

March 4, 2008

We are down to 3 (that's right **THREE**) cards in the deck and the ♠ *Ace of Spades* ♠ (now worth almost \$1,200 clams) stayed safely hidden on the bottom of the pack last week. I can pretty much be sure that someone, this week, is going to pick up a nice wad of wampum. We had the big guns out there targeting the ♠ *Ace* ♠ but **Denis Yuen, Jim Hulme** and **Grant Werner** took their best (collective) shots at the recalcitrant piece of paperboard but could not even wing it no less score a bull's eye.

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Important Note #1 - MEETING LOCATION TEMPORARY CHANGE. March 11th, March 18th and March 25th. The Patio is closed for these dates and the good folks at *PAUL'S STEAK HOUSE* in Speonk will host us for these three dates. We return to the Patio on April 1.

Important Note #2 - THE HARLEM WIZARDS! - March 14th - We lead off the big *Westhampton Beach St. Patrick's Irish Weekend* celebration with this great basketball entertainment at the high school Friday evening at 7:00 PM. We still have room for a few more Corporate/Business/Personal sponsors. Tickets are available **NOW**. If you want to (you should) **VOLUNTEER** for the event please call **Beth Flanagan** for assignment where you will fit best.

Important Note #3 - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!! *The Rotary District Conference - April 10th -13th, 2008* - The 34th annual *District 7260 Conference* is being held at the classic *GIDEON PUTNAM* Resort & Spa set in the 2,300 acre Saratoga Spa State Park in Saratoga Springs. It's a great opportunity to meet others from our district to experience the free exchange of Rotary knowledge and expand your ability to help with the *Four Avenues Of Service*.

Prexy **Hugh Merle** announced that he had been successful in garnering close to **\$9,000** in sponsorship money for the *Harlem Wizards* event which means that ticket sales are now our sole profit center. A very good job **Hugh**. This was also *RI FOUNDATION DAY* and **Pat Wall** was able to report that we are now above the 50% mark for sustaining members in our club with the addition of **Cindy Brant** and **John Green** to the ranks. **Greg Minasian** and **Greg Kalustian** introduced our most recent Westhampton Beach High School *Students of The Month*. For January it is **Sara Sweeney** whom you may recall was in *Venezuela* last year as a *Rotary Exchange Student* and is on her way to *St. Louis University* in *Madrid, Spain*. For February the honor fell to **Mark McBurnie III** who is a member of the Fire Department (I think in East Moriches) and is bound for *Boston College* next year. And finally in March we are citing **Hannah Wiles** who is on her way upstate one way or another to either *Cornell* or *Geneseo State University*.

Tom Kerr (without his French accent) gave us a quick demonstration of (according to him) a "*Sure Fire*" technique of self defense when attacked. He asked **Marie McAlary** to pose as his accomplice (don't worry, she retained an attorney immediately before the demonstration). It is hard to describe here on paper so I suggest you ask **Tom** for your own personal introduction to the technique. **Marie** has volunteered to give "*Expert Testimony*" if needed.

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

Mar 11 — Catherine Salomone	Mar 18 — Cindy Brant	Mar 25 — Tony Gugliemi
Apr 1 — The Kappenbergs	Apr 8 — Herb Phillips	Apr 15 — Marie McAlary

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

Mar 11 — Christopher David	Mar 18 — John de la Fuente	Mar 25 — Jim Hulme
Apr 1 — Randy Dean	Apr 8 — Rob Urban	Apr 15 — Mike Jacobs