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## **NEXT WEEK**

May 31, 2018 12:10 PM Steve Hughes United Way Update on their new direction and marketing

Introduced by Elijah Baity

### IN THE WINGS

Jun 07, 2018 12:10 PM

**TBD** 

Jun 14, 2018 12:10 PM

**Gerry Wolfe** 

- Scholarship awards
- Leon Golder Log Cabin Restoration Project

June 21, 2018 12:10 PM

Yuka

Her Year in Review

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June 28, 2018

**Evening Changeover Dinner at the Radisson** 

### THIS WEEK

Lunch was held in the Cayuga Room at the Radisson Hotel Corning for the club's weekly meeting. **Ted Goldwyn**, president, presided over the meeting of 48 Rotarians and guests. **Nora Smith**, **Elijah Baity**, and guest **Kate Douglas** joined **Ted** at the head table for lunch.



Piano melodies, compliments of **Jim Hudson**, filled the room as **Gail Hostuttler**greeted us. "My Country 'tis of thee" was
sung and the pledge recited before **Ellen Kreopolides** gave the invocation.

### **MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

When everyone was enjoying their Key Lime Pie, **President Ted** asked **Gail** to introduce this week's guests and any visiting Rotarians. This week was void of visiting Rotarians, but three guests were in attendance.

**Gilles Burtrand** joined us for his third meeting as **Francis LaLomia's** guest. **John Brown** reintroduced us to a familiar face **JoeAnn Geise**, who before retiring from the Radisson served us at a countless number of our Rotary events.

**Brice Pearce** introduced his guest, Corning Inc. employee **Akenda Zellet-Lukaso**.

### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dave Anderson** made an announcement for **Mike Platt,** who was not in attendance due to a health issue. Many of us know about the



Friendship
Exchange through
Rotary
International with
opportunities to
visit other
countries, but the
last week in June
our club is looking
for families to host
international guest.
We will have three
guests from

Finland, a couple and one gentleman. Their stay is four nights and two "full days." If you are interested please reach out to **Dave**.

**Kelly Copp**'s announcement was made by **Stacy Ward**. **Kelly** would like to remind everyone that on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM **Wendy and Pete Winnett** are inviting all Rotarians to their home for an evening of "Wine, Food and Fellowship!" If you plan to attend and have not yet please RSVP by Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>. If attending please remember to bring a drink of choice, a snack to share and most important a smile!

**Les Rosenbloom** announced that the Paul Harris Committee is seeking nominations through May 31<sup>st</sup> for potential Paul Harris fellows for the 2018-2019 year.

**John Brown** shared an email from our unforgettable 2016/2017 inbound exchange student from Brazil - **Lucas**. **Lucas** writes to us to tell us about the hard times his country is facing. The country is in peril due to a big

rise in gas prices. Truckers have gone on strike and food and gas are becoming harder and harder to come by. **Lucas** is worried about getting to his university to take his final exams if the strike goes on much longer. He assures us he will find a way and his family will prevail.

**President Ted** announced that volunteers were still needed for Glassfest this weekend and that anyone who could help would be much appreciated.

Andy Rochester will be participating in the Krossin' Keuka FUNdraiser that benefits Keuka Comfort Care Home. This is a .67 mile swim across Keuka Lake will take place on July 28th. Andy is swimming as a reminder for all -- about men's health and annual doctor screenings. KCCH is similar to hospice and provides compassionate care in a peaceful, home-like environment for the community's terminally ill residents and their families, at no cost to these patients or families.



He will be raising money until the event takes place. Donations <u>here</u>

Lastly **Dick Pope** reminded us that next week is the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and we should all tune in to watch the excitement unfold.

### YUKA'S TIME

Yuka attended a teen book festival, where she was able to meet authors and have her book signed. It was an exciting time, and though not much of a reader this event peeked her interest. She has already read several pages of her new book! She attended the event via school bus with her friends.

**Yuka** also went to the drive in for the first time – "it was so cool!"

### PRESIDENT'S TIME

President Ted began by recognizing the club service people this week: Gail Hostuttler as Greeter and 50/50, Rick Davis as photographer, Samantha Roman as Cogs Editor, Jim Hudson on the piano, Ellen Kreopolides for the invocation, and Francis LaLomia as our tech guru.

President Ted thanked all members that attended the District 7120 Conference in Saratoga Springs. It was a wonderful time and our club was the winner of not one, but TWO awards this year. We were presented the Literacy Award for all that we do in the community. The club was also presented with an attendance award, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district for a club our size with a "record" 46% "haha" regular attendance. Corning Rotary also received a District Simplified Grant to benefit the pool boiler replacement project at Watson Homestead.

Then it was on to "Fine Time"... This week **Al Lewis**' wallet was first to take a hit but only to the note of \$2. Why...the new "anyone sitting next to **Dick Perry** owes \$2" rule, of course.

Thanks to his four month vacation in Arizona, **Rick Davis** generously offered up a clean \$50.



A "..and where have you been" cost **Bob Cole, Esq.** a \$20 badge ransom fee, but he didn't seem too fazed -- as he was already counting down the hours until he would be back on his sailboat!

# **PROGRAM**

**President Ted** then invited Elijah Baity to the microphone to introduce **Kate Douglas. Kate** is the current President of Corning Community College (CCC).

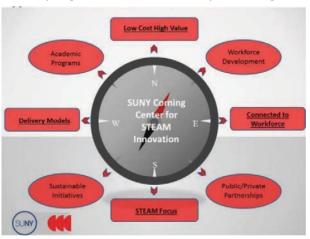


Kate's "Who We Are and What We Are Doing" gave us all an in depth about the future of our local SUNY branch. She first wanted to share that she may be the face we see most often representing CCC

but the team who really excels the college. Kate has a wonderful team and could not accomplish the institution's goals without them. This fall, the new downtown Community and Pubic Health building opened, but this was just the tip of advancements heading to CCC. The college welcomed its largest nursing class, broke in its new culinary classroom, introduced a new Community and Pubic Health program and increased its reach with new community partners.

Kate was thrilled to announce that CCC was the recipient of a \$30 million private donation from Purcell and due to this, New York State added an additional \$6 million to the college's finances.

President Douglas provided an overview of "premiere STEAM education", the colleges emerging vision. This direction is being taken by the college due to both local and state needs. The new guide lines will help CCC in becoming the premiere institution to study STEAM and lead to the development of the Center for STEAM innovation. STEAM stands for: Science Technology Education Art and Math. The hopes are that this new center progresses CCC's already amazing



graduation rates that currently sit higher than both NYS and national.

Along with Community & Public Health and STEAM Corning Community College has also formed a "Guided Pathways" with Columbia University Teachers College. This partnership will help advance CCC's education students and even better the programs numbers.

Kate also wants us to keep an eye out for her student's invention the "Grip Mate." The product is currently in a state competition and awaiting patent. The need for Grip Mate came from nursing students, was researched by chemistry students and developed by engendering students. What an amazing collaboration of young minds.

Kate thanked everyone who has in ways supported Corning Community and shared an invitation to attend an Obesity and Diabetes Summit, to be held in partnership with Guthrie on July 26<sup>th</sup>.



**50/50:** Yuka's table won the \$10 pot this week, and the big pot sits at \$167.

**Photos: Rick Davis** 

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