

News Both Fit and Unfit!

Guest Speaker:



Dr Joe Sellepack, Executive Director of the BC Council of Churches spoke about the programs that he has been a part of for 11 years. They have over 1000 volunteers and 20 staff. They represent 150 congregations of all denominations. The theme for this year is Caring for All Gods Children. Their largest program is CHOW which operates 90 food pantries and community meal programs. In 2017 they distributed 2.1 million pounds of food, of which 55% was produce perishables. The CHOW bus makes 11 stops in the county at senior centers, libraries and communities without stores nearby, to sell deeply discounted food products. The funds raised are then used to support the kid's summer lunch program. The Ramp It Up program uses youth groups to build wheelchairs ramps and constructs about 20/yr. The Faith In Action program has 300 drivers servicing 400 seniors who live at home and helps them shop and go to doctors appointments. The Hospital Ministry at UHS had 19,000 visits last year, and the HOP is the jail ministry which operates literacy and GED programs in the county jail.

Guests:

Joe Sellepack, Phil Grommet

50/50

\$16.00 won by Ursula

Fine Master:

Art Pavelski served as fine master and collected \$16.00 by quizzing us all on Presidential trivia, in honor of President's Day!

Upcoming Speakers:

3/5 Special Raffle Prep Meeting –bring your baskets, silent auction items, door prizes, sold tickets and \$. Sign up for a duty on auction day—set up, 50/50 sales, silent auction cashiers, clean-up, etc. We need your help to make the event a success!

3/12 John Frazier & Kevin Heard-Binghamton University

3/19 Mark Bowers & Paula Perna-Binghamton-Broome Anti-Poverty Initiative

3/26 Jason Garner, Broome County Executive



Don's Joke Corner

Q: Why do Olympic curlers use brooms?

A: Because vacuum cleaner cords aren't long enough

What do you call a slow skier?... A slopepoke!

What did the skeleton drive to the figure skating competition?... A Zam-bony

Announcements:

- Ursula is in the Vestal High School musical which is Beauty and the Beast. It runs Thurs-22nd-Sun 25th. Attend and show your support! Ursula's sister is coming to visit Feb 24th-March 15th, and she will need a ride to and from the Syracuse Airport. Call Siobhan if you can help.
- It's Raffle Time—our annual St Pat's fundraiser is fast approaching!-March 10th. Be responsible and please solicit donations for Silent Auction items. Roy sent out an email with an excel file showing which businesses you are assigned to. Go in person to ask for the donation-don't just drop a letter in the mail. It is much more effective. Everyone should sell their assigned tickets and if you can't, notify Roy right away and turn them in so someone else can sell them. Every club member is expected to make 2 baskets for the silent auction. You can drop auction items off to Roy or call him and he will pick them up. We need everyone to bring a bottle of wine for door prizes which are drawn during the raffle evening. We also need you to bring a dessert on the day of the raffle, which will be served that night—homemade or bakery!
- For more information visit our website:
<http://www.vestalrotary.org/>

Upcoming Events

3/5 Special Raffle Prep meeting!-Don't miss it!

3/10 St Patrick's Day Party and Raffle

3/20 RYLA interviews

4/16 Our meeting to be held at Vestal High School with Interact and student government leaders

Quote of the Day:

"The most important thing in the Olympic games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well." -Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympic games



VESTAL ROTARY
2017-2018 Leadership Team

President	Ted Wolf
1st VP/Fund Raising	Matt Conlon
2nd VP	Rob Warholic
Treasurer	Teri Mahonski
Secretary	Mark Capobianco
Programs	Mark Capobianco
Sgts-at-Arms	Mike Mercincavage
International Service	Steve Day/Siobhan Davey
Community Service	Aaron Martin
Vocational Service	Andy Papaleo
Club Service	Ed Budnikas/Jim Ward
Rotary Foundation	Danielle Bulger
Interact Club	Siobhan Davey
Vigilant Editor	Rick Pedro
Dick's Open	Roy Cordero & Andy Papaleo
Holiday Food Drive	Carol Belva
Membership	Pete Griffiths
House Committee	George Schwarztrauber
Public Relations	Andy Papaleo
Member Relations	Ed Budnikas
Club Historian	Mark Capobianco
Coats for Kids	Rob Flanders
Webmaster	George Schwarztrauber
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2017 -2018 Theme

The Vigilant:

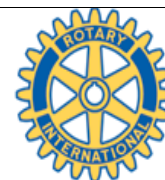
**News, Notes and
Nonsense of the Vestal
Rotary Club**

Club # 4903

www.VestalRotary.org

**Monday, February 26, 2018
Reporting: Candy Patteson**

John Butler-Vestal Chief of Police



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ROTARY CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Hillcrest 12:15- Villa Toscana 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