



Guest Speaker: Robert Murphy, Binghamton Director of Economic Development, spoke to us about the potential impact of the \$500 million grant from the state to the Southern Tier. He said, among many other things, that the money will be focused on the core area (Binghamton), but that the effects would be felt throughout the area. His hope is that the grant will fuel a renewal of economic activity in the area, bringing greater prosperity.

Guests:

The Johnson City Club paid us a call since their meetings for the rest of the year are over. They are: Ken Wilcox, Nick Millard, Bob Hall, Rocky Martinez, and John Wojtowitz.



Our other guests were Robert Murphy, the speaker, and Matt Arnold, a potential new member.

50/50: \$31 was won by Ken Wilcox of the Johnson City Club.

Upcoming Speakers:

12/21: Ken Fernald & Jenn Small - Assoc for Vision Rehabilitation

01/04/2016 – Club assembly

Upcoming Events: 12/28-Coats for Kids at Kohl's at 10:30am

Fine Master: George and Ted shared finemaster duties. Ted asked for happy fines and received several, the most notable being Chris Day's upcoming trip to Asia. George fined everyone who didn't attend the Christmas party \$2 and then assessed a happy fine of \$2 for all those who did attend. They collected \$95.

Announcements:

- Coats for Kids needs more volunteers
- Trivia night for the School Foundation needs a team
- Heroin awareness night Jan 21 at VHS – need volunteers to make some refreshments.
- Steve Day reported that all four of our exchange students candidates were accepted into the program
- There will be a white elephant auction at the Jan 4 meeting. Bring a wrapped gift to be auctioned off
- For more information visit our website: <http://www.vestalrotary.org/>

December Celebrations:

Member Birthdays

31st – Pete “tax deduction” Griffiths

Anniversaries

20th – Dan and Meg Barker. 45 years strong!

Don's Joke Corner

Old is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes – and you're barefoot.

Quote of the Day:

God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.

Pope Francis

VESTALROTARY
2015-2016 Leadership Team

President	Teri Mahonski
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2nd VP	Dan Barker
Treasurer	Carol Belva
Secretary	Mark Capobianco
Programs	Mark Capobianco
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International Service	Steve Day/Siobhan Davey
Community Service	Aaron Martin/Art Pavelski
Vocational Service	Andy Papaleo
Club Service	Jim Ward
Rotary Foundation	Danielle Bulger
Interact Club	Rob Flanders
Vigilant Editor	Dan Barker
Dick's Open	Roy Cordero & Andy Papaleo
Holiday Food Drive	Carol Belva
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House Committee	Roy Cordero
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Member Relations	Ed Budnikas
Club Historian	Mark Capobianco
Coats for Kids	Rob Flanders
Webmaster	George Schwarztrauber
Immediate Past President	Roy Cordero
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ROTARY CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

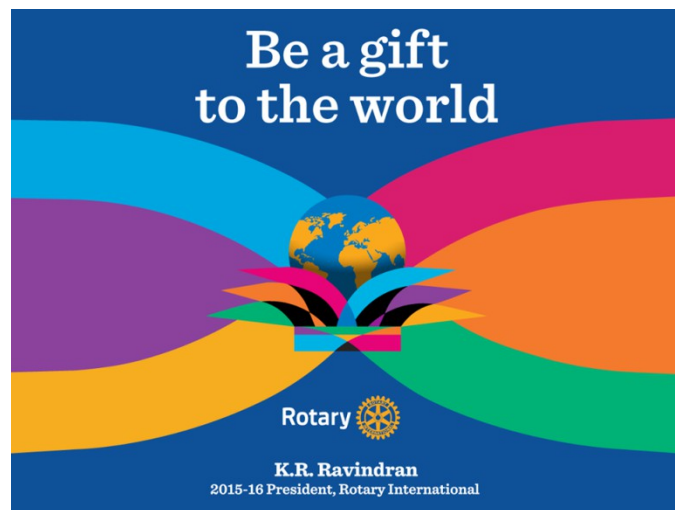
	MONDAY
Hillcrest	12:15- Villa Tuscana in Chenango Bridge (Red & White/Lower Level).
Vestal	12:15 – California Grill
Conklin	7:00 PM – Maines Community Center

	TUESDAY
Binghamton	12:15 – Terra Cotta
Endwell	12:15 – Brother's 2
Owego	12:05 – Owego Treadway Inn

	WEDNESDAY
Binghamton B-fast	7:15 am – The Binghamton Club
Greene	8 am – Varries
Colesville	6:15 pm – Hitchin' Post Rt. 7

	THURSDAY
Endicott	12:15 – Elk's Lodge, Route 26N
Johnson City	7:30 am – Davis College
Whitney Point	6:15 pm –Northern Broome Senior Center, 12 Strongs Place

	FRIDAY
Nimmonsburg	12:15 – Chenango Town Hall



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The Vigilant:

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Guest Speaker

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