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**Thursday, March 1, 2018 12:10 p.m. Radisson
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NEXT WEEK

March 8, 2018 Hilton Garden Inn—Status

IN THE WINGS

March 15, 2018 Garrett Hoover
Corning Hospital, Past and Present

March 22, 2018 St. Patrick's Day Program

THIS WEEK

The club met in the Keuka/Seneca Room at the usual time. Greeted by **Chris Theurich** and serenaded by **im Hudson** on piano, members opened the meeting with a rendition of *My Country 'tis of Thee*, the Pledge of Allegiance and then an interesting and informative invocation by **John Wahlig**. (Who knew the Ark was 450 feet long? What's a cubit?) **Gil Sweet** was the day's photographer. Members then enjoyed a tasty meal of roast pork served by the ever competent and amiable Radisson staff.



A SINGULAR OCCASION

Before calling the meeting to order, **President Ted Goldwyn** turned the meeting over to **Dr. Hari Sharma** who presented the club with a banner from a Rotary Club in Florida that he visited when on vacation.

Before allowing Hari to disappear, Ted mentioned a singular event in Hari's life – his retirement!



After 45 years of ministering to the sick in the area – many of whom were sitting in this room! – Hari is now moving on to a new phase in his life. The club members greeted this news with a standing ovation for Hari amid many calls of congratulations. Ted dutifully fined Hari \$45.



Ted passed on his thanks and then kudos to **President-Elect Wendy Winnett** for her competent handling of last week's meeting.

Chris Theurich introduced this week's guests: **Angela Button**, guest of **Fr. Lew Brown**, who promoted the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and the Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraising event on March 25.



For information contact Angela at 963-3507 or at buttona@familyservicesociety.org. Form a team of five and solicit donations to back your team to support the local mentoring programs. Even simpler, sponsor our own **Paula Smith** and her team. Go, Paula!

The other guest present today was **Tiffany Bowes**, guest of President Ted.

Birthday Time and there were actually people sitting at the special table.

Congrats to **Paul Tick**, **John Wahlig** and **Gerry Wolfe** who actually had March birthdays. **Bill Plummer** kept to his habit of being a part of the festive table just for the ice cream. His excuse this time was that he was celebrating St. David's Day, David being the patron saint of Wales.



Ted then “busted” **John Sands** for not sitting at the special table even though he had a March birthday. John’s excuse? He forgot it was March. Oops...that’s a \$2 fine.



YUKA TIME

Responding to President Ted’s challenge, **Yuka** proudly championed the Japanese Olympic medal winners including two in men’s ice skating, and then speed skating, Nordic combined skiing, ski jump and even snowboarding. Gold medal winner in men’s ice skating, **Yuzuru Hanyu**, is very popular in Japan and is a heart throb with Yuka.



Yuka also told about actually going ice skating with her host family at the Corning Civic Skating Rink. That experience gave her a new appreciation of the skill and hard work of her skating hero. She is also looking forward to helping with the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

NEW MEMBER

President Ted then introduced new Rotary member, **Tiffany Bowes**, who works at Vision Hotels in social media and marketing. Very active as a volunteer in many activities, Tiffany has two children, aged 12 and 15. Welcome, Tiffany!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula Smith pitched that this is the last opportunity to participate in the \$28 challenge for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Paul Tick promoted the upcoming March Madness fundraiser. Details coming soon.

Ernie Danforth touted the excellent volunteer response for the March 17th Spelling Bee. There is still room for more volunteers on that day. If interested, let Ernie know.

Pauline Emery said there were still a few tickets left for the International Dinner this coming Saturday evening.

Pauline also commended **Ernie** and **Wendy** for reading to the second grade classes at Winfield School at the latest book give-away.

50/50 was won by the Birthday Table for \$9.00. Grand prize now stands at \$491 and is still out there waiting for someone to pull that lucky card! JLH

THE PROGRAM

Dick Pope introduced our speaker, **Assemblyman Paul Palmesano**.

Mr. Palmesano spoke on the importance of being an organ donor. Many statistics supporting organ donation are listed in the chart on the next page.



The most important stat is how many people one person can help by donating their organs. One donor can save the lives of 8 people through organ donation and improve the lives of 75 more through eye and tissue donations.

The number of designated donors in New York State is abysmal. Although about 50% of the Rotarians in the room today are registered as organ donors, the percentage in New York State is only 28%, the second worst participation rate in the U.S. This is a disgusting state of affairs. A new campaign to reach out and educate people to the importance of this issue has been started.

To participate in organ donation, you must register. There are four easy ways to register:

1. Register online at donatelifenys.org
2. Register when you apply for or renew your NYS drivers license or non-driver ID card
3. Register on a NYS voter registration form
4. Request a postage-paid enrollment form from info@alliancefordonation.org

National Designated Donor Share

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STATE	SHARE	STATE	SHARE	STATE	SHARE
MT	90%	NC	62%	NE	55%
AK	89%	GA	61%	HI	55%
WA	87%	MN	61%	VT	52%
UT	76%	MD	61%	KY	50%
OR	76%	OH	60%	PA	47%
IN	73%	IL	60%	SC	46%
MO	72%	ID	60%	CT	45%
AL	71%	DC	59%	CA	45%
LA	69%	MA	58%	TX	44%
IA	68%	WY	58%	NV	40%
CO	67%	MI	57%	TN	40%
ME	64%	RI	57%	WV	39%
KS	64%	AR	57%	NJ	37%
ND	64%	OK	56%	MS	34%
SD	63%	AZ	56%	NY	28%
WI	63%	FL	56%	PR	20%
VA	62%	DE	56%		
NH	62%	NM	56%	ALL	54%

Organ Donation by the Numbers

- One donor can save the lives of 8 people through organ donation and improve the lives of 75 more through eye and tissue donations.
- Number of New Yorkers on organ and tissue donation waiting list: 9,427.
- Number of New Yorkers who have been on the waiting list for 5 or more years: 1,818.
- Number of New Yorkers who died waiting for a transplant in 2016: approximately 500.
- Registry Participation Rate: 28% of eligible population, ranking 51st out of 52 states and territories.
- New York State has the 3rd highest need for donors but the 2nd worst participation rate.

We can, and we must, do better!

Donor Designation (DD): An individual's commitment to donate recorded in a searchable donor registry.

DD Share: Designated donors as a percentage of state population age 18+.