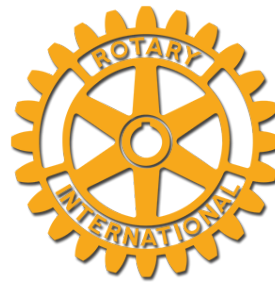


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January 30, 2023 Another thought provoking speaker... they just keep coming.

Meeting called to order 12:29 by Sean Flynn (one minute early)

Pledge: Everyone

Prayer: **John Hoover:** Has a few words of introduction about our speaker John Miksad and then pontificates about the need to end war. Good one, John.

Song: **Bob Price:** "America", two verses with harmony, of course.

Your Editor-Writer will be absent on Monday as he has become the latest Covid-19 infection site. Be aware the symptoms are different: they match the common cold. Will someone take meeting notes?

John Hoover needs someone to do the prayers. Jim Hlsey says he will. phew.

Guest:

Brian Markham of Southridge Technologies

Chris Cranor with Bill Llewelyn

Dennis Robb: guest of Bob Price

Mark Perlman: guest of Pat Matteson

Kevin Cassess: Guest of Bill Llewelyn (again)??

Visiting Rotarian:

Alon Safir: Tribury Club, but joining us soon...

Phil Dwyer: Bethlehem Rotary (when did that move happen?)

Stephen Howell: Rotary Club of Ewell in the UK. (across the pond)

Announcements:

Bill Llewellyn There is a Super Bowl Raffle fundraiser- There are Captains who will sell you a box on a chart and you might win and if you do you will have \$1,000 and so will our club's foundation... and that's pretty cool.

On May 15th there will be a golf tournament. All clubs allowed.

Sean Flynn (for Ginny) : We are having a trip to the new SHU hockey rink... February 10th. We will have a box! Tickets are available on the SHU site and half of the revenue goes to our club... a great deal and a great deal of fun for all.

Sean Flynn (for John Lee) : Our February 13rd meeting will be at the Rescue Mission at **725** Park Ave. It is right near 95, and is easy to get to. We will have a tour of the facility and of course our lunch.

Sean Flynn (for Doug Williams): the community awards is already here again! March 4th local people who have made a difference in our town will be honored. If you have some one you thing may deserve



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the honor, *contact Doug.*

Rena Fortuna (for Barbara Wells): The Golden Hill Soup Kitchen needs some helpers for food preparation on Wednesday, February 8th. For those of you who have a sweet tooth, there are always too many desserts... ??

Just Because \$\$\$\$:

Steve Layton: Family members had Covid, something about knee surgery and something about a blood clot. (helpful hint, don't borrow this reporter's pen when notes are being taken.)

Guests are introduced, see above... (pen not back yet...)

Kevin Cassese speaks about our military heroes and Bill Llewellyn presents a virtual check for his program. At least it can't bounce.

Ernie Karkut is honored with a Ugandan Water Well named after him. We do miss him.

Program:

Our speaker is **John Miksad** who is making his eighth Rotary presentation on "World Without War". John says that his views of today were not those of his recent yesterday. Suddenly, he finds himself being an Anti-War Activist. He discusses three factors that are overall threats to peace: the recent Pandemic of which there will be more and will be more frequent. He is concerned about Climate Change with its droughts, floods and whatever else... Lastly is the chance of a nuclear conflict. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has announced that we are on the 90-second-mark of the countdown clock to oblivion. Today's wars are no longer confined to the battlefields. There are no national boundaries, our safety is threatened everywhere and every way. With all of that, war won't solve our problems anyway. We know that one nation will not bring a resolution to the problem, but we have to step back and get started... So John has started.

John's presentation was designed to take twenty minutes to plant the seeds of thought among us. *It worked.* **M**utually **A**ssured **D**estruction needs to be replaced with **M**utually **A**ssured **C**ooperation.

For a Smile: You don't have to read it anywhere when you can observe it everywhere.

Door Duty Instructions

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please arrive 15 minutes early PROMPTLY at 12:00 noon to get set up.

Please read and follow instructions from Treasurer Janet in the cash box regarding accounting for and depositing money.

| | No Meeting | Holiday |
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| February 6, 2023 | Peggy Hodgkins | Peter Ventriglia |
| February 13, 2023 | John Hoover | Tom Walsh |

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| February 20, 2023 | No Meeting | Holiday |
| February 27, 2023 | Gary Kealey | Dan Walsh |
| March 6, 2023 | Mike Jehle | Barbara Welles |
| March 13, 2023 | Joseph Worthington | Doug Williams |
| March 20, 2023 | Steve Layton | Robert Russo |

Guest Policy:

Students, speakers, and guests are free.

Prospective members: 1st time it's on Rotary; 2nd time sponsor pays; 3rd and following the prospective member pays

Gift Card Sales

When you buy a gift card, you not only get the full value of the card... you earn the Club additional dollars for use on Club programs and projects. If you purchase a \$100 gift card for Stop & Shop or Home Depot, you get a \$100 gift card to that store. And, because the Club uses a specific vendor to initially purchase the gift cards, the Club receives a percentage of the values of the card back from the Vendor. A Home Depot card may pay the Club back 3%, or Lands End may pay %10. Again - You get Full Value... the Club gets varying percentages back from the Vendor. It will vary by card.

What doesn't vary is the fact that the Club gets money when you use the Gift Cards on things you'd spend money on anyway – Amazon, Whole Foods, Dunkin Donut, Stop and Shop... and so many other stores and services.

Contact Norma Peterson for more information or to purchase gift cards.

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PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING