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District Governor: Tom Rogers

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110 Members

Dec. 8, 2016

Dee Reed

Dee Reed, Owner of Heels & Hobos

IN THE WINGS

Dec. 15, 2016

Martha and Bill Benedict
Breathe and heal

SPECIAL NOTE

PLEASE MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

THERE WILL BE A DINNER MEETING WITH THE VISITING ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT AT THE RADISSON HOTEL AT 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017. THE USUAL THURSDAY LUNCHEON MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2017 WILL BE CANCELLED. PLEASE COME TO THE DINNER MEETING AND BRING YOUR SPOUSE.

THIS WEEK

President Bill Boland opened the meeting in the Carder Room and presided. **Jim Hudson** set the tone for the meeting on the piano The

members sang "My Country 'tis of thee, " and pledged allegiance to the flag. **Deacon Ray Defendorf** gave the invocation, praising the wonder of lights in the darkest month of the year; and **Gail Hostuttler** served as greeter for the meeting.

GUESTS

At **President Bill's** request, **Gail Hostuttler** asked hosts to introduce their guests. **Sam Sanfratello** introduced his wife, Audrey; and **Jack Kelly** introduced Gunars Reimanis, the father of the program speaker, Ivar Reimanis.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Rod Noel claimed a genuine December birthday and escaped un-fined. **Bill Plummer**



claimed his usual exemption, and would have received the usual \$2 fine—except that he was also celebrating his wife's wedding anniversary. So, he escaped the fine. **Gail Hostuttler** claimed that her November birthday fell within the December grace period; but **Bill** wasn't buying. She paid \$2. **Tom O'Brien** tried the old "I am celebrating another important event" ploy—but to no avail. He paid \$2.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Bill recognized and thanked **Dave Anderson** for his service to the Club as the Club's historian. How long has **Dave** been doing this? No one could remember.

Bill then turned to **Deacon Ray** and asked him to explain a Daily News report about his wedding. **Deacon Ray** said it was nothing more than a run-of-the-mill, folk wedding in a tent in a cathedral in Rochester on July 4, 1967, followed by fireworks and other types of eruptions. He paid a \$4 fine.

Bill asked **Buddy Cutler** what new nickname he would like to have. **Buddy** said it was not repeatable, even in the present company; and no one pressed the issue.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gail Hostuttler

announced that the YMCA was conducting a membership promotion called the "12 days of fitness," including free services at the "Y" and waiver of the joining fee.



Stuart Sammis reported that it is now Red Kettle time on Market Street. He said all time slots have been filled; but ringer-helpers are always welcome.



Dave Anderson announced that he and Mamie are celebrating their 58th wedding

anniversary. We wish them much happiness, as they have given much happiness to others.

Ted Goldwyn announced that **Stu Sammis** will be presenting a seminar on how to improve efficiencies and productivity, on December 6, 2016 at the Centerway ExecuCenter, 5 East Market Street in Corning.



Tom O'Brien announced that the District Governors Elect Hospitality Program will conduct a dinner meeting with five District Governor elect guests for all Club members. The dinner meeting will take place at 6 P.M. on Monday evening, January 9, 2017 at the Radisson. The usual luncheon meeting on Thurs, Jan 12, 2017 will be cancelled. The cost of the dinner will be \$16 per person, payable at the door. **Tom** asked all members to mark those dates on their calendars; and to please come to the dinner and bring their spouse.



Mike Platt presented a Rube Goldberg design flag pole featuring six Rotary banners that he received during a recent Rotary Friendship Exchange visit to Australia. Mike noted that each of the 6 clubs he visited produced 5 hosting couples for their guests. There followed a heated discussion as to who should take care of the banners. **Michele Donegan** won (or lost, as the case may be) and took the banners.



Nora Smith reminded the members of a Rotary Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at the Radisson at 12:10 sharp. She asked members to respond to a "Club Runner" invite coming out shortly.

Hari Sharma said he had received even more banners than **Mike Platt**, on his Friendship Exchange visits to Nepal and England. He produced a white scarf, which **Bill** wore during the rest of the meeting.

Andy Taylor reported that Lucas, our exchange student, will soon move to the home of Mark and Beth Landin, and after that, to



Jim Webb's house. **Andy** also reported that he received a communication from Holly Boersen, our outgoing exchange student, who said she is having a wonderful time in Spain.

Gil Sweet reported that he had procured a supply of magnetic clips that will hold your badge in place. He warned that those with pace makers should not use them. Ted Marks remarked that most of the members better not use them. See Gil if you qualify and you want one.

LUCAS' REPORT

Lucas noted that he misses **Ted Goldwyn's** hat, and that last week included Thanksgiving festivities. He also reported hearing strange noises.



PROGRAM

Dick Pope introduced Ivar Reimanis, the Program speaker. Ivar, who is the son of Gunar Reimanis, grew up in Corning, attending local schools before pursuing and achieving an impressive array of academic distinctions. He is currently the Director of the Colorado Center for Advanced Ceramics at Colorado School of Mines. Ivar engages in mountaineering in his spare time; and his presentation recounted his climb to the top of Mt. Denali in Alaska with two climbing partners in June of this year.



The mountain's statistics are daunting. It is the highest mountain in North America at 20,310 feet; and the temperatures on the mountain sometimes drop below minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Only about 1,000 persons try to climb the mountain per year; and half of them fail to make it to the top. The mountain has thousand – foot cliffs; and it is covered with glaciers. The photos tell the story, including: the fitness of the climbers; the dangers of the climb; the climbers’ perseverance and their planning. It was a pleasure to experience Ivar’s climb -- from the comfort of our hotel chairs.



50/50: Dr. Bob Cole’s table won the sure win prize.

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