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## NEXT WEEK

Feb 1, 2018  
Pancake Supper

Ground Hog Day

American Legion Hall, South Corning  
4-7 pm

## IN THE WINGS

Feb 8, 2018 Doug Cornfield,  
The Dave Clark Foundation  
New Children's Book: "A Pound of Kindness"  
- Introduced by Ted Goldwyn

Feb 15, 2018 Mayor Bill Boland  
Space Program

## THIS WEEK

The Club met for lunch in the Keuka/Seneca Room at the Corning Radisson. President **Ted Goldwyn** presided, with the help of **Scott Bloor**. **Jim Hudson** was in his usual place at the piano.



**Chris Theurich** was the greeter; and the meeting opened with a chorus of "My Country 'tis of thee." The Invocation was eloquently delivered by **Gerry Wolfe**.

## MEMBERS AND GUESTS

After a delicious lunch, **President Ted** called on **Chris** to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. The first introductions were by **President Ted** who introduced is son, Noah, and daughter Neila and his friend Darin Strong.



**Stu Sammis** introduced and **Peter Winnett** introduced his guest Alex Oggenovski. **Phylis Jensen** introduced Laura Matson of Studio LMG who was back for a second visit. Joe Pavlik was present as the guest of **David Rowe**.

Finally, **Stacy Ward** introduced her daughter Samantha.

## Yuka's TIME

Yuka was enjoying some time off due to Regents exams. We will hear from her again in two weeks.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first person up was **Buddy Cutler** giving one last pitch for next Thursday's Groundhog Day Pancake Supper. **Buddy** noted that sales were slower than he had hoped, but reminded everyone that this event is the only general fund fundraiser of the year.

It is a fun event with music by the Rotary Jazz Band and **Jim Hudson**. 50/50 tickets are available through **Phylis Jensen**, but they will also be available at the Hall, so see you all there.



The next announcement was more a welcome back to **Rich Negri**. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent surgery, but he had special thanks for **Hari Sharma** who was extremely helpful in getting him back on his feet.



**Paul Tick** noted that \$250 had been collected in the Superbowl pool. The winner will be announced in two weeks.



**Pauline Emery** thanked all the Rotarians who helped with the reading day and book distribution at Winfield School on Wednesday. She gave special thanks to

**Brian McConnell** for his moose imitation. **Ernie Danforth** shared that the teachers at Winfield noted that the current second graders had recently taken their midyear reading test. The scores were the highest that anyone can remember for the second graders.



**Pauline** also noted that next month the second graders will be making presentations to the PTA about how the reading program has impacted them during their first three years at Winfield. More details on time and place will follow. Members may want to attend.

Finally **Pauline** noted that Joe Pavlik will continue to accept auction items for the International Dinner that is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Radisson.

### **PRESIDENT'S TIME**

For his time, **President Ted** called on his daughter Neila to make a presentation to our speaker Juli Lathrop. Neila raised money for the Kramer Foundation through a special one mile walk/run as part of last November's Red Baron Half Marathon at Corning Community College.



### **PROGRAM**

**President Ted** then called on **John Sirianni** to introduce our speaker, Juli Lathrop. Juli is a native of Horseheads who is retired from the Chemung County Sheriff's Department. Much of her work through the department was centered around the dog named Kramer.



The Kramer Foundation, named for the dog, is dedicated to fostering, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs that would historically be euthanized in shelters for behavior and/or health issues. We also foster puppy litters



until they are old enough or healthy enough to be adopted. This includes bottle fed litters and single puppies.

Juli noted that she developed a lot of programs for kids around Kramer, because kids would do anything for a dog. Kramer was used for many purposes, but among the most telling was behavior modification. Juli related a story about 18 elementary school kids who were discipline problems and were not doing well with reading. Some of the kids were so disruptive that it had been impossible to even determine their reading level. The kids were then asked to read to Kramer. The end result is that the entire group not only met the standards at the end, but actually improved two grade levels.



Juli related one particular story of a young girl who transferred into the area. She had been a victim of sexual abuse by her father. The details were unknown because the girl had never opened up to anyone about what had happened to her. After a session or two with Kramer, however, the young girl felt safe enough to tell her entire story to the dog.

Juli noted that the Kramer Foundation programs include fostering for soldiers deployed with no place to house their dog and for returning Veterans while they are in treatment. They also foster for domestic violence victims until they can be placed in a safe home that will accept their dog.

The Kramer Foundation provides certified search dogs for lost and missing persons, cadaver/crime scene dogs as well as therapy dogs for educational programs, counseling agencies, schools, libraries, victim interviews and any place needing a fuzzy shoulder to cry on or a warm body to comfort a wounded heart. All programs are strictly volunteer with no cost to participants and no salaries are drawn by anybody.

A wonderful program. Thank you, Juli.



**50/50:** Sam Sanfratello's table won the small pot. The big money \$460 is still available.

**Photos:** Dick Perry

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