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NEXT WEEK

June 1, 2017
Sister Cities Project

Brad Sweet

IN THE WINGS

June 8, 2017
Certified Consultant & Home Inventory Professional

Rick Davis

June 15, 2017
Rotarian and Ovarian Cancer Survivor

Susan Evans

June 22, 2017
Exchange Student Presentations

Lucas and Holly

THIS WEEK

The meeting took place at noon in the Cayuga/ Seneca Room of the Radisson. There was at least one empty table, reflecting the rainy weather outside, or, possibly, sleep deprivation from last week's breakfast meeting. **Bill Boland**, AKA **King William**, was the master of ceremonies.

Stacy Ward was the Greeter and collector of fines and fees; **Paul Rossi** gave the invocation; **Mike Platt** was the photographer; and **Tom O'Brien** was the COGs reporter. **Jim Hudson** was not present, and we missed his music on the piano. However, in **Jim's** absence, **Wendy Winnett** ably led the members in a verse of "My Country 'tis of Thee."

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS



Our Greeter, **Stacy Ward**, asked hosts and hostesses to introduce their guests and any visiting Rotarians.

Scott Bloor introduced Melanie Degraw, who was the only guest. There

were not any visiting Rotarians.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Stuart Sammis reminded members that there is a Rotary project to move pavers from their present location on Beartown Road, to the Town of Corning Community Garden. The Beartown pick up will be on June 3, 2017; and the dedication of the

Community Garden to Kate Danforth will be on June 10, 2017.

John Sirianni announced that the Kramer Foundation (an organization which fosters, rehabilitates and rehomes abandoned and uncared-for dogs) is having a fundraiser Saturday, June 10, 2017 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Green



Derby in Elmira. The event features food, DJ, and valuable raffles. John has \$10 admission tickets as well as raffle tickets.; and he invites Rotarians to support the event.

Pauline Emery announced that Winfield School is having a reading celebration from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2017, and is looking for 8 volunteers to help with the project. The event includes a "yummy" lunch and a blacktop carnival.



King William congratulated **Gerry Wolfe** on her receipt of the prestigious Jefferson Award.



The applause had barely quieted, however, when **King William** reminded the members that dues are due by June 3, 2017 and, to date, only 45% of the members had paid.

Paula Smith reported that Corning skunked Bath and Hornell in the STEPS Walk to End Poverty fund raiser—raising \$1,578 to Bath's \$645 and Hornell's approximately \$400. In recognition of the outcome, **Paula** awarded the coveted "Golden Shoe Award" to **King William**. There followed a lively discussion of where the award should be stored.

Wendy Winnett reported that polio has almost been eliminated, with 5 cases having been reported in the world this year, and zero cases last year. **Wendy** described the massive efforts in Pakistan and in the Punjab region of India to finish the job.

LUCAS' TIME



Lucas reported that he enjoyed talking to **King William** three hours each way to and from the District Conference last weekend. **King William** appeared to have a stunned look on his face. Lucas then recounted some of the highlights of his week, including: being inside a plastic ball; getting rained on;

eating ice cream; having a birthday; and walking a dog. It was clear that Lucas was just warming up. Due to the press of time, however, **King William** retrieved the microphone.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

King William launched a "know-your-Rotarian game, with members being called upon to describe their own or the person to their right's favorite Rotary moment.



Peter Winnett gave three favorite moments for his table-mate, **Ray Defendorf**: (1) the Dick Wheat "roast day"; (2) Dr. Hugh Keenan's toupee exchange; and (3) a pie-throwing contest with Neil Hopp.



George Welch reported that **Wendy Winnett's** favorite Rotary moments were in the food tent at the LPGA. **Pauline Emery** said **Gerry Wolfe's** favorite moment was at her Paul Harris Award event.



Deb Joseph said **Pauline Emery's** favorite moment involved something called "stop that pickle."



Phyllis Jensen said **Deb Joseph's** favorite moment was hearing her husband's talk as a Rotary guest speaker.

Nora Smith said **Don Creath's** favorite moment was raising \$25,000 for a reading



room at the Rockwell Museum while he was President of Rotary.

Brice Pearce said **Stuart Sammis** rates all of his service-above-self activities as favorite moments.

John Wahlig described his own two favorite moments: (1) sponsoring 4 current Rotary members; and (2) raising \$112,500 for the Spencer Crest Nature Center.

Everyone called on to report a favorite event was fined \$2.00—possibly their least favorite moment.



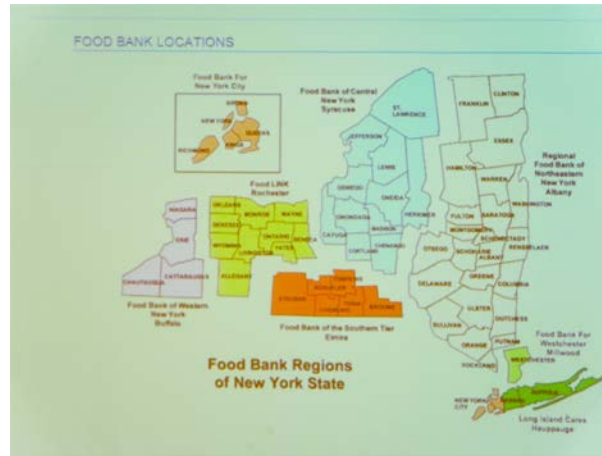
PROGRAM

Ted Goldwyn introduced Jennifer Burbank as the meeting's program speaker. Jen is the volunteer coordinator of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. Jen described the work of the Food Bank with a passion, because, as she explained, she grew up "food insecure." Her family lived far from stores and other food sources; and she suffered the pain of having to ask for help.



Jen takes great pride in the massive amounts of food the

organization distributes each day, the organization's inventiveness in obtaining and distributing the food, and the friendly demeanor with which volunteers provide their services.



Jen explains that the Southern Tier Food Bank's effectiveness depends on volunteers; and to meet the "meal gap," they need approximately 500 volunteers per week. Jen invited the Rotarians to become volunteers.



50/50: **Pauline Emery's** table won the \$7 sure-win prize.

Photographer: **Mike Platt**

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