News Both Fit and Unfit!

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker was Dr. Gloria Meredith, the founding dean for the Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She comes to BU with quite an impressive resume' inclusive of several posts at universities around the country holding positions as assistant



professor, associate professor, professor, chair and founding dean. Dr. Meredith also conducts research on Parkinson's disease and drug addiction. She also co-authored a 2007 article in Nature that tests a potential neuroprotective drug for Parkinson's disease that is no in Phase III clinical trials! The school opens in April/May of 2018 and they are already recruiting students to fill their 85-90 pharmacy students/class and 30-50 PhD students for their inaugural year. They will also welcome 34 faculty members to the Greater Binghamton area! In addition, they will be looking to attract researchers for pharmaceutical companies, bio-tech companies and start-ups to occupy 2 of the 4 floors at the new building in Johnson City near UHS-Wilson.

Guests:

Brittany Spritzer Jeff Smith Dr Gloria Meredith – our guest

50/50

Matt won a whopping \$17!! Hoping it will be the start of something bigger as he heads off to Vegas!!

Fine Master:

Surprised... Ted was this week's fine master and was quick to find ways to raise money for the coffers. He started with asking which members had included Val our exchange student in an outing for dinner, movie or any other family fun... those that had not were fined! Matt was the winner of the 50/50 and paid a fine. There were many "HAPPY PEOPLE" in the room. Ted for having his grandchildren for the weekend while his son celebrated an anniversary; Peter for getting to NYC and spending time with his daughter (Rangers game too); Andy for a new marketing idea in having shoes made up to promote AP Entertainment; Matt for flying off to Vegas; Neil for having members in our club like Ted that fill in for others at Nursing Home among other things... Finally, Ted threw in a fine just because Rick was HAPPY today!

Upcoming Speakers:

2/27: Laura A Dwyer - BU Community Service Project3/6: Kim Michalak & Eric Freeman Hearing HealthUSA

3/20/17 – Candace Gregory, Director - 211, United Way of Broome County

3/27/17 – Shelbi DuBord, Director, Community Initiatives & Planning, United Way of Broome County

<u> Announcements:</u>

- District Conference May 5 thru May 7 in Canandaigua. Please reserve your rooms NOW! Refer to email from George on 2/20.
- DSG Open Aug 18-20th we will be assigned to the same tent as the past few years and a few other smaller venues as well. Signup will begin in the end of April, beginning of May!
- RI Conference in Atlanta June 10-14. Bill Gates will be the keynote speaker! He will be continuing his commitment to Polio Plus with an additional \$35MM in matching funds!
- For more information visit our website: http://www.vestalrotary.org/

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

3/11 – St Patrick's Day Party. Please give tickets & money to George. If you need help selling your tickets, let Roy know ASAP. Any auction items collected can be brought to our regular Monday meeting or drop them to Roy's office. If needed, Roy offered to pick up items as well!

February Celebrations

Birthdays:

3rd Andy Papaleo Anniversaries:

4th Pete and Sandy Griffiths: 33 Years

15th Ryoichi and Debbie Matsushima: 31 years



Don's Joke Corner

TOLD MY WIFE SHE WAS DRAWING HER EYEBROWS TOO HIGH.
SHE LOOKED SURPRISED.

Quote of the Day:

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination. – Tommy Lasorda

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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 – Holiday Inn Arena

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 – Varies

Colesville 6:15 pm – Hitchin' Post Rt. 7

THURSDAY

Endicott 12:15 – Nirchi's Washington Ave.

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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Laura A Dwyer - BU Community Service Project



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