

BETSY'S BABBLINGS for Perry Rotary Club's December 27, 2007 meeting

LOTS of GUESTS TODAY: Dick B's son, Dick; Jessie's boys, Jeff & David Bowman; Jessie's brother Lyndon; QD's daughter, Becky & g.daughter, Leah; Terry's daughter Megan; Rick B.'s son Tim; Pete Bone from Co.; Denis' colleague, David; our own Josh W.; Rick/Meghan Hauser and their respective parents; Rick H's partner, Ali; and Rick's Uncle Reggie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FINES: Jan. 8...Mt. Morris Rotary Hospitality Around the World Dinner. More info to follow next week. ~~ Polio Jug...with the Foundation matching 50 cents on the dollar
THANK YOU, PHIL & FRED, for the new shelves in the storage area.

Phil paid \$3 for an old photo of himself as FFA secretary.

Jessie B has been all over tarnation...Pa., NYC, & Washington. She came bearing gifts for QD: a copy of her new book CAPITAL TALE-[CONGRATULATIONS, Jessie!] and a fuzzy queen pen for signing those official decrees, some fudge [with nuts] and a slightly used magazine that she lifted from the train. That cost her \$7 and Dick \$3.

Poor Lorraine went- boom on the steps of Curves and broke her wrist. No lawsuit but a \$7 fine for PP Sam \$7 and 43 for PP Mike, his \$3.

Patty Jarnot had her picture in the Batavia Daily for graduating from Leadership Wyoming. That cost her \$7 and her classmates, Jimmy Brick and Johnny Wheeler each \$5.

\$2 from Nancy to retrieve her lost bracelet.

Meghan Hauser was given a \$30 gift certificate to the HOLE and \$20 for a babysitter for all her hard work and dedication to LAST NIGHT.

PROGRAM NOTES: A Paul Harris Award!

It was a special day in the neighborhood....RICK HAUSER became our latest PAUL HARRIS FELLOW. Rick, of IN SITE: ARCHITECTURE, was awarded this prestigious honor for all his hard work, dedication, and devotion to the revitalization of metropolitan, downtown Perry. Rick, founder of Perry Main Street Assoc. and Perry NY LLC, an umbrella organization focused on revitalizing downtown, with numerous committees and projects including the Holiday Lights Committee, the Community CleanSweep, the Holiday House Tours, and the bicentennial Chalk Fest. Rick helped to save the "old school," and also purchased the Bussey Building [Former Jayson's Dept. Store building], several years ago and moved his own offices there, and found numerous new tenants, including Burlingham Books. He has also worked closely with the Chamber to get a community events board on the side of the Bussey Building. He and his wife, Meghan, started the Farmers' Market that celebrated it's 6th year this year with a 20% increase in sales, and the LAST NIGHT Celebration, a non alcoholic community/family fun night on New Year's Eve, which is celebrating it's 10th successful year. Rick has a masterplan for Perry, including a Genesee Transportation system, [there is a meeting on this project Jan. 24.], and a new website about the village of Perry that is in the making. Rick and company have taken on the huge Silver Lake Trail Project to connect Silver Lake with downtown. His latest venture includes completely renovating the Montesanto [Smith] Building to make available, attractive, affordable space for new businesses. He is still accepting new investors!
CONGRATULATIONS, Rick and a big THANK YOU to you AND Meghan for all you have done and continue to do for our community.

Jan. B-days: 8- PP Woody; 8-Jane K., 20-PP Doug S., 23-Sally B., 26-Judy M., 30-PP Wes K.

Newsies: Jan. 3-Bonnie M., Jan. 10-Amanda P., Jan. 17-Bob P., Jan. 24-Lorraine; Jan. 31-Nancy

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!!

