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NEXT WEEK

Jul 13, 2017 Dr. Steve Gunzenhauser
Endless Mountain Orchestra

Introduction by Dick Pope.

Location Change: **Carey's Brew House**

IN THE WINGS

Jul 20, 2017

Sean Kelley

Latest Oncology Research

Introduction by Jack Kelley

Aug 03, 2017

Don Milton

Rotary District Governor update

Introduction by Ted Goldwyn

THIS WEEK

The Club met for its first regular lunch meeting of the 2017-2018 year in the Keuka/Seneca Room of the Corning Radisson. **Melissa Colacino** was our

greeter. **Jim Hudson** did his usual outstanding job at the piano.

Melissa was also selling 50/50 tickets. **Mike Platt** was our photographer and **Ernie Danforth** was the Cogs editor.

President Ted Goldwyn rang the bell. The club sang 'My Country tis of Thee', and recited the pledge. **Jon Carpenter** delivered the invocation.

GUESTS

After lunch, President Ted called on Melissa to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. There were no visiting Rotarians, but **Harmony Ayers-Friedlander** introduced her guest, Adam Judd from the Corning Youth Center. **Dr. Bob Cole** also had a guest, Brandy Graham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ted reserved the first announcement for himself. Next week's meeting will take place at Carey's Brew House on Bridge St. This is our second visit there. There were some service problems the first time, so we will have a buffet this time. There was some question as to the exact location of the Brew House, but when it was pointed out that it is across the street from a well-known establishment all confusion was erased.

The second announcement was actually a presentation. **Harmony Ayers-Friedlander** and Adam Judd were called to the front to be presented with a check by **President Ted** for \$1400. This money will be used to purchase three couches for the Youth Center. Adam let it be known that the youth will appreciate them very much.



Dick Pope then was called upon to alert the club of the passing of long time Rotarian, Clarence Paddy. Clarence was a WWII veteran famous for his word play. He died on June 7th at the age of 99.



BIRTHDAY TABLE

At this point, **President Ted** recognized the Birthday table. Seated there were **Paula Smith** whose birthday is tomorrow, July 7, **Pauline Emery** whose birthday is July 29th and **Bill Plummer** whose birthday is not in July.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

President Ted began his time by asking **Melissa** to help him distribute Rotary Making a Difference pins to all Rotarians in attendance.

He also recognized the club service people for the day. **Melissa Colacino** greeter and 50/50. **Ernie Danforth** Cogs, Editor. **Jim Hudson** on the piano. **Mike Platt** photographer and **Jon Carpenter** who gave the invocation.

President Ted then thanked all the Rotarians and **significant** others who helped with the fireworks on the 4th of July. First of all, he thanked **Phylis Jensen**, in absentia, who as Community Service chair rounded up the troops. The troops were: **Bill** and Susan **Boland**, **Father Lew Brown**, **Gail Hostuttler**, **Peter** and **Wendy Winnett**, **Dave** and Mamie **Anderson**, **Ernie Danforth**, **Paul Tick**, **President Ted** and his daughter Neila, and **Don Creath**.



His final thanks were reserved for **Nora Smith** who coordinated last week's changeover dinner.

President Ted then turned his attention to Rotarians who had not been seen in a while. First up, **Theresa Rossettie**. **Theresa** said she had been very busy and every Thursday

seemed to bring a meeting. She was fined \$2. **Jerry Sleve** claimed he had been busy visiting other service groups like the Kiwanis and the Lions, but he generously offered to contribute \$20. Offer accepted.



Faye Guild-Nash had been absent for 3 weeks. This cost her \$3. **Joe Valicenti** had been absent for a while, but managed to get off for an \$11 fine.



Kate Foss made a \$5 donation that President Ted noted was NOT a fine.



Bill did take the opportunity to rat out **George Welch** and **Hari Sharma** who should have been sitting at the birthday table. For his efforts, **Bill** watched as **George** and **Hari** were each fined \$1 and **Dr. Plummer** got off without a fine.



Someone tried to get **Bob Cole** Esq., but **President Ted** noted that Bob had been back for a few weeks and was in no danger of fines.

Before introducing our program, Dick Pope made an announcement about Camp Star. The annual Golf Tournament to support Camp Star will take place on Monday, July 17th at Indian Hill Golf Club. The last day to sign up for the tournament is Friday, July 14th. As of today, only 40 golfers had signed up. If you are at all interested contact Marianne Kalec at Mkalec@chemungcanal.com 607-737-3724.

PROGRAM

Dick Pope, then introduced our speaker, Randi Hewit. Randi is the president of the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

Randi had volunteered to speak to us with 24 hours' notice. However, you would not have known that if she hadn't told us.



She gave us some history of the Foundation, noting that it was created on paper a few months before the infamous flood of 1972. It received a jump-start after the flood when five Corning area churches received rebuilding loans from the federal government at 1% interest. Although the churches raised the money and tried to pay it back, the government said "no." Use it for something else.

The money was invested in the Foundation. Over the years the money was repaid and many projects have been funded. The principal remains in the Foundation.



Randi then discussed their recent 45th Anniversary celebration. The goal of the celebration was to present 45 grants in 45 hours. Starting at 9 p.m. on a Wednesday evening Randi and Sara Palmer began a 30-stop tour to distribute 45 grants before 6 p.m. on Friday.

The tour started with a visit to the Youth Center at Hawthorne Court in Elmira. The trip included stops at libraries, schools, social service agencies, health facilities, parks, arts groups, and the Potter's Hands home.

The trip ended at 171 Cedar Arts Center. CreAgent Marketing filmed the endeavor and will be releasing a documentary film in September.

A remarkable feat! Thank you for sharing, Randi.

50/50 The \$11 prize was won by **Steve Staggs** table.

PHOTOS: Mike Platt

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