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NEXT WEEK

Lucas and Holly **June 22, 2017**
Exchange Student Presentations

IN THE WINGS

Changeover Dinner **June 29, 2017**
Evening event at the Radisson Hotel Corning

THIS WEEK

Rotarians gathered for lunch and fellowship in the Keuka/Seneca Room of the Radisson Hotel Corning. **Stacy Ward** greeted Rotarians and guests at the door to the musical stylings of **Jim Hudson**. My Country Tis of Thee and the Pledge of Allegiance was followed by **John Wahlig** offering the blessing. **Stacy** sold 50/50 tickets and collected fines. **King William** still has two more meetings for us serfs to suffer through until the Changeover Dinner passes the torch to **Ted Goldwyn**. **Dick Perry's** camera got a workout today with the many photo ops and **Paula Smith** captured the meeting for Rotarians who await each installment of Cogs with bated breath.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS



Stacy called on Rotarians to introduce their guests. **Jim Webb** brought his mom, Nora, who recently moved back to the area. Being the thoughtful son that **Jim** apparently is, he decided it would be a good idea to sit at **Cathy Crandall's** and **Paul Rossi's** table to give his mom a "real feel" for Rotary. She may never return! **Lisa Caracci** invited Steve Daniels, Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity and jack of all trades. **Rick Davis** had a surprise guest – former Corning Rotarian and Past President Brian McConnell.

Ted Goldwyn offered a plethora of introductions, beginning with Steve DiVeronica, who has been to our meetings a couple of times and for whose lunch **Ted** apparently paid. We were also happy to have with us Harriet Sweet, the wife of **Gil Sweet**, who missed today's meeting so he could dress up as a penguin volunteering at the Winfield School. **Ted** also introduced Shelly Cilip, owner of Ageless, friend to **Jenny Ruland**, and a very nice person I must say having spent the meeting sitting next to her. Not quite yet done introducing guests, **Ted** went on to welcome George Evans who is the husband of another visiting Rotarian, who Ted promised to introduce at a more appropriate time. Oh the suspense!

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



John Brown kicked us off with an update from the Rotary International Conference. Rotary is known to about 35% of the world's population, or about 2.5 billion people, for Rotary or for the Polio Plus project. There are three countries where Polio is still active – Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan – yet there are only five cases left in the world. There needs to be three consecutive years with no cases of Polio for the disease to be considered eradicated.

Since 1985, Rotary and its partners have spent \$1.5 billion to eradicate this disease. It is estimated that it will take another \$1.5 billion to ensure the disease is completely eradicated by 2020. They had a major donor breakfast. The U.S. pledged \$233 million. Canada, the first country to be Polio free, pledged \$100 million. Rotarians will give \$50 million a year for the next three years. Bill Gates pledged \$100 million a year for the next three years. Altogether this amounts to \$1.2 billion dollars in pledges!



Nora Smith reminded Rotarians about the Changeover Dinner coming up on Thursday, June 29 at the Radisson Hotel Corning and requested we please reply to the ClubRunner invite or let her know if you plan to attend.



Stu Sammis announced last Thursday evening he, his wife Barb, and their dog planted the Community Garden beds, which were then dedicated to **Kate Danforth** in a very nicely attended ceremony last Saturday. There were about 60 people in attendance, including Rotarians, members of her church and family, including all three of her children. **Dick Perry** has pictures of the dedication to post to the website. **Lisa Caracci's** guest, Steve, thanked **Bill Boland**, **Ernie Danforth**, **Stu Sammis**, and

Stacy Ward for picking up the pavers from Habitat for Humanity last Saturday.

Soon-to-abdicate aristocrat **Bill Boland** reminded Rotarians that next week's meeting will be at the American Legion, 8 River Road, in South Corning.

PRESIDENT'S (2nd to last) TIME



Lisa Caracci was the first to fall prey to **Bill**, who claimed to be \$42 behind in fines to justify a whopping \$5 fine on poor **Lisa**. Way to motivate her to come to more meetings, **Bill**! We did find out that she and her husband recently returned from an anniversary trip to Israel, including Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Nazareth. Sounds like a wonderful trip, **Lisa**—welcome back!



