

Heralding Perry Rotary Club – Feb. 14, 2008 Valentine’s Day Meeting – Perry, NY

Queen Donna asked for everyone’s attention and from the crowd came Moxie’s reply: “I doubt it.” So started our Valentine’s Day meeting, with its many guests and musical program. Craig Bramer brought 4 generations of his family’s women: Mom Anita Bramer Piper, wife Linda, daughters Nicole, Charity and Ricci, daughter-in-law Monica and granddaughter Trinity. PP Roger Paddock’s lovely bride of almost 50 years, Brenda, joined us and QD’s hubby, Larry, was busy amid his table of Rotary friends. John Wheeler introduced TJ Woodward; Jessie Barth introduced Josh Wolcott, both of whom were inducted to the club in hilarious fashion by PP Mike Kelly. It was good to see PP Anne Humphrey again, a guest of Terry Murphy. Ruth & Cindy co-guested Guillarmo, our exchange student. Maureen Tillotson of Glen Iris Inn was guest of Nancy Meissel and Hans brought Wayne and Loretta Fisher and his darling wife, Leslie. Jeff Rase introduced us to his guests, daughter Kelsey, and Laurie Migliacco.

Newbies: Josh Wolcott was born Aug. 2, 1989, son of Wes Wolcott and Michelle Salamon Kraft. He graduated PCS in June, 2007 and studied culinary arts his freshman year at Johnson and Wales in Florida. We’re glad he’s back, not only because he’s our go-to tech guy and Last Night Perry man, he’s just a great guy and probably our youngest inductee ever. He works at West Asset, lifeguards at school and chefs with Peppers Catering. A musician, cook, golfer, runner, builder and collector, welcome, Josh!

T. J. Woodward was born in 1979 and is a 1998 grad of Batavia High School. He earned a criminal justice degree from Buff State in 2002 and mortician certification from the Simmons Institute of Funeral Service in 2003, becoming the third generation of his family in the funeral business, which now owns Eaton-Watson Funeral Home.

PP Mike explained our love of nicknames like Boom Boom and Moxie, though no one can remember why Norm McIntyre got the moniker or what it means. So he dubbed Josh and TJ Cookie and Digger.

Fine Things: PP John McClurg’s daughter Courtney made the news for swimming, which started as a \$2 fine. Then PP Wes Kline told of his trip with John to Detroit where the talk was all about Courtney though John figured why not, Wes seemed asleep. Then there was an error in the Herald’s coverage so LS paid \$2 and PP John \$5. PP John noticed that QD did not have her bell so QD fined John Wheeler, the pan man, \$2.

Valentine gifts abounded for QD who received candy and flowers and PP Hans presented flowers to Ruth G, as this time is special for her since it would have been her and Paul’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary followed 13 years later with the birth of their son Mark. PP

Knowing Perry High is in the papers all the time for sports and the girls’ Bball team is undefeated, QD fined anyone with kids in school, born or having business in Perry, etc. to throw in \$1. Guests had the option to opt out. There was an uproar.

PE Dr. Eric Bryant brought gifts, empty salt/pepper beer-bottle shakers, back from his Mexico trip with wife, Mary Jane, and a scouting tour for the next Wheeler wedding. Since his daughter plays Perry hoops, too, he proudly gave \$20.

Ralph Field is back from the Alps where he skied and toured Austria and Zurich returning with chocolates made elsewhere, \$8. Out of room so thanks to Mike and Don Hughes, Jeff Rase, Sally and Jessie for the music and Ann B for the V-Day poetry.

