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## NEXT WEEK

Feb. 16, 2017

Holly McGrath  
Ethical Jewelry Sourcing

## IN THE WINGS

Feb. 23, 2017

Breakfast meeting at  
the Radisson 7:00AM-8:00AM!

Hat Day- bring/wear a hat that has a story  
behind it Gil Sweet

March 02, 2017

Club Assembly

## THIS WEEK

It was a little lean today in the Carder Room but the people that were there enjoyed the stylings of **Jim Hudson** and nice conversations with their fellow Rotarians.

**Buddy** happily greeted all who came through the door with a cheery "welcome to Rotary". Just a little hint on this...all the Board members are taking turns with this important position to emphasize its importance and the ease of this position for our Club.

**Jeff Ugoretz** gave an invocation noting our need to be mindful of our service above self.

Next, we had an interesting task to do from President **Bill's** direction and that was to find out 2 things about your neighbor to your right, that you did not know before. Much chatting occurred as the meals were served and it was a wonderful way to get to know our fellow club members.

## GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

**Ted Goldwyn** introduced Anne Crowley and Gary Grinnell from Corning Federal Credit Union. **Brian Klotz** also had a guest, Brice



Pearce.  
Our visiting Rotarian, who hails from the Watkins/Montour Club, was **Nancy Loughlin**.

As there was no birthday table last week due to our Pancake Supper, there was one today but not a single soul there had a birthday. We did however hear a sob story from **Paula** about not having her July birthday table because of the change of date due to **Buddy** having a family wedding. **Buddy** was challenged to pay a \$2 fine for causing this problem but on a rare note, **Ted Marks** offered to pay it for her!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

First up was **Nora** who was also filling in for **Scott**. She reminded us that it was time to get in shape for the 0.0 Race that is coming up on March 31<sup>st</sup>. You may register soon and sponsorships for this event are coming along nicely. This event will bring funds to the Sustaining Fund to further the good works we can do in our community. It's also a lot of fun so plan on being at the library for food and a good time.

**Buddy** wanted to once again thank everyone who helped make the second annual Pancake Supper a success. Plenty of



Rotarians spent time collecting money, running dishes to the tables or flipping pancakes. Well done all! We were also pleased to see quite a few children there and got to give a free meal or two to families that night.

Next up was **Gil Sweet** who began by talking about how many great shots he was able to get of the children that night. But he really wanted to bring our attention to the brochures on our table about the Safari Party Adventures. **Gil** has done one and found it to be so wonderful as having to share this trip possibility with us. Feel free to ask **Gil** or email: [sandy@safaripartyadventures.com](mailto:sandy@safaripartyadventures.com). This trip will be taking place this summer.

Just to make sure that all Rotarians are aware that in 2 weeks the meeting will be a breakfast at the Radisson starting at 7AM and ending promptly at 8AM, as told to us by **Brian Klotz**. This is important information to share with other Rotarians if they are NOT reading this! So please share this information with others. **Gil** then shared a bit about what will occur that morning (you can see this under In The Wings.)



Lots of things are happening in the next weeks and one of them is our local Spelling Bee. **Ernie** said that he is still in need of

volunteers for this great event. As it is being held at our high school during the day, it's an easy event to get to. If you don't, **Ernie** promised to come knocking on your door!

Our Literacy queen, **Pauline Emery**, started by giving thanks to those brave souls who opted to perform a story at the Winfield



school for kindergarteners and first graders. Pauline noted **Wendy Winnett**, **Ernie Danforth**, **Deb Joseph**, **Andy Taylor** and the very special pickle, **Michele Donegan** as giving a show that staff there are still discussing...or laughing, about. Also, please let her know if you would like to read at Winfield on March the 31<sup>st</sup> as that is the day our Club reads to classes for Literacy Month.

**Michele** reminded everyone that it is time to purchase tickets and donate auction items for our annual International Dinner. Tickets are on sale at the front desk. She told us that a wonderful dance troupe,



Cornell Bhangra, will be performing. They have been featured on Good Morning America and are a prize-winning group. Charlie Craig donated a brand-new Mac Book for the auction...under lock and key until that night.

Also, she noted that tomorrow there will be an International Dinner committee meeting at noon at the library.

Our visiting Rotarian, **Nancy Loughlin**, was introduced by Bill and she told us how she is



now in a position somewhat foreign to her, as she has been coordinating Youth Exchange in our 7120 district for a number of years. She is still helping in that area but when she noted that our Area 1 was not represented by a Foundation Chair, she decided to give of her time to that position. She has been meeting other Clubs and will be there to try to assist in all things Foundation for our area.

