

**"The MIDWAY"**  
**Mid Island Rotary Newsletter**  
**Meeting of March 7, 2007**

We had 12 members. Ron showed up later than Dennis, and Henry ran out as Ron arrived.  
Pledge - Gary  
Prayer - Carmine  
Four Way Test - George

Please submit Causes to Foundation members, Curt, Marguerite, or Henry. The Causes must be 501-C-3 charities or individual underprivileged families that need specific things. We work hard on raising the money...we need to work just as hard in finding truly needy causes.

The next Texas-Hold-Em is Wednesday March 21, at the Dug-Out. George and Robert C will have flyers and more details at our next meeting. Help is needed to run this event. Please contact Robert at [RCross@downtownsi.com](mailto:RCross@downtownsi.com)

MIR Evening of Culinary Delights is being Chaired by Robert C. and George. It will be held May 11th at the Staten Island Hotel. More info to follow.

The Fred Fiore Fund will be presenting two students with \$1000 - \$1500 scholarships at Installation Night.  
A Fred Fiore Foundation fundraiser is being planned for some time during JR's administration so that scholarships can be given every year. Details will follow.

MIR will be helping out a family that was burned out of their home as reported by the SI Advance.  
<http://www.silive.com/search/index.ssf?/base/news/117189004473460.xml&coll=1>  
Carmine is heading up this effort. We will be giving them gift certificates / cards for Target. Jeannie will be purchasing the gift cards on behalf of the club. Carmine is inviting the two fund raisers to a club meeting to present the gift cards.

Major fundraiser upcoming; Bowl-a-thon at Rabb's Lanes, Sunday April 22. John D. is heading the committee with support from Jeannie and Marguerite. Money raised will be split among the 3 MIR sponsored Interact Clubs. Sign sponsors are \$75 each. Charities that will receive funds are the Grace Foundation, American Cancer Society and a scholarship in memory of a student that passed away.

- a) the flyer was put together by the committee
- b) they are looking for lane sponsors and bowlers (\$75 a piece)

The MIR Board Meeting was held on March 5th @ Bernard's Office. Pizza is still left if anyone wants it!!!Next MIR Foundation meeting is March 15th @ 8 AM at Henry's Office.

Scholarship letters were sent out to all High Schools with Staten Island student's enrolled. The Scholarship Committee consists of Marguerite, Curt, Ron, Dr. Bob, John D., and Henry.

MIR's \$100 raffle tickets were distributed by Robert C to member's that were present. The drawing will be on June 27th at Installation Night. Robert C. and Chris D. are chairs of this fundraiser.

Gary, is chairing our combined Charter Night with North Shore Rotary with the help of Chris and Jeannie from MIR and Gail Strasberg from North Shore. It is to be held at the new Di Noi in Rosebank. **The date is Friday night, April 13.** Guests are \$75, members are free.

A 5 Club Council meeting was held this week:

- a) 5 club picnic ... nothing can be schedule @ Ft. Wadsworth in advance of ninety days ... so they are still waiting on that
- b) there is talk of inviting the New Orleans rotary president to Staten Island (from the Katrina fundraiser)
- c) SIEDC Business Conference on April 24 will have a wine and cheese reception hosted by the Five Clubs. Henry volunteered to coordinate with the SIEDC on behalf of MIR.

*MIR Installation of Offices and Presentation of Scholarships / Foundation Awards will take place on **Wednesday, June 27** at the new Di Noi in Rosebank (Downtown SI). Details to follow.*

Gianine Menechino and Renay Horstman spoke to us three weeks about raising funds to have programs in Public Schools to educate teachers about autism. They are looking to raise \$35,000 for the program. The fundraising event that was to take place March 3, 2007 at the St. George Theatre has been cancelled. Details on a new date to follow. For more information the website is [www.myspace.com/shesabutrflly](http://www.myspace.com/shesabutrflly). The foundation's contact information is [www.poac.net](http://www.poac.net) and information regarding the performers are:

Candlebox: [www.myspace.com/candlebox](http://www.myspace.com/candlebox) and [www.candleboxrocks.com](http://www.candleboxrocks.com)  
The Infinite Staircase: [www.myspace.com/theinfinitestaircase](http://www.myspace.com/theinfinitestaircase) and [www.theinfinitestaircase.net](http://www.theinfinitestaircase.net)  
Jay Black: [www.myspace.com/jayblackcomedy](http://www.myspace.com/jayblackcomedy) and [www.jayblackcomedy.com](http://www.jayblackcomedy.com)

Continue to bring in Food for Food Pantry's in need on Staten Island. This is Bernard's major initiative, so please support this activity.

Ron has volunteered to fill out the paperwork to get a matching grant from Rotary International for our donation to the Mandarino Foundation.

John D. worked the room for Sunshine.

George's ticket was picked but he did not pick the Jack of Diamonds. 23 cards are left with about 1,550 Bernard points available to the winner.

**MIR is looking for new good members. Bring a prospective new member to our next meeting.**

**The Updated 2006-2007 Rotary Calendar of Events:**

March 21	-Texas Hold'Em @ The Dugout
April 13	-Charter Night with North Shore - Di Noi, Rosebank
April 22	-Bowl-a-thon, Rabb's Lanes
April 24	-SIEDC Business Conference with 5 Club Rotary sponsored Cocktail Party - SI Hilton Hotel
May 4	-Evening of Culinary Delights
June 7	-Texas Hold'Em @ The Dugout
June 27	-Installation Dinner - Di Noi, Rosebank

You are reminded that Christina DeLisa from **Staten Island Supports Our Soldiers** (prior guest speaker at our Club) is trying to raise as much money as possible to help the returning vets. They are also looking for jobs to place vets. E-mail Chris at [sisos@verizon.net](mailto:sisos@verizon.net) with any job opportunities or if you want to volunteer. The SISOS at this time is unable to get any Government \$'s or assistance.

George has updated and is continuing to update the Mid Island Rotary Web Site. Please go to <http://www.midislandrotary.org/> to see the site.

*Bernard Policy - Fellowship to be at 7:30 am, Meeting start promptly at 8 am and over by 9:00 am.*

## **Rotary Club of Mid-Island Officers and Directors 2006-2007:**

President - Bernard Del Rey, CPA  
President - Elect - Robert DeSantis  
Vice President - John DeAmicis  
Secretary - Dennis Grimaldi  
Treasurer - George Dougherty  
Sergeant-At-Arms - Bob Cambria  
Directors - Gary Applebaum  
Jeannie Assante  
Louis P. Mahler, Jr.  
Immediate Past Pres. - Carmine DeSantis, Jr.

### **Mid Island Rotary Foundation Board**

Marguerite Fiore  
Curtis Aubrey  
Henry Arlin Salmon

## **Officers and Directors 2007-2008**

President: Robert DeSantis  
President Elect: John DeAmicis  
  
Vice President: George Dougherty  
Secretary: Jeannie Assante  
Treasurer: Ron Mannanice  
  
Sergeant at Arms: Robert Cambria  
Director 3 year: Christopher Dai  
  
Director 2 year: Robert Cross  
  
Director 1 year: Dennis Grimaldi

Foundation Board Members: Curt Aubrey, Marguerite Fiore, Carmine DeSantis, Lou Mahler.

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## **He is a very fast drinker**

A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool. The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be buddy?"

The man says, "Set me up with seven whiskey shots and make them doubles." The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all

seven are gone almost as quickly as they were served. Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doing all this drinking.

"You'd drink them this fast too if you had what I have."

The bartender hastily asks, "What do you have pal?"

The man quickly replies, "I have a dollar."