

January 26, 2008

The ♠ *Ace of Spades* ♠ (now worth about \$1,000) remains in the deck. **Pedro Henrique De Cristo**, a former exchange student from *Brazil*, who is applying to begin graduate studies at *Harvard* had the first chance at the big bucks today but even that good luck ended when he plucked the 6 of Diamonds. **Pedro** some of you may remember is an extremely skilled, intelligent and personable young man whom some have called the "*Future president of his country!*". **Gwenn Ramage** took the cash option and **Ginger Andrews** managed to coax out the King of Diamonds for her \$10 reward.

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Important Note #1 - Spaghetti Dinner! - February 10th - 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.

Important Note #2 - Last call for a space on the place mat and table signs for the Spaghetti Dinner. Please make sure you've reserved your place mat ad and table signs.

Important Note #3 - Rotary District Conference - April 10th - 13th, 2008 - ADG Gwenn Ramage presented the details of the much anticipated 34th annual *District 7260 Conference* which is being held at the classic *GIDEON PUTNAM* Resort and Spa set within the 2, 300 acre Saratoga Spa State Park in Saratoga Springs. It's a great opportunity to meet with others from our district and to experience the free exchange of Rotary knowledge to help with your clubs activities in the *Four Avenues Of Service*.

In addition to **Pedro** we also welcomed visiting Rotarians **Manuel Sosa Renault** and **Jessica Arias Mora** who represented *Club Rotario Puntarenas* in Costa Rica. For a look at their clubs activities, look at their web site (click here). Thank you for the pleasure of your company today.

Ruth Bruun morphed into the role of Sergeant and found that our knowledge of 50's and 60's pop culture details was not as good as we might think. Of course age was an advantage here (and a good memory didn't hurt either) if you happened to be there when many of these things were common knowledge and everyone knew who and what they were. **Gair Betts** made it to lunch today and took the opportunity to offer "*Better Luck Next Year*" wishes to **Paul Haines**.

Our second program was introduced by **Janet Cirrone**. **Patricia Snyder** is the *Executive Director* of the *East End Arts Council* headquartered in Riverhead. This 35 year old group supports the arts in just about every form - visual arts; theater; music - and spends a good deal of time working in our schools to bring the arts to young people. They conduct workshops and classes, mount gallery exhibitions, conduct summer arts camps and help to promote the arts on the East End to attract visitors to experience our thriving vibrant arts community. They work closely with the *Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center* in producing the *TEENY* Awards, designed to honor outstanding performers and writers in our high school theatrical productions.

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

Feb 5 — Nick Vero	Feb 12 — Grant Werner	Feb 19 — ?????????????
Feb 26 — Vic Levy	Mar 4 — Sharon Abbondandolo	Mar 11 — Catherine Salomone

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

Feb 5 — Paul Haines	Feb 12 — Laura Hartman	Feb 19 — Anne Haselkorn
Feb 26 — Angelica Hondropulos	Mar 4 — Bill Dalton	Mar 11 — John de la Fuente