

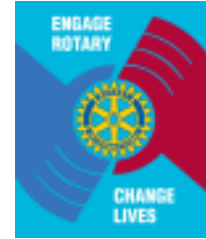
# Rotary Club of Dewitt

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 19    | <b>CLUB MEETING</b><br>Program:Conquering stress at The Workplace-Diana Wolgemuth of Dale Carnegie 12:10 PM |
| August 26    | <b>CLUB MEETING</b><br>Habitat Gardening-Linda Rossiter 12:10 PM  |
| September 2  | <b>CLUB MEETING</b><br>NO MEETING ....LABOR DAY HOLIDAY   |
| September 9  | <b>CLUB MEETING</b><br>Program:Don Reese FireFighters Protective Clothing Project 12:10 AM                  |
| September 14 | <b>Samaritan Center Serving</b><br>Serving at Samaritan Center 12:30 PM                                     |
| September 16 | <b>CLUB MEETING</b><br>Program:" Eddie Flum Dum We Come" A history of Syracuse TV w/ Tim Fox Ch.9 12:10 PM  |

The meeting was called to order by President Wallace with the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Father Rose .

**VISITORS AND GUESTS**, introduced by Michael Miller were: Father Rose and Barb Shepard of the Christ the King Retreat House and Peter Winnewisser, a guest of Joe McCarthy's.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jack Schultz and Joe McCarthy both gave a short review of the Veterans' Night at NBT stadium on August 8<sup>th</sup> when we hosted 20 disabled veterans from the VA.
- A Rotary Board meeting will be held tonight, the 12<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend.
- Our next feeding at the Samaritan Center will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Burnet needs a host to coordinate the feeding. If you are able, please contact her as soon as possible.
- Mel is still selling tickets for the football pool for SU football...tickets are only \$10 a square.
- We received thank you notes from Lucas Johnson for his JD Academic Scholarship

and from the Samaritan Center for our support of the Soup Bowl Open.

## PROGRAM

Conrad Janke introduced Father Rose and Barbara Shepard from the Christ the King Retreat House. The retreat is on Brookford



Road on the east side of the city, near Nottingham HS.

The Retreat House was built in 1934 for \$100,000 as a private residence for Mr. and Mrs. Parker Stacy. Mrs. Stacy, the former Marjorie Lipe, was the

daughter of one of the partners of the Brown-Lipe-Chapin Company. Mr. Stacey was the Lipe family chauffeur. At the time it was the largest private house in Syracuse, resting on 400 acres. Many fancy balls were held by the Stacy's and famous people like Governor Dewey and Wendell Wilkie were guests in the home.

In 1929 Mrs. Stacy's brother Charles Lipe and his wife were killed in a boating accident on the St. Lawrence River. At that time, Mrs. Stacy took custody of their three children. The Stacy's also had three children of their own. The children all lived in the house until they were in 9th grade, and then they went away to school.

On May 13, 1944, Rev. Robert Grewen purchased the house on behalf of the Jesuits from the Marjorie-Lipe-Stacey estate for \$45,000. About the same time, he was also instrumental in purchasing the Gifford Estate as a future site of LeMoyne College. He became director of Christ the King from 1944 to 1951. He was President of LeMoyne College from 1954 until 1961.

The Jesuits opened **Christ the King Retreat House** on November 10, 1944 for 34 men. During the first year of operation, there were 48 retreats and the total number of retreatants (all men) reached 1,000.

In 1955, the bedroom wing was added along with the Sacristy and the Downstairs Conference Room. The chapel was enlarged. The dining room and kitchen were moved from the first floor to the new area downstairs. The cook's corner was converted to the offices. The swimming pool was also added.

In 1994, the [Diocese of Syracuse](#) assumed responsibility of the Retreat House from the Jesuits. They completely renovated the building and the grounds. They opened the Retreat House to both men and women, to groups of all ages, to groups of all religious denominations and to business and corporate groups.

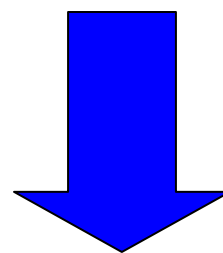
If interested, please see the Center's web page at <http://ctkretreat.com/> for a listing of their events.

**HAPPY DOLLARS** were offered by Sheryl Matt, Joe McCarthy, Conrad Janke, and Judge Schultz.

The **50-50** was won by Frank Decker.

The meeting was adjourned with a recitation of the 4-Way Test.

## SOME PICTURES FROM THE VETERANS OUTING AT NTB STADIUM



**BUS ARRIVING WITH VETERANS FOR  
DEWITT ROTARY BASEBALL NIGHT  
AT NTB STADIUM**



**FOR DEWITT ROTARIAN MIKE  
CADIN, HAPPINESS IS HAVING  
SOMETHING WARM AND FOAMY**



**ROTARIAN MICHAEL MILLER WITH  
DEWITT ROTARIAN, CONGRESSMAN  
DAN MAFFEI AND STATE  
ASSEMBLYMAN SAM ROBERTS**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Michael F Miller*