

**November 20, 2008**

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



Jerry's Pushcart – Jerry Says:  
“Thanksgiving means ‘turkey with dressing’  
But a new white shoit is really a blessing!”



Todays Greeter – Bill Higgins  
Today's Prayer -  
Today's Program – Business Meeting

The Holy Innocents food pantry, 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday of the month. Sacred Heart Food  
10am – 2pm. (Money will supplement food  
Donations.) Judy Ferguson said that the food  
pantries are running low.

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Last Week's Program: This was a most  
interesting meeting with various letters of  
thanks, announcements, upcoming events,  
reports, pleas for assistance and humorous,  
happenings in the club. Jim Thompson (a  
native of Fort Montgomery) who is a  
sculptor-artist, related his experiences both  
as a boy, armed with a Daisy BB gun and a  
slingshot; service in Alaska with the 4<sup>th</sup> Reg.  
Combat team, and his work with computers  
in Kingsboro College. A truly heart-warmer  
was the parrot who saved a baby's life by  
squawking “momma baby, momma baby”  
when the infant was choking. That bird  
should receive a hero's medal.



Jerry Sheehan – Rec'd Thank You from the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Batt'n for his donation.

Barbara Herman – Sent a banner to the U.K.  
Steve Scott – Discussed gun safety: (Use  
trigger locks.)

Holiday Party – This will be held at the  
Thayer Hotel on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Shirley  
Bonsell is making arrangements.

Bell Ringing – Dec. 20 & 21. (See Dave)  
President John spoke on Col. Dan Bruno's  
presentation at the H. Falls firehouse on  
Vet's Day. (Great presentation.)

Pres. John also said several clubs are  
planning a get together. New  
Windsor/Cornwall.

Katherine Beekman's Safety moment.

Footwear – With the upcoming frosty  
mornings, wet leaves on the ground,  
darkness, etc., wear proper shoes to gain the  
utmost stability possible to combat these  
hazardous situations.



Visiting Rotarians - Guests

Jim Thompson - Next new member?  
Barbara Herman – Avon Rotary Club.

50/50 drawing Nov. 13, 2008 –  
Bill Higgins – 3 of Diamonds



Happy Birthdays –  
Jason Lynch – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>



Braggs: November 06, 2008  
Katherine Beekman, Ben Birillo,  
Shirley Bonsell, Steve Scott, Glen  
Moyer, Farrell Patrick, Holger Bernhardt,  
Cathy Kelly, John Blanc, Judy Ferguson,  
Jerry Sheehan, Bill Stone, Dave Weyant,  
Harold Spaeth, Glen Fraser & Buddy  
Blackman.



Upcoming Programs

To be announced.

Greeters — Bill Higgins – 11/20 & 11/27

Prayer Bearers — Desperately needed!

Attendance, Nov. 13, 2008

Attendee's \_\_\_ Percent \_\_\_?

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On Lincoln's Gettysburg Address – A Remembrance.

(Nov. 19 was the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address)

With head bent low his words came slow as he stood upon that stand,  
His words were read o'er those honored dead in a sore, divided land.  
In a nation rent, its flower spent in a storm fraught with alarm,  
The words he read in that field that bled were the hurricane's eye, the calm.  
The wooden stand on which that man spoke so long ago,  
Has fallen to dust, its nails to rust in time's relentless flow.  
His words alone have turned to stone, like granite they do last,  
They hold their form through strife and storm, and the cannon's fiery blast!  
His words though few through time ring true and a nation once bled white,  
Once more is one in the light of the Sun, having shed the darkness of night,  
And that hallowed field its dead will yield on Judgments final day,  
And their glorious rise to Paradise, will discern neither blue nor gray...

W.T. Higgins

