

**January 22, 2009**

Thayer Hotel  
West Point, New York  
Thursday, 7:30 am



The Holy Innocents food pantry, 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday of the month. Sacred Heart  
Food 10am – 2pm. (Money will  
supplement food donations.)

Today's Greeter – Bill Higgins  
Today's Prayer - Jon Blanc  
Today's Program – Business Meeting.  
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Last Week' Meeting  
President John introduced Laurie Tortel, a  
new member of the Town of Highlands Town  
Council, who discussed her idea's on the  
'greening' of the community. This would  
include: searching for grant monies, utilizing  
solar energy, creating a "green trail",  
alternative transportation, community bike  
racks, working with local utilities and many  
other innovations. Laurie seems like a very  
energetic person and hopefully she will have  
much success in her endeavors.

Jim Thomson received his third posting at  
the meeting and is scheduled to be sworn in  
at this meeting.

President John again thanked all who  
contributed their time & effort into the  
dictionary project. Hip, hip, hooray!

Pres. John mentioned the upcoming bus trip  
to the Philadelphia Flower show on March  
3<sup>rd</sup>. John's wife Angela is working with  
Shirley Bonsell on this event. See Shirley for  
tickets now.

Phil Brillante's Safety Tip! (Phil subbed for  
Katherine.) Beware of gridlocked roads!  
With this extremely cold, icy weather, allow  
plenty of stopping room when driving.

Jerry's Pushcart – Jerry Says:  
"In this slow economy I'm not making  
Lots of money! And I'm not faking!"



Visiting Rotarians -Guests  
Laurie Tortel, Councilwoman. T.O.H.

50/50 Drawing

Jim Thomson – Ace of spades.  
(Pot still low, but struggling up!)

Gee willikers,  
None again!

Happy Birthdays -  
None



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Phil Brillante, Bill Higgins, Ben  
Birillo, Josh Brewer, Cathy Kelly,  
Harold Spaeth, Judy Ferguson, Jon Blanc,  
Steve Scott, "Charlie" Murphy, Holger  
Bernhardt, Buddy Blackman, Don Segaria,  
Jerry Sheehan, Dave Weyant, & John  
McLellan.

Upcoming Programs

To be announced

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Attendees –

Percent –

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Memorial – To Edgar Allan Poe, who's 200<sup>th</sup>  
birthday was this past week, January 18<sup>th</sup>.  
In the 1830s, Poe served for 7 months as a Cadet  
at the U.S.M.A. before being dismissed. It's said  
that before leaving the area, he resided for a  
short time in a rooming house (the house is still  
standing) in what became Highland Falls:  
"Does he linger, does he last there?  
Is his shadow from the past there?"  
Perhaps "Benny Havens" would be a likelier  
location to look - if that were still standing....

WTH