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NEXT WEEK

Jan 9, 2017

Special Dinner

Meet 6 District Governors Elect from around the world

This will be a dinner meeting with the 6 District Governors Elect. Please come and bring your significant other. There will be **no** Thursday meeting.

IN THE WINGS

Jan 19, 2017

Bill Plummer

The Life of Remmulp

Jan 26, 2017

Ric Meyers

Rotary Mongolian Project

Feb 2, 2017

Pancake Supper

4 PM American Legion replaces the regular 12:10 meeting at the Radisson

Feb 9, 2016

David Bartone

The Genesis of a Service Culture - Introduction by Ted Goldwyn

THIS WEEK

The Club met for its weekly meeting in the Keuka/Seneca Room of the Corning Radisson.

Phylis Jensen was the greeter. **Jim Hudson** was at his usual place at the piano. **Melissa Colacino** handled the 50/50 and **Gil Sweet** was the photographer. Meanwhile, **Ernie Danforth** acted as the Cogs writer.



President William presided with help from **Scott Bloor**. After singing My Country 'Tis of Thee and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance **Gerry Wolfe** handled the New Year's Invocation.

GUESTS

After lunch **President William** called on **Phylis Jensen** to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Les Rosenbloom** introduced his guest **Max Burke**. **Nancy Dubendorfer** introduced to us Faye Guild-Nash who will soon be a member. **Dick Pope** introduced Harmony Ayers-Friedlander

the new Executive Director of the Family Service Society who is back with us for a second consecutive week.



Ted Goldwyn introduced guests of our speaker Jenna Carpenter and Jeff Frey, the speaker's father.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ted Goldwyn had the first announcement; an update on the health of **Rick Davis**. **Ted** reported that **Rick** is doing well. He is home. The catheter has been removed and he is still hoping to travel to Arizona this winter.

Tom O'Brien once again reminded us of the dinner next Monday with the international District Governors Elect. The dinner meeting will be at 6:00. Dinner will be \$16. Check in through the registration desk as usual and there will be no other Rotary meeting next week.

Buddy Cutler put out a call to all woodchuck lovers. The 2nd Annual Groundhog Day Pancake Dinner will take place Feb 2nd from 4:00 until 7:00 at the American Legion. This activity will be our weekly meeting.



Tickets again will be \$10 each, and every member is asked to purchase at least 2. The proceeds from the dinner will go to support club member nominated projects. Last year the dinner raised over \$2000. This year we hope to double that. Oh yeah, entertainment will be provided by the Rotary Band.

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 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.



David Rowe announced that he will begin collecting auction items for the International Dinner beginning next week. So start thinking about what you can do to support the International Dinner.



Jan Harvey announced the Valley Folk Music concert Sunday Jan 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. The concert features Matt Watroba and the Rev. Robert Jones. Adult tickets are \$20.

At this point **Bill Plummer** rose to make sure that **President William** recognized the birthday table. **Charlie Tyo** made a comment that cost him \$2 and any pretense of control by **President William** was quickly dispelled.

Birthday Table

Seated at the birthday table were **Bill Plummer** (yes he does have a birthday in January), **Dave Anderson**, **Sam Sanfratello**, **Nora Smith**, and **Elijah Baity**.



After the hall sang Happy Birthday to the group, **President William** fined **Dave Anderson** because January is not his birth month. He also wished a Happy Birthday to members not in attendance, **John Sirianni**, **Jenny Ruland**, and **Andy Rochester**. **Ted Goldwyn** was recognized for his January birthday as well. He received a royal pardon from **KWI** for not sitting at the birthday table because he was at the head table to introduce the speaker.



Lucas Time

President William then called upon **Lucas** to tell us what he had been up to. **Lucas** explained that he had two Christmases; one had his first host family's home and another at his second host family's home. It seems he got many socks for Christmas.



On New Year's Day Lucas went snowboarding and fell a lot. Later he went to a small city in Pennsylvania where it took him about 5 min to walk around the city

The PRESIDENT'S TIME

At this point **President William** introduced the Share Your Life segment. He first called on **Jim Hudson** to share a story. Jim told everyone a bit of his history of music in the military, which included composing a Christmas Eve Cantata. His choir at Grace Methodist Church performed this on Christmas Eve his first year as director in 1970. They performed it again this past Christmas Eve as for his final service at Grace Methodist ending his stay of 47 years.



Francis LaLomia was next. His family has a tradition of traveling to sites where members of the family have been exchange students. This Christmas they visited Ecuador. Everyone left on December 23rd. He hiked a volcano on the 26th. Dogs are prevalent in

Ecuador, but not always safe. One dog adopted the family and one morning brought them a present, an iguana. It seems that iguanas are delicacies in Ecuador so they gave it to the cook.

Kate Foss shared a story of her love of all things musical. It is a family thing with her as her sister is a composer on Broadway.



Dick Puccio was asked to produce a Knock Knock joke on the spot. He did, but it was pointless.

The PROGRAM

President William then called on Ted Goldwyn to introduce the program. Taylor Frey is a native of Trumansburg who is now a senior at Washington College in Maryland. He has spent a lot of time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity International.



However, his talk began with his trip to RYLA the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference when he was a junior in high school. This is where he was exposed to leadership and service for the first time and led to his involvement with service projects in college.

His service work at Washington College led to a White House internship where he would **help coordinate the President's weekly** schedule. Part of this internship was a weekly seminar in leadership led by people such as Vice President Biden, the First Lady and the President himself.

This together with his work for Habitat for Humanity led to his appointment to the Habitat for Humanity U.S. Council. He will serve for 2 years. He is one of 20-24 Council Members. He works on the committee that tries to make the local chapters stronger. He is the voice of all the youth across the nation on this council.

During the question/answer time Taylor revealed that he has not yet met Jimmy Carter, but is hopeful. He noted that much of Habitat's current work is rehabilitation of existing housing rather than construction of new.

He also noted that Habitat is a second responder for natural disasters. They show up early, but the work begins after the first responders leave.

Very well done, Taylor! Thank you for sharing.

Cathy Crandall's table won the \$15 50/50 prize, but she missed the big money.