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**Thursday 5:30 p.m. Corning Country Club**  
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## NEXT WEEK

**JAN. 5 2017 TAYLOR FREY**  
International Habitat for Humanity  
Youth Representative

## IN THE WINGS

**JAN. 9, 2017 SPECIAL DINNER**  
Meet Six District Governors Elect from  
Around The World

## REMINDER

There will be a **dinner meeting** for all members with the visiting Rotary District Governors Elect at the Radisson Corning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017.

The Thursday luncheon meeting on January 12, 2017 is **cancelled**. Please come and bring your spouse.

## THIS WEEK

The meeting was held in the Carder Room of the Radisson Hotel. **Jim Hudson** played the piano; **Bill Boland** presided (as President and King). **Ernie Danforth** was the Greeter; **Paula Smith** was the money collector; and **Dick Perry** was the photographer. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a verse of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", **Ellen Kreopolides (Mrs. K)** gave the invocation.

## GUESTS

**Ernie Danforth** called on the hosts to introduce their guests. **Ted Goldwyn** introduced his son, Noah, and his daughter, Neila; **Stuart Sammis** introduced his wife, Barbara; **Dick Pope** introduced a "gaggle" of guests, namely: Harmony Ayers- Friedlander; Steve and Viki Rossettie; Tricia Rossettie; Emily Carson; James Hauck; Mary Lou Walker; and **Dick's** wife, Jackie.



**Hari Sharma** introduced his wife, Indira and his grandson, Smehan (who, the members were happy to learn, is a lawyer).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

At King **Bill's** request, **Tom O'Brien** reminded the members that the Club will have a dinner meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Radisson from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at which the members can meet six District Governors Elect from clubs around the world.

The DGE's are spending four days in Corning on their way to formal training in San Diego. The dinner meeting will take the place of the Thursday, January 12, 2017 meeting (which is cancelled); and all members are urged to come and bring their spouses. As an added benefit, in recognition of a good turnout, **Tom O'Brien** promised to stop making this announcement.

**Gil Sweet** said he still had 11 magnetic badge holders, which he said he would sell for \$1 each and donate the proceeds to the Club.



**King Bill** read a letter to former President **Buddy Cutler** from the Wineglass Marathon organization thanking the Corning Rotary Club for its help in making the recent Wineglass Marathon a huge success, including 6,500 runners from 48 states and 9 countries. The letter included a \$1,000 donation to the Club in thanks for its help.



**King Bill** noted that Lucas, our exchange student, was on vacation.

## SHARE YOUR LIFE (AND YOUR MONEY)

**King Bill** announced his institution of a new fun game, which he called "Share your life." The players soon learned that was not all they would share.

**Mrs. K** was the lead-off sharer. When asked what she liked to do during the holidays, she responded "bake." She then listed what she liked to bake. **King Bill** fined her \$5 for listing too much.

Next up was **Jim Webb**. He responded that his best present was having his family together. That cheeky answer cost him \$2.

**Father Lew** said that his best memory of the season was a service for parishioners at the V.A. Nice try! **King Bill** fined him \$2.



To demonstrate equal opportunity for the Jewish members, **King Bill** asked **Les Rosenbloom** to explain Hanukkah. **Les'** explanation was good; but not good enough to escape a fine.

Rotary guest and Kiwanian (and father of the Program speaker), Steve Rossettie, claimed an exemption from fines for guests. **King Bill** ruled that the exemption does not apply to Kiwanians and fined him \$5. Not wishing to test his ruling, **King Bill** paid the fine himself.

**Nora Smith** described her relaxing vacation, practicing for retirement. She noted that the President cannot fine the Treasurer; but she offered to match any fines **King Bill** offered to pay on her behalf. The matter remained unresolved.

Finally, **Brian Klotz** said he experienced a rare occurrence —namely a vacation spent with infants and other relatives in which he did not catch something.

The fun game proved the point that it is always nice to share other peoples' stuff.

## PROGRAM

Dick Pope introduced Tricia Rossettie, the daughter of Steve and Viki Rossettie and a former speaker to the Club (on her epic hike



of the Appalachian Trail with her sister). Tricia is a student of Wild Life Services at New Mexico State University (Phi Beta Kappa), currently working towards a Master's degree in Mountain Lion Research.

In addition to her academic achievements, Tricia is a former assistant manager of **Dick Pope's** Glass Menagerie.



As **Ted Goldwyn** observed elsewhere, Tricia knows cats; and she's not lion. Tricia's master's thesis is based on a monitoring initiative led by Dr. Travis Perry at the University to determine the density of mountain lions throughout New Mexico and to develop less invasive methods for tracking and monitoring them.



Tricia said that mountain lions are currently located and tracked using remote cameras; trapping those they can catch; anesthetizing them and placing collars on them. Tricia is working on methods and devices that can allow for genetic studies on hair and scat samples obtained from the mountain lions in harmless ways. She pointed out that it is important to have a better knowledge of the numbers of mountain lions to ensure that they are not over-hunted or become so numerous that they are a problem for other animals.

**50/ 50: John Wahlig's** table won the sure-win prize of \$12.

Photos: **Dick Perry**

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