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NEXT WEEK

Feb. 22, 2018 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast Meeting. at the Radisson
International Dinner, Why Come?

IN THE WINGS

Mar. 1, 2018 Hilton Garden Inn—status
Mar. 8, 2018 Importance of organ donation

THIS WEEK

The members assembled for lunch at the Corning Radisson. **Jim Hudson** brightened spirits with his piano playing. **David Kartzman** was the greeter; **Dick Perry** was the photographer; and **Wanda Rivera** gave the invocation, asking for some solace for



those killed or injured in the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and their friends and relatives. **Jim Hudson** led the members on the piano in a chorus of "My Country 'tisof Thee"; and the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

YUKA'S REPORT

Since Yuka had been squeezed out of the program in the past two weeks, **President Ted** asked her to be first this week with an extra long report. Yuka responded in moderation, describing recent activities with her foster parents and siblings, including ice skating on Waneta Lake; the recent Groundhog Day pancake dinner; and a Japanese ritual involving scattering and eating beans, signifying wishes for good health and happiness. **Ted** asked Yuka if there are any groundhogs in Japan (the answer was no). Finally, **Ted** asked Yuka to give an update next week on the medals won by Japan in the Olympics.



MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Cutler asked any pancake eaters who had not yet paid up to do so. **Buddy** said there are many opportunities for projects funded by pancake proceeds; and the Board is open to helping out with projects.

Wendy Winnett reminded everyone of next week's 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting. She will send out an e-mail reminder that requires a response if you want any breakfast at the meeting.

Ernie Danforth thanked those who volunteered to help with the Spelling Bee; but he still needs a few more volunteers—particularly for cafeteria work.



Paula Smith asked members to join up and contribute to the Dollar-A-Day Foundation Fund.



Pauline Emery urged members to buy tickets for the International Dinner iPhone raffle. She also urged members to buy tickets for the International Dinner scheduled for March 3, 2018. Tickets can be purchased through PayPal or at the Radisson front desk.



Dick Perry informed members that there will be a memorial service for Bill Bigler on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Corning. **Dick** was also pleased to report that he received a clean bill of health from his doctor after testing for possible bladder cancer and a hernia. **Dick** wrote a check to the Club to seal the deal.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

President Ted was delighted to see **George Welch** at one of the lunch tables. After a brief discussion as to how **George** might help the Club, **Ted** settled for a \$2 fine. **Ted** then noticed **Jerry Sleve**, whose presence at meetings has been missing recently. **Ted** asked **Jerry** to suggest what might be a fair settlement for his chronic absence. **Jerry** responded by complimenting **Ted** on his broad popularity among the members and his sharp powers of observation; and he suggested that a fair settlement might for him to sit down and be quiet. **Ted** wavered briefly; but imposed a \$2 fine.

John Wahlig thought he might escape a fine, since his 80th birthday is approaching and he has 6 children to visit. Instead, **Ted** hit him with an \$8 fine, which **John** reluctantly agreed to pay. At this point **Ted** noticed a blinding blue light at the back of the room. It was emanating from a new suit that **Brice Pearce** was wearing.



Ted asked **Brice** to come to the front table so everyone could get a good look. Members wishing to have a suit just like it should talk to **Brice**. **Brice** also paid a \$2 fine. Finally, **Ted** reported that the Wineglass Marathon has given the Club a check for \$1,200 in thanks for our help during the marathon; and he expressed the Club's appreciation.

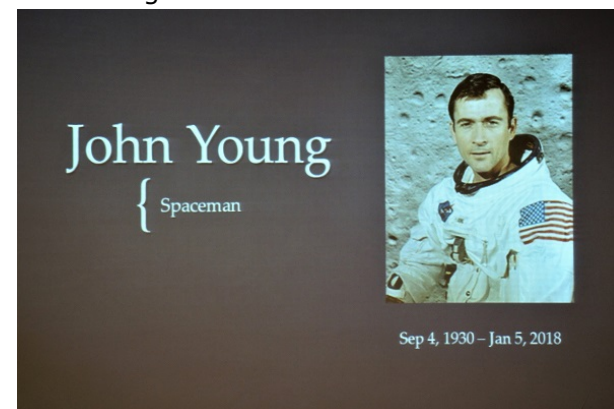
PROGRAM

At the risk of provoking unfavorable comparisons with his predecessor, **President Ted** introduced past President **Bill Boland**, as the Program Speaker.



Bill Boland's subject was the U.S. Space program, from its early years, to the recent private launching of a rocket carrying a Tesla automobile. At each stage, the engineers and pilots had to invent, build and then test equipment and procedures that had never been built or used before.

One of the heroes of the Space Program was John Young, who participated in the Space Program over a period of 42 years. Among other things, he piloted spacecraft in each of the four different classes of space craft, namely: the Gemini Project; the Apollo Commercial/ Services Modules; the Apollo Lunar Module; and the Space Shuttle Program. John Young died on January 5, 2018 at age 87.



On February 6, 2018, Elon Musk's Space X Company launched the Falcon Heavy rocket, which is the heaviest current space craft in service. The February 6, 2018 Falcon Heavy launch included a Tesla automobile with a dummy driver named "Starman." As a result of **Bill Boland's** interest and involvement in the U.S. Space program, he is a recipient of the Service to Frontier Award.



50/ 50: **Stacy Ward's** table won the \$10 sure win prize.

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