Soon-to-be-banished **Bill's** next target was **Ted Goldwyn**, who was missing something

(besides his scruples, integrity, and courage!) which was his Rotary badge. The going rate for this offense is \$2. **Bill** then scoured the room for other Rotarians not wearing their badges. Poor **Lisa** took another hit here, but a benevolent **Bill** overlooked this offense having already fined her once.

Gerry Wolfe complained she was unable to pin her badge to her knit top without ruining the material, a likely excuse acceptable to the King.



Maggie Coffey, no longer at large, was next to capture the attention of the mischievous Monarch. Maggie blamed her absence on never having received a badge. Not to be fooled, **Bill** explained to Maggie that you actually have to come to meetings to get your badge! She also shared that she and her husband have been very busy making rowing machines, and have grown tired of it, so decided to take July and August off. Even so, the fine was \$2 along with the promise to get missing Maggie her badge.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Gerry Wolfe began by introducing the C-PP Interact advisors Mrs. (Sue) Seip and Mrs. (Annette) Corbalan.

Next **Gerry** invited Haley Brown to the front of the room. Haley will be our next RYLA student and will be going to RIT at the end of the month. **Gerry** presented Haley with a check as a little expense money to have with her in Rochester. Haley had as her guest her father Tom Brown.



Next **Gerry** invited **Paul Tick** to present the first scholarship recipient. **Paul** introduced **Meghan Ritter**. Meghan taught Sunday School at Victory Highway for three years.

She went on a mission trip to Honduras. She served as a mentor to her classmates, as President of the Junior Class, as a member of the Student Council, and was on the Yearbook Staff. She's been a member of the C-PP Drama Club for the past three years. She plans to attend SUNY Brockport. Meghan introduced her parents, "Marcia and Steve Ritter, without whom I could not have done this as they have raised me very, very well."



Captain Wanda Rivera introduced our next scholarship recipient, Janice Teeter. Janice had volunteered at the Schuyler County Habitat for Humanity, the Tyrone Volunteer Fire Department, and Guthrie. She is a member of the Drama Club and the Interact Club. She is coordinating a fundraiser that will benefit children in Nepal and Syria. She was involved with the World Expo in 2015 and Pop Cans from 2014-2015. She also volunteered to help when Lamoka Lake flooded in 2015. Janice introduced her parents Sharon Nutting and Jon Teeter. Janice plans to attend Elmira College for Nursing.

Gerry Wolfe introduced our next scholarship winner, Ada Wightman. Ada did an awesome job as President of Interact this year. She facilitated other Interact students' involvement in community service, spent

numerous hours pouring over sign-ups to track volunteer hours (seniors with 10 hours or more volunteer hours will wear Rotary pins on their graduation gowns), planned meetings and attend events.

Her volunteer activities include the Wineglass Marathon since 2014; the Gregg School Book Sale, Fall Festival, and Santa's Workshop; CASA's 5K Superhero Run for abused and neglected children; and Boy Scout Food Drives two times a year since 2014, helping to collect and sort items to feed low income families. She has organized Red Cross Blood Drives, and volunteered for festivals at Winfield and Montessori and Student Council, distributing and reading Christmas books. She helped organize a fundraiser for House with Heart last year, raising \$1,600. She has also volunteered for gift wrapping and bell ringing.

Gerry concluded by saying, "To her, service above self means bettering the world; affecting change, not only in her community, but also in her state, her country, and in the world. She plans to evolve her community service from locally here to service in that global community."



Ada introduced her parents, Valerie and Aaron Wightman. Ada said her time as President of Interact "was some of the most

meaningful work I've done in my high school career." Ada plans to attend the University of Rochester for International Relations.

Next, Mrs. Seip and Mrs. Corbalan presented Ada, Brad, and Janice with their Rotary Interact Officer pins, which they will wear on their gowns at graduation, and which they also had to find for themselves online!

