

NEWBURGH ROTARY CLUB The SERVICE WHEEL

This Week's Program

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, the Prince of Wales, Oprah Winfrey, and other members of the Royal Family could not be in attendance at this week's coronation of our Club's new incoming president Cathy Smith McCarty. But our club was amply and ably represented by Gordon Rauer and spouse Toby, Jim Raimo, Doug Newman, Lou Chappo and spouse Cheryl, Fred McCurdy and Betsy, Cathy's sister Debbie and parents Ruth and John Smith, and outgoing president Ozzie "Asrar" Ahmed; and yours truly Mike Matsler with spouse Li and son James.

The seat of honor went to our distinguished guest speaker, the Hon. Nicholas Valentine, Mayor of the City of Newburgh. The Club also extended a special welcome to guests Peter and Yvonne Rammani, Ralph and Mary Mills, and Peter Sukeena.

Mayor Nick immediately quashed all speculation that he is eyeing a bid for the governorship in Albany. He is happy to be able to serve his native City all while running his tailor shop on Broadway, a pattern he hopes to continue into the future. For that reason, he disclaimed any interest in running for even county executive, professing to having no idea where Wawayanda or Goshen is.

Mayor Valentine confirmed the success of last week's 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage of discovery of the river that bears his name. The reenactment of the 1828 pouring-of-the-waters ceremony celebrating the opening of the Erie Canal was performed in Newburgh under the eyes of hundreds of spectators including the Ambassador to Germany, who was well aware that the first settlers in what was to become the Village of Newburgh had immigrated from Protestant Germany in 1710. The representative from the British Embassy was able to make landfall on the Newburgh shore, which Sir Henry Clinton had failed to achieve, marveling that this minor family spat should produce an English-speaking nation with a national debt greater than the Mother Country's own.

His Honor told how his mother, a poor immigrant from Italy at age 11 attended the old Broadway school and years later swore her Oath of Allegiance to her adopted country in the same building, with her little son Nick in awed attendance. Now her son is soon to be cutting the ribbon for the just completed renovation/transformation of the school into the City Courthouse. The new Courthouse will feature a memorial on site devoted to the people who had been buried at that location in the so called "Colored Burial Ground", whose remains have been carefully re-interred elsewhere.

Mayor Nick invoked the vision of queues of people-members of the local

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population most directly interested in the smooth functioning of the courts - entering the new temple of justice, lawyers in tow, between freshly restored Ionian pillars and Corinthian friezes, and exiting the rear of the edifice directly into waiting patrol cars. And those are only the local landlords.

The Old Dutch Reformed Church project is coming along, the City having received grant money. The interior of the building is nearing completion and Mayor Nick envisions the former church to be a wonderful venue for the Newburgh Symphony Orchestra or other artists. The City has undertaken the clean up of the former Consolidated Iron superfund site and hopes to finish within the next 18 months. An RFP will be going out shortly for bids from prospective hotel developers in order to get a head-start.

Following Mayor Valentine's update, Prez Oz indicted, or rather inducted, new Club President Cathy. This is Cathy's second term as president which, just like President Grover Cleveland's, will have been served non-consecutively. She does not plan, however, to emulate Franklin D. Roosevelt. She challenged our newer Rotarians to not only hear the call of duty, but also answer it, as the role of president elect for next year remains to be filled. Also inducted were Debra Johnson as new Vice President, and Jim Raimo in his continuing role as Treasurer.

In his final act of office, Prez Oz presented a special award of appreciation to Fred McCurdy, and to Jim Raimo, for their selfless time, effort and energy in making the Taste of Greater Newburgh such a huge success. Prez Asrar also expressed the Club's deep-felt thanks to Paul O'Herron and his wife, for having hosted our exchange student Ong from Thailand for the past eight months. Ong is only one of several students the O'Herron family has embraced over the years, and they themselves have sent their children abroad to India, Brazil and most recently France. Ong expressed his gratitude to the Club for having sponsored him, and recounted the joy of experiencing the first snowfall of his life at the O'Herron household this past December. In a matter of days he became an expert snowboarder, to add to his other athletic accomplishments in soccer and tennis. We wish Ong the best of luck in his future endeavors and that he carry on the torch of Rotary in his native country.

Cathy gave voice to the sentiments of the assembled in thanking Ozzie for his uplifting stewardship of our Club this past year. In turning over the gavel to Cathy, Prez Oz henceforth shall forever be known simply as our own Wizard of Oz. - MJM

Ex-club member Ralph and wife Mary Mills are back in Newburgh for the summer, having found life on a sailboat in a tranquil turquoise lagoon surrounded by pristine beaches and graceful palm trees stirring in the soothing trade winds of the Virgin Islands to be lacking in excitement. Since little, if anything, can top the Newburgh Rotary Club for excitement, not to mention a thrilling hint of sublime danger, our Club hopes that Ralph and Mary visit us every Tuesday for as long as they are north of the Tropic of Cancer. Ralph, however, will have to trim back his beard, according to the whispered admonition of the Powelton Club staff.

Visiting Rotarians / Guests

See above.

Happy & Sad Dollars

Too numerous to recount.

50-50 Winner: Ozzie forgot to pass the hat.

Share Rotary!

Why not invite a friend to a meeting?

Youth Exchange

Valid only within 30 days of purchase; proof of purchase required.

Archie Stewart Scholarship

Supporting educational excellence. We award \$4,000 each year to deserving students @ NFA.

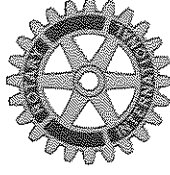
Upcoming Speakers/Events

Save These Dates

Taste of Greater Newburgh May 16,
2010.

Rotary4-WayTest

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



What is the purpose of Rotary?

- **Rotary clubs exist to improve communities locally and around the world.**
- **Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in business and professions.**
- **Rotary clubs work to advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries.**

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MAKE-UP AND VISITING OPPORTUNITIES

MON	Middletown	Southwinds Retirement Home	12:00 PM
	Walden	Spruce Lodge (Rt. 17K)	12:15 PM
TUE	Central Orange	Chester Diner (Rt. 17M)	7:30 AM
	Walkhill East	Holiday Inn (Exit 122 off Rt. 17)	7:30 AM
	Newburgh	Costagliola's (121 Washington Ter)	12:15 PM
WED	New Windsor - Cornwall	Banta's Steak & Stein (Rt. 300)	12:15 PM
	Warwick Valley	Landmark Inn (Rt. 94)	12:15 PM
	BG - Washingtonville	Bella Luna Ristorante (Rt. 94)	6:15 PM
THU	Goshen	Glen Arden Life Care Center	12:15 PM
	WP - Highland Falls	Hotel Thayer (USMA)	7:30 AM
FRI	Ramapo Valley	Rhodes North (Rt. 17, Sloatsburg)	12:15 PM

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Newburgh Rotary Club



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 Rotary District 7210 David Green, District Governor

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Asrar Ahmed, Debbie Johnson, Cathy McCarty, Jim Raimo, Fred McCurdy, Gordon Rauer, Debbie White

COMMITTEES

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 MIKE MATSLER/FRED McCURDY

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3. Program
 DEBBIE JOHNSON

4. Public Relations
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Some of the Local Charities Supported by Newburgh Rotary include:

- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Boy Scouts of America
- Greater Newburgh Symphony
- Newburgh YMCA
- Meals on Wheels
- Hoops Express
- Johns Home
- Glen Hines Center
- Zion Lions
- Independent Living, Inc.
- New Windsor Schools Dictionary Program