

Crystal Cogs



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NEXT

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 2016

HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE CORNING COUNTRY CLUB (5:30 P.M. COCKTAILS; 6:15 P.M. DINNER)

THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 2016

NO MEETING (SEE ABOVE)

IN THE WINGS

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SPECIAL NOTE

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

THIS WEEK

The meeting was held in the Radisson's Keuka room. President **Bill Boland** presided; and he asked to be addressed as **King William.**

Jim Hudson played the piano; **Marshall Hyde** was the greeter;



Paula Smith was the fine collector; **Gil Sweet** was the photographer; and **Tom O'Brien** was the scribe. **John Wahlig** said the invocation, giving thanks for the guidance of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

GUESTS

On **King William's** signal, Greeter **Marshall Hyde** asked the hosts to introduce their guests. **Gil Sweet**

introduced Bill and Martha Benedict, and Sheila Katz, the meeting's Program speakers; Gil's wife, Harriet; and **Phylis Jensen** introduced Stacy Ward.



MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gil Sweet notified the members of a series of three concerts sponsored by the Corning Painted Post Civic Music Association. Tickets are now available.

Tom O'Brien reminded the members that there will be a dinner meeting for all the members to meet the visiting District Governors Elect on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The usual Thursday meeting that week on January 12, 2017 will be cancelled.



Tom asked all members to try to come to the dinner and to bring their spouses. He also asked for a show of hands as to how many of those present thought they would be able to come to the dinner. Approximately half of the 62 members present raised their hands.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

King William opened with a royal edict: "Come to the Club's Christmas Party at the Corning Country Club on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.; and dinner will be served starting at 6:15 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$35 each, payable at the door.

The party will incorporate the usual weekly meeting; and there will not be a meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2016.”

King William noted that Lucas was not here.

King William asked **Tom O'Brien** to report on a new project of the Club. **Tom** reported that the Board recently voted to undertake a project to create a pedestrian path along the Chemung River, from South Corning to Painted Post and Erwin. The path would be primitive (i.e., not paved); and its full length could eventually extend over seven miles.

Tom explained that the Department of Environmental Conservation designed the space between the dikes and the river to accommodate the DEC's inspection vehicles; and, as a result, that strip of land is ideal for the proposed path. The path, he said, would be unbroken over its entire length, accessible from many locations, and completely removed from roads, cars and trucks.

The project will not require any new construction; and because the flood control lands are publically owned and managed, nothing will have to be purchased. The reason the land in its current condition cannot be used as a path, he said, is that the grass and weeds on it are allowed to grow too long.

The essence of the project will be to cut a strip of grass about ten feet wide the length of the flood control project, and to cut it frequently enough to maintain a walkable and bikeable surface. **Tom** said that, about a month ago, the Village of Riverside, working under the guidance of the DEC, cut a ten-foot wide strip of grass in its flood plain, and created a pedestrian path approximately one mile long.

Their project, **Tom** said, can serve as a model for ours. **Tom** said the project will require a team to plan the path and to work with the DEC and the river-side municipalities to bring it into existence. He asked anyone interested in working on the project to see him or **Bill Boland**.



PROGRAM

Gil Sweet introduced Bill and Martha Benedict and Sheila Katz as the Program



speakers. Each of the speakers demonstrated a specialty role in delivering breathe, body and mind therapies to persons in stressful circumstances. Each asked the members to try various breathing,

movement and relaxation exercises to reduce stress and induce feelings of calmness and energy.



King William, wearing a woolen sweater proclaiming “Rocking Around the Christmas Tree” and blinking lights, was clearly under stress, particularly when he started waving his arms and jumping up and down.



It is doubtful that the therapy relieved his stress. In any event, many in the room felt relief that they were not wearing his sweater and blinking lights.

50/50: **Crandall's** table won the “sure win” prize.

Photos: **Gil Sweet**

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