Gerry then introduced our next scholarship recipient, Brendan Walker. Brendan has been involved with Faith by Interaction for four years. He was a Teen Leader for two years. He Volunteered at Sparkle, Teen Angel, Heart to Heart (providing help to those in need during the holidays), and served as a Big Brother to Freshmen. He planned a Christian-based weekend retreat for 85 local teens where he was a Leader. The retreat provided an outlet to discuss life's struggles.



He also participated in the Challenger Little League program for four years, assisting boys and girls ages six to 20 with physical and developmental disabilities to participate in baseball as their Buddy Coach, running the bases, pushing wheelchair-bound players to each base, and batting for two innings. The program is designed to improve self-esteem, sportsmanship and teamwork. Brendan serves dinners at Salvation Army

along with his family. This experience has awakened him to the level of poverty that exists in the area. He also packs food at the Food Bank to benefit the less fortunate.

He travelled to the Dominican Republic with his family, taking school supplies, toothbrushes, and toys. He also travelled with the Sister Cities program to Italy.

In his application, Brendan used 1 Peter 4:10 to describe what Service Above Self means to him: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Gerry went on to say, "He believes that the one who profits most from volunteering is the person providing the service. It is a time of reflection, appreciation, and pride."

Brendan ranks third in his class of 396 and most recently was awarded the prestigious and coveted Ernie Davis Award.

Brendan introduced his parents, Jodi and Dave Walker. He plans to attend the University of Virginia to study business.

Last but not least, **Gerry** introduced our final scholarship recipient, Brad Sweet. Brad is well-known at Rotary lunches over the past year and most recently as a presenter on his Sister Cities visit to Italy. Brad was a RYLA student two years ago. He still expresses his gratitude to Rotary for the amazing experience, so much so that he wants to start a Rotaract Club at college. (Rotaract is the collegiate version of Interact.)

Brad is very actively involved in Interact. He served as Vice President this year. Last year

he organized the House with Hearty fundraiser that raised \$1,600. He's volunteered at Rotary Pancake Dinners, staying two hours after the dinner to wash dishes even though he had mono!



As a Boy Scout, he recently became an Eagle Scout for his project at Spencer Crest Nature Center. His scout leader writes that he brings his gas trimmer from home and spends extra time trimming and cleaning up trails and areas around buildings, even though it is not part of the project. He volunteers at many other Eagle Scout projects, assisting other scouts working on their badge. Recently, Brad was the only volunteer to fill in (due to a resignation) as Senior Patrol Leader—the highest youth position in scouting! His responsibilities included running weekly meetings plus monthly planning meetings. Brad's other volunteer activities include Applebees Flapjack Fundraisers for Boy Scouts, Hockey League, and the Kiwanis Club; and Habitat for Humanity, where he helped build two homes in Elmira.

Gerry concluded saying, "Service to Self means to Brad, put others before yourself. Helping people has been his passion for many years."

Brad introduced his parents, Stacie and Rob Sweet, and his little brother Nick, who is also in Interact now. Brad plans to continue his education at CCC majoring in business. He plans to transfer to SUNY Potsdam to complete his four year business degree and continue on to Clarkson for his MBA.

Brad concluded by saying, "**Andy (Taylor)** said he'd contribute \$10 to your annual budget if I said my Dad would make a great Rotarian." **Andy** made good on his offer.



Gerry then called Mrs. Seip to join her at the front of the room and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for 10 years of service as Interact Advisor! Accepting the honor, Mrs. Seip said, "Interact is so great. The kids are so great. I really enjoy what I do."

THE PROGRAM

Our presenter, Susan Evans, a survivor of ovarian cancer, shared her adventures in health care with wit and candor.

Susan co-authored the book, *Don't Write The Obituary Yet*, with her physician, Dr. Thomas Krivak. Books were available for purchase at the meeting, with all proceeds going toward the Evans-Krivak Gynecological Cancer Research and Education Fund.



Ovarian cancer claims 14,000 lives a year. It is the hard-to-detect "silent killer" among all cancers in the United States. There is no way to test for this disease and the symptoms are ambiguous at best.



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The sure prize was \$12 and the Grand Prize remains safe at \$208.

Have a great week everyone and see you next Thursday!