

Perry Rotary Weekly – February 22, 2007 – Masonic Temple, Perry, NY  
Reporting on Another Day Closer to Summer with Rotary – Jane Monaghan (Julia?)

Way to go Nancy with the only guest today, Jim Christopher the Perry Elem. School Principal. Instead of Nancy getting the wet seat, we who haven't presented our guests yet deserve one . . .hmm . . . me too (but I'm not asking for one).

As to fines though . . . PP Roger had 2 pictures of the “Paddock boys” in the news, but with Perry Center immunity Sam and our Prez each forked over \$5 apiece. . . .but Happy B-Day was heralded to PP Roger by Judy, Judy, Judy not allowing Nancy to sit down until she accompanied all on the piano with a fine Happy Birthday song. (“We’ll have a Director’s Meeeting right After the Meeeting” says Prez Fred)

PP Lew had a picture in the Perry Herald, but it was so “old” he wondered if the paper was either now issuing “news” from the “National Historical Society” or it was just a slow news day, but it still cost \$5. **DMAM . . .DMAM . .DMAM . . . is anybody listening?** Then it cost PP John \$5 because he “got nothin’ for you”, followed by John Wheeler commenting that his “girls beat the snot out of them (Oakfield) . . there’s a bet on how the PP Ray’s granddaughter’s team will do . . .they’ll report next week.

Uh-Oh Sally found Nancy’s purse \$5 fine, but PP John Mattson bid \$6 (is anybody listening?. . . oh and **DMAM**). PDG Eric found out that Judy, Judy, Judy knows that Rotary is celebrating it’s 102<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary, we all should remember our Honduras Water Project, invite some guests to our meetings, and remember the District Conference in May (more from Hans next week). And then . . . .the confessions started: this writer was apologetic for turning Sharon into a “deer in headlights” by throwing a foam cell phone last week (\$2), Dr. Field rambled about a book \$2 (did Amanda pay?), PDG Eric visited his 2 grandkids \$5, PP Jeff gave Mrs. Lucky a 45 min. snowmobile ride \$5, PP Ray noticed a “spot” on Lorraine’s car, she had told her sweetie that it must have occurred in Wally World Parking but in truth she really scraped the garage door . . . hmmm \$5.

After that long guilt trip . . .**DMAM** . . . .PP Roger told us that only two Rotarians have visited the Silver Lake Institute Museum so he brought the museum to us by way of our speaker Bob Murphy.

Wow, what a historical tour he gave. He lived a bunch of it, having been born in the 40’s and lived their many years. The Institute housed one of the most extensive art history collections by way of hundreds of black and white photos that students could study the masters (a private collection deemed by Eastman in Rochester to be incomparable at the time). The Institute is older than its comparable Chattaqua Institute by a few months, albeit considered the “poorer” cousin, fully contained with stores, foot paths, government, post office, police force and an 8 foot fence that was meant both to keep unwanted out and the kids in (but on Sat nights many jumped it to get to the local outside night life). Women’s Christian Temperance Union asked to move within its perimeter after being harassed by gin joints and dance halls around the perimeter.

Bob has spent years trading photographs and stories with such folks as Harry Page and Clark Rice how the Institute was set up as a recreational summer area with an emphasis on religion, music and art, and obviously has been doing a fine job of providing it all for hundreds of folks over the years. The Museum contains Bob's collections. We'd all be surprised to see all the continual offerings each year, static displays, museum history collection, concerts and live programs. There is some 1200 foot of lakefront, are some 180-200 cottages including 40 year-round residents. And all those who have ever been on their governing board of trustees (Bob having been one for some 12 years and not wanting to repeat the experience) have come out reeling from the tangled set of laws regarding ownership rights. (I promise, this writer wasn't one of their lawyers.) Bob's presentation was amazing; we should all consider visiting, enjoying the Institute's offerings and maybe even consider private contributions so that its refurbishing efforts can succeed.

Hope March is easier than February. **WOO-HOO St. Patty's on a SattyDay!** Happy B-Day Mar.1 **Don O**; Mar 6 **Ralph F.** , March Dinner Tickets – **Bob Scott**, SRGT at Arms **Coach Kirk**, Reporters 3/1 **Betsy**; and 3/8 **Eleanor**