

Crystal Cogs



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NEXT WEEK

Feb 2, 2017

Pancake Supper

Second Annual Pancake Supper at the American Legion Hall in South Corning, 4 PM to 7 PM
Featuring the Rotary Band

IN THE WINGS

Feb 09, 2017

David Bartone

The Genesis of a Service Culture –
Introduction by Ted Goldwyn

Feb 16, 2017

Holly McGrath

Ethical Jewelry Sourcing - Introduction by Ted Goldwyn

THIS WEEK

The Club met for its regular lunch meeting in the Keuka/Seneca Room of the Corning Radisson. **Melissaa Colacino** greeted us all warmly at the door, and **Jim Hudson** was at his usual place at the piano.



Jeff Ugoretz was selling 50/50 tickets. **Gil Sweet** was our photographer and **Ernie Danforth** was the Cogs editor.

President King William I rang the bell. The club sang 'My Country tis of Thee', and recited the pledge. **Jeff Ugoretz** gave the invocation with a focus on truth.



GUESTS

After lunch, **KWI** called upon **Melissa Colacino** to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. Melissa called on **Dave Anderson** who introduced his lovely wife Mamie. Mamie was our only visitor of the day; except one furry creature.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Again, we had many announcements. First up, once again, was **Buddy Cutler** who was pushing the Pancake Supper on Feb 2nd.



He was pleased to announce that there were 9 sponsors for the supper at this point; **Kelly Copp** and Carpenter's and Phillips' Funeral Homes, **John Sands**, **Charlie Tyo**, **Dick Pope**, **Mike Platt**, **John Brown**, **Jody Allen**, **Ernie Danforth**, and **Buddy** himself. Please purchase your tickets and sell the raffle tickets, if possible. Note the Pancake Supper will replace our regular meeting on Thursday, Feb 2nd. Anyone willing to work at the dinner show up at the Legion Hall at 3:00 p.m. next week and you will be put to work!

Jeff Ugoretz had a paid announcement. Nationally known Christian author, Shane Claiborne will be making a presentation entitled "Executing Grace: How the Death Penalty Killed Jesus and How It's Killing Us" on Saturday, January 28th at First Presbyterian Church, 1 East First St, in Corning at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free and he invited all to attend.



Tom O'Brien announced there would be a brief meeting today in the Carder Room following the regular club lunch meeting of any members who are interested in supporting the Club's project to develop a hiking, biking, running path along the Chemung River and through the City of Corning. **Tom** will describe the location and nature of the proposed path and start the discussion of how we might proceed.

Paula Smith had a paid announcement. A benefit for Catholic Charities of Steuben County entitled Toastings and Tastings will take place on Friday Feb 3rd, the day after the Pancake Supper, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson. The event features wines from around the world and local craft beers! Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.



Brian Klotz announced the date of the International Dinner; Sat March 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Radisson. The cost is \$75 per person or \$700 for a table for 10. He also announced that Jagadeesh and Roopa Hathwar will be the co-chairs of the dinner.

David Rowe followed with an announcement that he is collecting auction items for the International Dinner, March 11. For your item, he will need three things, name of donor, value of the item and the person responsible.



LUCAS' TIME

Lucas was in Orlando. We will hear a report from him in two weeks, if he remembers to come.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

President KWI used his time today to sponsor a paper airplane contest. Each table was challenged to construct a plane and select a pilot.



The pilot who was able to fly his plane the furthest would be declared the winner, his table would receive a pass and everyone else would be charged \$1.

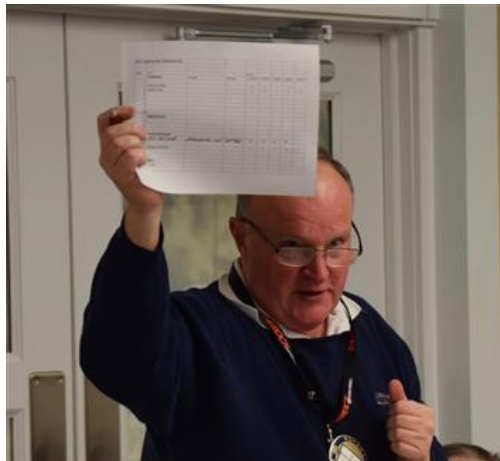


In addition, there was a large circle and if **any pilot's plane hit the circle**, his table would receive a bye, and everyone else would be charged \$1.



The competition was fierce, but the trash talk was not beyond elementary school level. In the end, **Elisha Baity** was the victor!

Finally, **Ernie Danforth** requested volunteers to help with the Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 4th at the high school. Sign-up sheets were on the tables.



PROGRAM

KWI then called on Dave Anderson to introduce our speaker, Rick Meyer of Stamford, Ct. Dave explained that he and Mamie met Ric at the Rotary International conference last June.



Dave was looking for new projects for our International Committee. Ric managed a booth that was promoting a Rotary Global Grant project in Mongolia.

Ric was born in Louisiana, raised in Illinois and New Jersey where he was chosen to be a Rotary youth exchange student to Sweden for a year. He earned a degree in hotel and restaurant management from Michigan State University, and then won a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to the University of Surrey, located in a suburb of London, U.K.



Ric is past president of the Rotary Club of Stamford, Ct. He is a multiple Paul Harris fellow, is active in his club, and district youth exchange and scholarship programs.

Ric is president of Firebird Health International, of Stamford, a non-governmental organization collaborating with Rotary in Mongolia and other Rotary districts helping the poor and displaced.

First Ric explained to us where Mongolia is, and that many people have no idea. Mongolia was the home of Genghis Khan around 1200 A.D. He showed us maps that outlined how his empire stretched from China to Europe and south to India. Today, Mongolia is a landlocked country between China and Russia that contains roughly 600,000 sq. mi and has a population of approximately 3,000,000.



Roughly, half of the population lives in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. Roughly, 1,000,000 people live on \$1.25/day or less.

Ric's project is located in the country's second largest city, Erdenet. Phase I of this global grant of \$77,000 will provide.

- School playground for students and after school community activities
- **"Edible Schoolyard Garden"** – garden construction and education of staff and students in gardening techniques
- Potable water –water pipes will be installed connecting two buildings to **the school's water well which currently have no running water**
- Water drainage –Bare dirt grounds will be graded, landscaped & water drainage installed
- Teacher & Parent Education – Professional development classes for teachers, parenting, health & alcoholism conducted over one year.



The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session and it continued after the meeting was adjourned.

Thank you, Ric, for your service and for a very insightful presentation.

50/50 Jeff Ugoretz's table won the \$10, but the \$594 big money is still to be had!

Rotary in the Community

Not mentioned at the meeting was that on Wednesday a group of Rotarians traveled to **Winfield School to provide Reader's Theater** for the students. In the absence of KWI, Michele Donegan gave a Tony worthy performance as the Pickle.



PHOTOS: Gil Sweet

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