

# Crystal Cogs



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## NEXT WEEK

**MAY 25, 2017** Jennifer Burbank  
Food Bank of the Southern Tier

## IN THE WINGS

**June 1, 2017** Brad Sweet  
Sister Cities Project

**June 8, 2017** Rick Davis  
Certified Consultant & Home Inventory Professional

**June 15, 2017** Susan Evans  
Rotarian and Ovarian Cancer Survivor

## THIS WEEK

The meeting was held in the Carder Room of the Radisson Hotel at 7:00 in the morning. **Bill Boland**, AKA **King William**, was the master of ceremonies. The Greeter was **Faye Guild-Nash**; **Clint Janes** gave the invocation; **Jim Webb** was the photographer; and **Tom O'Brien** was the COGs reporter.



## GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

At **King William's** request, **Faye Guild-Nash** asked hosts and hostesses to introduce their guests. **Deb Joseph** introduced her husband, Michael; **Dr. Bob Cole** introduced Brandi Graham; and **John Carpenter** introduced his wife, Jennifer. There were no visiting Rotarians.

## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**King William** started with the sad news of the day. He reported that **Bill Plummer's** wife, Jane, had passed away on May 13, 2017. Calling hours were from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 18, 2017 at the **Plummers'** home; and a memorial service was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corning.

**King William** next reported that Ted Marks took a bad fall, injuring 6 ribs. He is sore, but recovering.

Finally, **King William** reported that **David Rowe's** wife Joan, has cancer and recently suffered a stroke. The members expressed their condolences for all the sad events. Turning from the sad news, **Kelly Copp** reported that there was a good turnout for the cleanup at the Veteran's Park in Corning; and she thanked individually each member who had shown up.

**Paula Smith** reported that the STEPS Walk to End Poverty will be an entertaining event all day in Corning on May 20, 2017; and she invited all to come and participate. She said the event has already raised \$1,454, as of the breakfast meal.

**Stuart Sammis** reminded members of the June 3, 2017 project at Beartown Road to move pavers to the Town of Corning Community Garden that will be dedicated to **Kate Danforth** on June 10, 2017.



Returning briefly to bad news, **King William** said that dues are coming in slowly and are due by June 1, 2017.



On the positive side again, **Wendy Winnett** reported a success story involving a Macedonian civil service worker's environmental engineering project, that was made possible by funding provided by the Rotary Foundation.

**Dick Puccio** reported on the success of the *House With a Heart* project in Nepal. He said Rotary is currently trying to raise \$63,000 for improvements to the school.



### LUCAS' TIME

Lucas was at the breakfast meeting; but it took him a while to fully wake up. Eventually, he reported that he had been sick much of last week; but he went to a prom in Watkins Glen, nevertheless; he remembered Mother's Day; he cut the grass;



and he ate lots of ice cream. He reminded **King William** that he was scheduled to drive to the District Conference with **King William** on Friday, May 19, 2017; and he promised to use the time to fill **King William** in on everything else he did last week.

### PRESIDENT'S TIME

**King William** said there would not be any fun games during breakfast; and he moved directly to the Program.

### PROGRAM

The Program of the breakfast meeting was two member bios: one by **Deb Joseph** and one by **Dr. Bob Cole**.

**Deb Joseph** is well known and regarded as an employee of the CPP School District, and she is the current co-chairman (along with **Dick Pope**) of the Rotary Spelling Bee Committee. Deb said she is currently working on a novel concerning her parents' lives. Deb proceeded to describe her parents' journey through a life of overwhelming poverty and discrimination, and their ultimate triumph in raising a family of 8 children, all of whom attended college. In Deb's case, the colleges attended

included St. Lawrence University, Carnegie Mellon, and Columbia University.

Deb attributed much of her success and that of her siblings to values and habits which she acquired at Catholic elementary schools



in Brooklyn, New York. **Deb's** story is inspirational; and I hope she soon finishes her novel.

**Dr. Bob Cole** traced his educational, professional and community life from a starting point near the then- North Side High School in Corning, to the University of Michigan; to Cincinnati Medical School; to



the Army; to Vietnam, to Fairbanks, Alaska; and eventually back to Corning, New York. Along the way he met and worked with (among others) **Jim Hudson, Hari Sharma**, Dr. Douglas McCain, Tony Cooper,

Fred Farley, John Ullman, and Sylvia Huber. There was an interesting story about each person and each place. **Bob** had favorable comments about Sylvia Huber, with whom he worked while president of the CPP School District. He described her as a hard-working and dedicated advocate for students and their parents, who could debate forcefully before the School Board and afterwards deal with her opponents on a friendly basis. Our community has benefited in many ways from **Bob's** work.

50/50: there was no 50/50 drawing.

Photos by Jim Webb

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