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Thursday 5:30 p.m. Corning Country Club
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NO MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016

NEXT WEEK

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INTERNATIONAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
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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 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017. THE USUAL THURSDAY LUNCHEON MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2017 IS CANCELLED. PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR SPOUSE.

THE HOLIDAY PARTY

The December 21, 2016 Holiday Party was held on the second floor of the Corning Country Club, with cocktails served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:15 p.m. **Jim Hudson** continued the custom of fine music before the meeting, by playing on the Country Club's grand piano by the entrance on the first floor.



invocation, reading from a Christian Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson. President (and King) **William Boland** opened the meeting, but postponed business until the main course was completed.

Marshall Hyde was the greeter; **Kelly Copp** collected the money; and **Gil Sweet** was the photographer. **Jon Carpenter** gave the

GUESTS

When the main course was completed, **King William** asked **Marshall Hyde** to introduce the guests and their hosts. Since at least half those present were guests and no one had taken notes, freestyle introductions ensued. The process was complicated by mass exits to the rest rooms.

Some notable introductions included: **Dick Perry** introduced Betty, **John Wahlig's** wife; **Charlie Tyo** introduced his wife of 51 years, who at that moment was at a separate table and unable to be located;

Kelly Copp introduced her lovely husband; and many members introduced their spouses of 50 years or so, although it was not clear how the numbers were calculated.

PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bill (aka King William) asked the members for 15 minutes to allow for introspection as to his self-proclaimed kingship. There being a general preoccupation with the cheese cake, no one objected. **King William** proceeded to



examine why he wanted to be King, what is the purpose of the Rotary Kingdom, and should the Kingdom concept be abandoned (known as "Rexit"). Of course, he conceded,

there were hints of a personality cult being involved; and there is the fact that everybody wants to be a king. But then the deeper reasons have to be examined. Unfortunately, there was not time to consider the deeper reasons. So -- **King William** concluded that the kingdom was a good idea, Rexit is not a good idea, and the kingdom is back, with him as king.

PROGRAM

The program for the Holiday Party was a concert by the Vintage Recorder Consort, which consisted of **Dick Perry**, three of **Dick's** former recorder students (Gretta Tomb, Cathy Hogan and Sue Boland) and Jean Grey.



Each of the musicians played a recorder of a different size and tonality. The selection of pieces played was wide-ranging, from music written by King Henry VIII, to Jewish melodies, to Christmas Carols.

As leader of the group, **Dick** undertook to explain some of the fine points of recorder music. He said that some recorders play notes that are an octave higher than the notes you are hearing—which was a bit difficult to grasp. Dick also explained that recorders are sometimes called “fipple flutes” or “block flutes”; and he described briefly how they are constructed.

Regardless of the technical details, the music you could actually hear was quite pleasant and the audience showed its appreciation for the skill and hard work that had gone into the musical performance. Thank you to **Dick** and the Vintage Recorder Consort for a delightful concert and a fine end to the holiday party.

CLOSING

King William closed the festivities with a toast to the good health and fellowship of all those present. There was no 50/50 drawing.

Photos by Gil Sweet



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