

ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH FORK

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LAST MEETING: June 11, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Somebody's cell phone rang during the meeting. Please silence your phone or it could cost you!

Kate sent out our club and foundation budgets, which we will discuss at the June 25 business meeting. Please bring your copies.

Sarah announced the KPP dinner benefiting Mountain Harvest Creative and Festival on June 22 at Delicious Orchards. There will be a fabulous silent auction.

The pancake breakfast will be on 6/20 at the Teen Center. Sell tickets!

The club will sponsor the coal shoveling contest on July 4th.

July 13 will be the Rotary KPP dinner at the Blue Sage. Bring a nice bottle of wine over the next several weeks for the wine grab. We will sell the wine for \$20/bottle.

PROGRAM:

BAIN WEINBERGER has taken over the responsibility for managing our website. He has found that a lot of the information on it is out of date. Adam Silverstein, who is the website host and helped with the initial setup probably has the original files. Bain asked us to look at it and provide comments. He noted that the list of members and phone numbers was password protected. When sending information to Bain to put on the website, be sure it is in an editable format.

He feels it could be a good resource for both our members and potential members. He noted that the scholarship application information and request for our foundation funds are on the site. Peggy suggested removing the survey as it is out of date. [The new president ought to consider preparing her own survey.—ed] Another suggestion was to publish the upcoming programs on the site.

There was a bit of discussion about whether to continue printing out the newsletter or just publish it electronically. Some felt there ought to be a permanent paper record. However, there ought to be an electronic link on the website to all the

previous newsletters that are available in that format.

Felix noted he needs another member of the scholarship committee, preferably female to create balance.

As Don wants to retire as editor of Spokes Speak, President Glenn asked for a volunteer to replace him. [Sarah produced this newsletter, but does not do photos and interesting inserts very well.—ed]

SMALL CHANGES eventually add up to big results

BEFORE THE PLEDGE

Before Francis J. Bellamy wrote the "*Pledge of Allegiance*" to our flag in 1892 and before it was included in Article 7 of the Flag Code of the United States Flag Association in 1922, various poems were used as verbal and printed salutes to our national flag the way the Pledge is today. One such poem, "*Old Glory*" had wide acclaim before and during World War I. There may be some who recall reciting this poem as the U.S. Flag Code was not accepted by Congress until 1929 when Bellamy's "*Pledge of Allegiance*" became official. The still beautiful poem, "*Old Glory*", is reprinted here as a nostalgic tribute to the "Stars and Stripes"

OLD GLORY

Your flag and my flag, and how it flies today, in your land and my land, and half a world away.

Rose-red and blood-red, its stripes forever gleam, snow-white and soul-white, the good father's dream.

Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars that gleam aright, the glorified guidon of the day, a shelter thro' the night.

Your flag and my flag, O how much it holds, your land and my land secure within its folds.

Your heart and my heart beat quicker by the sight, sun kissed and wind-tossed, the red, white and blue.

The one flag, the great flag, the flag for me and you. Glorified the whole worldwide—the red white and blue.

