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LAST MEETING



Past President Howie Montague spoke about his 43 years in Rotary.

He was born in Hudson in 1926, attended Philmont School, in January 1944 at the age of 17 joined the Navy. He served on a Destroyer Escort in the So. Pacific and was discharged in March of 1946.

In 1950 he joined the family business and retired in 1989. After retiring, Howie got bored and ran for assessor in 1991 being elected to 4 terms, retiring in 2006 due to medical problems.

He and Verna married on 9/25/44, have 7 Children, 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Three of their daughters joined Rotary: Phyllis in Oneida, Paula in Cortland and our own President Carol Ann.

Howie joined Rotary 6-7-65, sponsored and inducted by his father, Charter Member Bill Montague. Howie served as President 1975-76 and 1991-92. He served 3 DGs: Bernie Weaver(80-81) and Jack Tartamella (95-96) as Governors' Rep and as Conference Registration Chair for Herb Harder (1973).

Howie also worked on 2 major District projects; collecting text and library books and donating medical supplies and an ambulance for underdeveloped nations. He and Verna hosted GSE team members from Brazil, Sri Lanka and Wales and the team leaders from India.

He designed and helped build a replica of the High Rock Mill for the Philmont Centennial Parade. Although people challenged it was too big to pull through his garage door, Howie simply let the air out of the trailer tires and pulled it through.

Over the years, he has been involved with most club projects including Air Shows, Good Olde Days, Tractor Pulls and Lobsterfests. During his tenure, the club sent one of the Kozels to France to study on a RI Scholarship and Rick McCagg on a GSE trip.

He and Verna and 6 other couples attended the RI Convention in Montreal. They have visited RI headquarters in Evanston, IL where Paul Harris' office is on display.

Howie announced he is terminating his membership as of June 30th. Then a special letter from PDG Tartamella was read and presented. To thank Howie for his years of service, Carol Ann presented her father with an Honorary Membership Certificate his 3rd level Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Thank you from all of us for 43 years of true Service Above Self. We will miss you.

CLUB STATS

GUESTS: Verna M. son Howard,
Pat M.
ROTARIANS: Ray Murray, the Lanes,
Tony, Dave
50/50: Betty O.

2008 SCHEDULE of EVENTS

6/25 CAA –2006-2008
6/29 Installation **POSTPONED**
7/2 Regular meeting
7/21 Golf Tournament

Tonight

Carol presides over her last meeting as President.

FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or 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?

Menus

6/25 Chicken BBQ
6/29 Salmon with Dill sauce or
Cranberry stuffed Chicken

If you need an alternate meal please see Marci or our waitress when you arrive.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are receiving sponsor checks and teams are almost full. Tell golfers to register now before it is too late.

We are still in need of door prizes and will need additional donations. Note: we have a lot of sm and med size shirts and could use lg and XL.

2006-2008

As we come to the end of my 2 years as President, it is encouraging to look back at some of the things we were able to accomplish.

We hosted two successful Golf Tournaments, sent students to RYLA awarded scholarships at TH and the CG Vocational Scholarship. We cleaned the highway, sponsored Blood Drives, worked in the park, marched in the Memorial Day Parade and had our first float in the Flag Day Parade.

We hosted a Region 1 meeting for DG Yarmus and we were represented at the District Conferences. Jack kept the golf trophy.

Weekly programs included the Hudson waterfront, Philmont Library, V&O Press, Forensic Genealogy, a child's view of war, and touring the Firemen's Home. We were especially touched by the program on autism.

We threw ourselves a party on our 50th Anniversary. We brought the community together to remember the 5th Anniversary of 9/11.

Each year we adopted another family.

In the past year we have inducted 7 new members all of whom have proven to be welcomed additions to our club & motivated Rotarians.

Not bad for a small, but growing group.

It has been my honor to serve as your President. I thank each and every one of you who worked so hard to make my job easy and these past 2 years so successful.

Carol Ann