

January 15, 2008

Who was that masked man anyway? That's my way of saying hello to a special lunch guest and former Westhampton Rotarian and Postmaster **Sal Minardi**. It was really nice to talk with him and have him back for the day. The ♠ *Ace of Spades* ♠ card pull (now worth \$740.00) couldn't be bothered less. **Bill Dalton** found the 2 of Diamonds; **Emily Desrosier** selected the Jack of Clubs and guest **Brett Haefeli** found the 5 of Diamonds. Both Jokers are gone from the deck so everyone has a shot at the top prize.

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Important Note #1 - Spaghetti Dinner! - February 9th Coordinator **Fran Nill** has distributed the tickets to all members and you can always get more from her if you need them. Feel like making some *meatballs*??? The time for this event (also a make up by the way) is 4:00 PM on February 7th at Atlantica if you want to learn the secret recipe for our gustatory greatness.

Please make sure you've reserved your place mat ad and table signs for the event too.

The Program! Janet Cirrone arranged a truly unusual program today. The "*Chordial Gentry Quartet*" - a *Barbershop* singing group that sang for us and gave us a little history of their fine art. It may have roots back in the 16th century and some think that this type of harmony singing was popularized by ex-slaves after the Civil War period in the 1880's and 1890's. Their governing organization, primarily for male singers, now known as the *Barbershop Harmony Society* was founded in Tulsa in 1938 under a different name with the initials (I think) SPEBSQSA. Women Barbershop singers generally belong to the *Sweet Adelines*. There is a core of 13 "*Polecat*" songs that virtually all quartets know and practice so that members can easily sing with others. They were a smash hit and even did a Do-Wop version of the old *5 Satins* song "*In the Still Of The Night*". The finale was a stand up, join-in, sing-along of *God Bless America*. **A special note: Brian Crouse's** dad **Gene** sings tenor with the group. The balance of the singers are **Lead - Kevin Moriarty; Bass - Everett Thompson; and Baritone - Hy Matalon.**

Rev. Larry Dunlap has gone over the edge (so to speak) by volunteering to lead a team in the "*Peconic Plunge*" on February 9th that will benefit *Maureen's Haven*. Yes, he *is* going to be one of the "**Plungers**" so see **Larry** right away about adding to his sponsorship. Maybe you'll want to get your bathing suit wet early this year and join him.

Denis Yuen picked up the role of Sergeant today and used his bully pulpit to pepper us with facts and figures (in the form of questions of course) about *Maureen's Haven*. If your table answered the question correctly the prize was a free night at *Maureen's Haven*!!! Very funny **Denis**. And it must be said that **Paul Haines** had the courage and guts to stand up to the expected football harassment by showing up dressed in full *Cowboy's* regalia. **Marion Stark** showed up in her *Jessica Simpson* look-a-like costume but could not budge **Paul** even an inch. **Paul** insisted that he passed the time on Sunday by watching a videotape replay of the *Dallas* Superbowl win in 1996.

THE SERGEANT SCHEDULE! If you need to make a change - find a substitute and notify **Sharon Abbondandolo**.

Jan 22 — Jim Hulme	Jan 29 — Ruth Bruun	Feb 5 — Nick Vero
Feb 12 — Grant Werner	Feb 19 — ???????????????	Feb 26 — Vic Levy

ATTENDANCE — If you need to make a change **YOU** must find a substitute and notify **Mike Jacobs**.

Jan 22 — Clint Greenbaum	Jan 29 — Dick Haefeli	Feb 5 — Paul Haines
Feb 12 — Laura Hartman	Feb 19 — Anne Haselkorn	Feb 26 — Angelica Hondropulos