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# ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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## **Pearl Harbor - Dec 7, 1941**



This past Saturday our nation, and the world, remembered the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 83 years ago. With thanks to Rob Citino, PhD at the National WWII Museum, here is an overview of that Date that will Live in Infamy...

“Pearl Harbor was a great gamble for Japan, and especially for the Imperial Japanese Navy. It was also a piece of skilled military planning, the work of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. Japan dispatched all six of its precious “fleet carriers” across 3,000 miles of open ocean in total secrecy, with the fleet arriving a few hundred miles north of the Hawaiian islands. The carriers launched their aircraft early on a Sunday morning. US forces were completely unprepared, and in less than ninety minutes, Japanese planes destroyed or damaged 19 US warships and 300 aircraft, and killed over 2,400 US servicemen. Almost half of the dead were crewmen from the battleship USS Arizona, which sank within minutes after a bomb struck its forward magazine, igniting more than a million pounds of ammunition. The ship’s remains still lie in the waters of Pearl Harbor, a constant memorial to that terrible morning.

With the US Navy temporarily out of the way, a massive Japanese offensive overran the European and colonial empires in Asia: Hong Kong, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, and New Guinea. US possessions, too, came under attack: the Philippines, the major US base in Asia; Guam; and Wake Island. The Japanese assault seemed irresistible, and at two places there were mass surrenders. At Singapore on the tip of Malaya, 80,000 British, Indian, and Australian troops went into captivity in February 1942. On the Philippines, attacking Japanese forces outmaneuvered a combined US/Filipino army under General Douglas MacArthur. The defenders retreated into the Bataan Peninsula and finally onto tiny Corregidor Island. MacArthur evacuated the islands (vowing, however, “I shall return”), but his entire force of 75,000 men surrendered in April 1942, the worst military defeat in US history. Their Japanese captors now subjected them to a brutal 65-mile forced march to POW camps in the Philippines. Hence, the infamous Bataan Death March (your editor’s father survived this ghastly march, and the next 41 months in Japanese POW camps...). In the course of just five days, at least 5,000 died, and perhaps many more, a grisly sign of what was to come in what the Japanese called the Great Pacific War.

Victory, defeat, shame, “infamy”: even today, the memory of these events is contradictory and contested. Different societies tend to “remember” events in their history differently, and that is especially true of traumatic moments. Japan and the United States have been friends and allies for decades, a welcome change from the 1930s and 40s. Nevertheless, the lessons, legacies, and memory of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor will continue to influence contemporary politics, diplomacy, and strategy into the future.”

## **Charlie’s \$2 Worth**

### **ON PEARL HARBOR...**

*“Yesterday, December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.”*

*- Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*“I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve.”*

*- Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto*

*“I heard cries, whispered prayers of fear, and cursing in anger; but through it all, I saw no panic.”*

*- Vaughn Hamberlin, Survivor*

*“We can’t forget Pearl Harbor, but I’m afraid that we might. At one time we had some young people from some of the schools helping us out with the ceremony, and they didn’t even know what Pearl Harbor was. That’s so sad.”*

*- Jack Hanna*

*“Never a day goes by for all these many years when I haven’t thought about it. I don’t talk about it too much, but when December rolls around I do. It’s important the American people don’t forget.”*

*- Donald Stratton, WWII veteran*

*“My father pulled into Pearl Harbor four days after the bombing, and he said, everything was still burning. He said they never told the public how bad it was. It was really bad.”*

*- John Lasseter*

*“The Japanese scored an important victory at Pearl Harbor, but the attack pulled the United States into World War II, and four years later, Japan was in ruins, utterly defeated.”*

*- Peter Bergen*

## **Upcoming Speakers/Events**

- Dec 11 - Board Meeting - all Club members welcome
- Dec 18 - John-Paul Biehn
- Dec 25 - Merry Christmas! - no meeting
- Jan 1 - Happy New Year! - no meeting
- Jan 8 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Jan 15 - Andrew Klinger
- Jan 22 - Royce Carter - Kyle Prewitt, Plainfield Police Chief
- Jan 29 - Danielle Bell
- Feb 5 - Dennis Reagle
- Feb 12 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Feb 19 - Donnie Emerson
- Feb 26 - Brad DuBois

## Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

Oct 1, 2024 through Oct 31, 2024

Member Name	Oct 2 2024	Oct 9 2024	Oct 16 2024	Oct 23 2024	Oct 30 2024	%
Ament, Susan Beth	Y		Y	Y	Y	80
Baer, Janet S	Y	Y		Y	Y	80
Baer, John M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Bell, Danielle Renee					Y	20
Bennett, Joseph D	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	100
Biehn, John-Paul E				Y		0
Burks, Diane Arnold	Y		Y		Y	60
Carter, Royce	Y	Y	Y	M		80
Culp, Brian N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
DuBois, Brad						0
Emerson, Donnie						0
Graham, John	Y		Y	Y	Y	80
Hank, Max C				Y	Y	40
Kinnamon, Daniel L			Y	Y	Y	60
Klinger, Andrew						0
Olinger, Scott	Y		Y		Y	60
Pies, Daniel Adam			Y		Y	40
Poray, Reann					Y	20
Rash, Ryan Allen				Y	Y	40
Reagle, Dennis J. Jr.						0
Sichting, Sherry D	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Turner, Dean F Jr.				Y	Y	40

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DECEMBER

**Liza Payton - Dec 2**  
**Susan Ament - Dec 20**  
**Reann Poray - Dec 26**

### Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Dec 11-17 - John & Jan Baer  
Dec 18-24 - Royce Carter  
Dec 25-31 - Joe Bennett  
Jan 1-7 - Brian Culp  
Jan 8-14 - Max Hank  
Jan 15-21 - Susan Ament  
Jan 22-28 - Royce Carter  
Jan 29-Feb 4 - Max Hank  
Feb 5-18 - Brian Culp

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SPEED BUMP



## UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Nov 6	Joe Bennett	Jun 18	Daniel Pies
Nov 20	John Baer	Jun 25	John-Paul Biehn
Dec 4	Jan Baer	Jul 2	Rocky Turner
Dec 18	John-Paul Biehn	Jul 16	Jan Baer
Jan 15	Andrew Klinger	Jul 23	Andrew Klinger
Jan 22	Royce Carter	Jul 30	Royce Carter
Jan 29	Danielle Bell	Aug 6	Danielle Bell
Feb 5	Dennis Reagle	Aug 20	Dennis Reagle
Feb 19	Ryan Rash	Aug 27	Ryan Rash
Feb 26	Brad DuBois	Sep 3	Brad DuBois
Mar 5	Sherry Sichting	Sep 17	Sherry Sichting
Mar 19	Donnie Emerson	Sep 24	Donnie Emerson
Mar 26	Diane Burks	Oct 1	Diane Burks
Apr 2	Max Hank	Oct 15	Max Hank
Apr 16	Scott Olinger	Oct 22	Scott Olinger
Apr 23	Daniel Kinnamon	Oct 29	Daniel Kinnamon
Apr 30	Susan Ament	Nov 5	Brian Culp
May 7	Reann Poray	Nov 19	Reann Poray
May 21	Joe Bennett	Dec 3	Joe Bennett
May 28	John Graham	Dec 17	John Graham
Jun 4	John Baer	Jan 7	John Baer

## 4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)

## Committees and Chairs

**Bulletin:** Max Hank

**Finance:** Joe Bennett

**Foundation:** John Baer

**Fundraising :**

**Golf Outing:** John Baer, Brad Dubois

**Crew Car Wash:** Sherry Sichting

**Membership:** Brian Culp

**Orientation:** John Baer & Diane Burks

**Programs:** Brian Culp

**PR & Website:** John Baer

**Quaker Day Parade & Picnic:** TBD

**Service Committees:** Royce Carter

**Literacy/LFL:** Joe Bennett

**Teacher of the Year:** Max Hank

**Youth:** Diane Burks

**Interact and RYLA:** Diane Burks

**Scholarships:** Max Hank

**Straight-A Salute:** Sherry Sichting

**The Imagination & Idea Labs:** Diane Burks