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NEXT WEEK

May 18, 2017

Special Breakfast Meeting
at the Radisson

IN THE WINGS

May 25, 2017

Jennifer Burbank
Food Bank of the Southern Tier

June 01, 2017

Brad Sweet
Sister Cities Project

June 08, 2017

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THIS WEEK

The meeting was held in the Carder Room of the Radisson Hotel. **Kelly Copp** was the greeter and 50/50 collector; **Jim Hudson**



played the welcoming piano; **Dick Perry** was the photographer; and **Tom O'Brien** was the COGs reporter.

King William rang the bell to open the meeting. The club sang "My Country 'tis of Thee", and recited the pledge; and **John Sands** delivered the invocation. **King William** thanked the Radisson staff and the Rotary members who performed the organizational functions for running the meeting.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

At the request of **King William**, **Kelly Copp** asked hosts to introduce their guests and any visiting Rotarians. **Jan Harvey** introduced two Interact students: Zolya Webster—a freshman in high school; and Madeline Burns—a senior in high school who is preparing to enroll at the Annapolis Naval Academy. **Dr. Bob Cole** introduced Matt Mehlenbacher, the Program speaker; **Sam Sanfratello** introduced his wife, Audrey,

and **Brian Klotz** introduced Brice Pearce, an about-to-be new member of the Club. There were no visiting Rotarians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula Smith reminded members of the Catholic Charities STEPS WALK TO END POVERTY in Steuben County, scheduled for May 20 in Corning. **Paula** gave badge stickers to members who had made contributions in support of the project. Many of the members wore the stickers on their badges; and most of those without stickers soon got them.

Paula reported that Corning Rotarians had donated over \$1,000. **Stuart Sammis** asked members to sign up to help move



pavers on June 3 from their current location on Beartown Road to the **Kate Danforth** Community Gardens of South East Steuben County.

Ted Goldwyn reminded members that the May 18 meeting is a breakfast meeting from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson, including a scrumptious buffet for \$14 and a couple of mini-bios to entertain us.

LUCAS' TIME



Lucas was full of news. He had received a ride to the meeting in John Brown's "old car." He will be returning to Brazil in July. He and some friends had an "air shaft" shootout in which no one was hurt; and he plans to attend the Prom in Watkins Glen next week. Lucas had more news; but **King William** retrieved the microphone.

NEW MEMBER

Brian Klotz introduced new member, **Brice Pearce**. **Brian** gave a brief introduction of **Brice**, whom he first met as a member of the Boy Scout organization in the area.



Brice said he is returning to the Southern Tier after working for a period with the Boy Scouts in Massachusetts. He now works in training management for the Sitel Corporation. Welcome **Brice**!

PRESIDENT'S TIME

King William proclaimed that it was time to play the "know your fellow Rotarian" game. The rules were that each member should be prepared to describe the "bucket list wish" of the Rotarian on his or her right (or was it left?). No one bothered to define "bucket list wish."

Kelly Copp was the lead-off describer. She said that **Phylis Jensen's** bucket list wish is to try to sky diving and scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. There followed a disagreement as to whether **Phylis** was (or



should have been) on **Kelly's** left or right. **King William** solved the problem by fining **Phylis** \$1, which **Phylis** negotiated up to \$2.

Ross Perry described **Father Lew Brown's** bucket list wish as travelling to Israel. **Deacon Ray** commented that he could take care of that with no problem. **Father Lew** said that **Don Creath's** bucket list wish was



to take a river cruise in either Mississippi or Europe. That somehow brought up "Mark Twain." Specifically, what does it mean? **Don Creath** said it means 2 fathoms, and nobody disagreed. **Deacon Ray** offered to take care of that wish too.

Brian Klotz said **Bill Plummer's** bucket list wish is to travel to the Galapagos Islands and to Tiara Del Fuego. **Paula Smith** said **Stacy Ward's** bucket list wish is to travel to Scotland and then to some place warm like the Caribbean. Having already been fined \$2, **Phylis Jensen** insisted on describing the bucket list wishes of everyone at her table.



For **Brice Pearce**, it was to travel to Angkor Wat; for **Kelly Copp** it was to travel to Germany at Christmas time or to sky dive and go on a week-long safari. **Ted Goldwyn** wants to visit Italy and run the Boston Marathon. **Mike Platt** wants to go to Heraculaneum and Pompeii near Naples (Italy, not New York). **Jan Harvey** wants to go to Ireland to retrieve the family land which some thieving Irishman stole. **Sam Sanfratello** wants to shoot the biggest buck in Corning (or maybe even Painted Post). **Jack Kelley** wants to go to Ireland; and **Jim Hudson** wants to stay healthy and travel.

PROGRAM

Dr. Bob Cole introduced Matt Mehlenbacher, the CEO of the Steuben ARC as the Program speaker. **Bob** described how the ARC is a local organization formed by



parents to help persons with intellectual disabilities.

The organization currently has 350 employees and provides services to 1,098 persons. Matt described the wide range of needs experienced by clients of the Steuben ARC and the programs which the ARC has developed to address those needs. In

response to questions, Matt stated that ARC provides opportunities for volunteers to help.



50/ 50 The \$10 prize was won by **Steve Stagg's** table.

Photos: **Dick Perry**

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