

Conversation with the Mayor - May 21, 2012
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It's Not All About Me

It pleases me that Palmyra has called itself 'Queen of Canal Towns', and justifiably so, since the mid 19th century. After last week, however, I believe that there is another descriptor which would be appropriate. More an addition than a change, this new tag, would add even more luster to the Queen's crown. Visualize if you will '*It's Not All About Me.*' in elegant script at the base of the crown. Three consecutive days last week brought this to mind.

Last Thursday my husband and I attended the annual Thank You Dinner hosted by the Newark Elks Club for the folks who drive for Home Meal Service, Meals on Wheels. (Meals on Wheels is just one of the organizations which the Elks entertain in this way.) I cannot tell you how many people attended but I do know that there were so many that the original serving plan for the evening was scrapped. A delicious served dinner replaced the intended buffet. There was no place to set it up. That, of course, made more work for the members of the Elks who were volunteering their time that evening. What we saw was a group of volunteers honoring another group of volunteers.

Friday morning, Palmyra-Macedon Central School District co-sponsored with Special Olympics New York the Spring 2012 Genesee Region Track & Field Event. 700 youngsters participated in a day of games in which, in multiple ways, everybody won. It went beautifully and a template was created for the future as the event will be held in Palmyra for the next several years. This didn't just happen. 200 volunteers - students, teachers, the Board of Education, Palmyra and Macedon police, the Sheriff, local officials, the Palmyra Legion, Section V officials, the band, the Select Choir gave their time and energy to make it a day the students from 20+ schools would remember with pride and pleasure.