### LUCAS LAUGHS

**Lucas** was thoroughly thrilled to spend time in Orlando recently at Universal Studios. The only issue he had was that souvenirs there was so expensive. Hard to believe something so little would be \$15!



He had been brushing his teeth this morning when his American mom said, “**Lucas**, you can stop. There is no school today!” That made him very happy until he discovered how long it took to shovel their very loooong driveway. Well then, he tried to teach us some Portuguese but this editor couldn’t begin to tell you what it was!

## PRESIDENT’S TIME



Per **Bill**’s instructions we were all to have learned something about our fellow to the right and so he started right in asking **Ray Defendorf** what he found out about **Dick Perry**. **Ray** stated that he was surprised to find out that **Dick** had at one time, planned on becoming an Episcopalian priest! The other thing that came out of their conversation was that **Dick** once played with Benny Goodman. Even with such good information **Ray** was told he had to pay a buck, along with **Dick**...and was told also that it was a privilege to do so!

Next **Bill** called on **Brian Klotz** who was more than uncertain that he wanted to participate in this little game. But, being the sport he is he related the two things he had learned about **Penny**. First was that she is a passionate equestrian and the second was that when she was a child she actually got

lost up above the Southside hill and that rescue teams had to be called to come and find her, including rescue dogs. She was even noted in the paper. **Penny** was charged a buck as was **Brian**.

Then **Bill** called upon **Ted Marks** but **Ted** had other ideas and really wanted **Wendy Winnett** to do that talking and our president acquiesced. **Wendy** noted that 100 years ago, and no, **Ted** was not around then, a group of men met in the building of 318 E. Water St. in Elmira which had been **Ted**’s grandfather’s building, and this was the first meeting of the Elmira Rotary club. Also, his grandfather was the second president of that club. **Ted** has a great affinity for the Elmira Club but will be unable to attend the celebration as he is being called to Washington DC to represent winemakers at that time. **Ted** offered up his spare change for this nice bit of information.

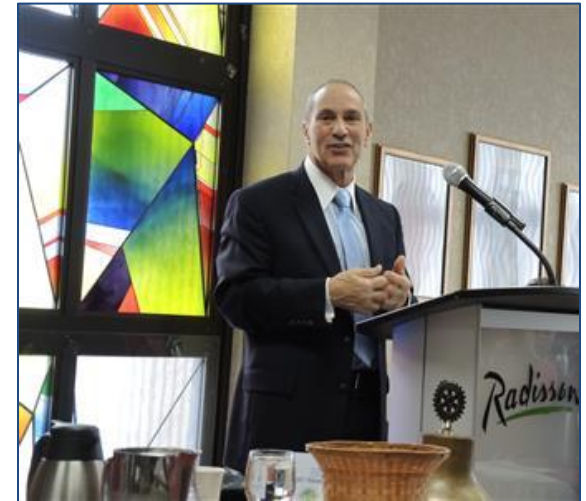
Next **Stu** was called upon to tell a couple things about **Pauline**. He discovered that she is the mother of one son and that she attended both Elmira College and then Buffalo. She will soon be expanding her degree by attending Long Island University this spring.

## OUR PROGRAM

**Ted Goldwyn** introduced our speaker David Bartone, but first asked **Lucas** for some advice on where to go in Universal Studios.

He started his career at the Corning Credit Union in 1979 and has continued to help others in an advising capacity as well as volunteering. David started a legacy of success at the Credit Union years ago, and this legacy continues today.

At the time, David started the Credit Union was in a desperate situation with very high debt and not a good forecast for the future of this organization.



David always felt that an organization is best run by people who feel they are valued and he based much of his success on establishing a manner of business where the employees felt that way and were treated that way.

He also feels strongly that nothing in business or any organization gets done well without a strong team driving it. These teams are built on the premise that they are empowered and entrusted to make good decisions. Decisions which go to the heart of putting all customers or members first, no matter what other duties may need to be attended to.

David helped change the environment of the organization which continues today, based on employee strengths and trust. The other notable thing is that he would always work to promote that having a good attitude will

help get one ahead in life and work. No one was let go if they had a good attitude.

Also, great service makes for good success and the Credit Union has grown tremendously in the years since he began there under the leadership of Anne Crowley and Gary Grinnell.

David is convinced that this legacy of Quality, Convenient, Manageable Service continues to a successful proposition whether in the Credit Union or in everyday life.

**50/50**

Well **Ernie's** table took the winning ticket but as the cards, only a few left, are with **Scott**, they will have to wait on that big prize.

**Wrmw Photos: Dick Perry**