizzieri. He proceeded to tell us about the various enterprises that would operate from the former Foster Wheeler plant in Dansville, which are owned by LMC Industrial Controls from Avon. They were running out of room there.

LMC has been very successful with baggage handling equipment for airports. Other products have been mail handling equipment for the postal service and conveyor systems for industries, such as Kraft Food processing plants. Rich gave several other examples.

LMC has also ventured into Industrial Power Packaging (small power plants) and also smaller systems, suitable for recreational vehicles, etc. In the wake of the storms in the South, they have also delivered products to FEMA.

Rich then introduced Joe Fearon, who had led a lot of work for Morrison-Knudsen in Hornell, and had also been instrumental in getting Alstom to Hornell.

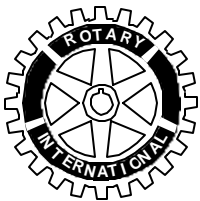
Joe has spent a lifetime in the train arena, and has some 60 patents. One enterprise, Advanced Engine Concepts, will work on injection systems for big diesels, to both improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. There is a multi tiered system in place by the EPA, and time is running out for many.

Rich also talked about an enterprise, which I think he called IPV, which is going to work on gas compression.

In all, Rich hoped that about 90 positions would be created in the next 12 months. A very important puzzle piece is the creation of an Empire Zone. Cynthia Oswald injected that the Chamber of Commerce had just sent 80 pounds (!) of paper work to Albany in this matter.

After a brief question and answer session, president Don thanked Rich and Joe for sharing this with us, and wished them the very best for the future. This is a welcome development for the area.

Next meeting, we will have some Interact students tell about their projects. Don also mentioned that four members will go to the Leadership Seminars in Canandaigua on November 5, - Mark Gemmill, Bob Oswald, Janine Miceli and Pat Lysell. That's it for now, folks. See you next Tuesday.



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