

President: Ted Goldwyn
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Thursday, May 3, 2018 **Corning Radisson**
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NEXT WEEK

May 10, 2018 12:10 PM **Andy Rochester**
Taking your LIFE back from Cancer
Introduced by John Brown

IN THE WINGS

May 17, 2018 12:10 PM
Winfield school 2nd graders Literacy success

May 24, 2018 12:10 PM **Kate Douglas**
CCC-Where we are and upcoming initiatives
Introduced by Elijah Baity

May 31, 2018 12:10 PM **Steve Hughes**
United Way
Update on their new direction and marketing
Introduced by Elijah Baity

Jun 07, 2018 12:10 PM **Corning Youth Center**
What we do and how we do it.
Location: Corning Youth Center
Lunch will be served.

Jun 14, 2018 12:10 PM
Scholarship awards
Giving out the scholarships

Gerry Wolfe

THIS WEEK

The Club met for lunch in the Keuka/Seneca Room at the Corning Radisson. President **Ted Goldwyn** presided, with the help of secretary **Scott Bloor**. **Jim Hudson** was on the piano; **Chris Theurich** was the greeter; and the meeting opened with a chorus of "My Country 'tis of thee." The Invocation was given poetically in honor of **Hari Sharma** by **Father Lew Brown**.



MEMBERS AND GUESTS

After lunch, **President Ted** called on **Chris Theurich** to introduce guests and visiting Rotarians. Although there were no visiting Rotarians, we did have several guests. **Dick Pope** introduced his wife Jackie and Sandy Rockwell Herron. **Bill Boland** introduced his sister Colleen Boland. **Hari Sharma** introduced his wife Indira. **David Anderson** introduced his wife Mamie, and **John Wahlig** introduced his wife Betty.

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Being the first Thursday of the month, **President Ted** recognized the birthday table.

In particular, he noted **Francis LaLomia** who celebrated his 25th birthday the previous day. **Ernie Danforth** who will be 67 on the 19th. **Brent Wedding** who was celebrating his birthday as we spoke, and **John Brown** who will celebrate his 78th birthday on the 26th. **Bill Plummer** was recognized for sitting at the table and was fined \$1 because he did not sit at the birthday table last month. Oops! Finally **Peter Winnett** was recognized for not sitting at the table even though he should have been there.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first member announcement was delivered by President-elect **Wendy Winnett**. She presented the slate for the Board of Directors for the 2028-2019 Rotary year. The slate was

Wendy Winnett	President
Jan Harvey	President-elect
Ted Goldwyn	Past President
Paula Smith	Vice President
Ernie Danforth	Secretary
Wendy Daines	Treasurer
Phylis Jensen	Assistant Treasurer
Kelly Copp	Club Service Chair

Geraldine Wolfe
Phylis Jensen
Pauline Emery

Francis LaLomia

Bill Boland
Paula Smith
Brice Pearce

Cathy Crandall
Nora Smith
Stu Sammis
Stacy Ward

New Generations Chair
Community Service
International Service
(Dinner)
International Service
(Grants)
Membership Chair
Foundation Chair
Community
Engagement Chair
Finance Administration
At Large
At Large
At Large



This slate was approved by vote of the club. Congrats, good luck and thank you to all of these volunteers.

Stu Sammis had several announcements for **Phylis Jensen** regarding Community Service. The tree planting planned for Thursday evening at the Community Garden will most likely be postponed due to weather. If postponed it will take place on Saturday instead.

Stu also noted that there will be a clean up of the Veteran's Memorial Park on Saturday May

12th. **Kelly** and Dan **Copp** will be coordinating that effort.



Finally **Stu** was asking for signups for help with the GlassFest May 25th – May 27th. If interested contact **Phylis Jensen**.

Nora Smith reported that **Buddy Cutler** is improving slowly. He was scheduled to have his shoulder scoped on Thursday and was hoping to be taken off the IV antibiotics soon.



Andy Rochester is looking for help with highway clean up on Saturday May 5th at 7:30

a.m. **Andy** also wanted people to be aware of a Walk for MS on Sunday at the high school.

Finally **Dick Perry** made a plea for photographers. Having pictures to enhance what we do is great, but we need photographers to make this happen. Please contact **Dick** if you can help.

YUKA'S TIME

The highlights of Yuka's week were a trip to Seneca Lake, where she wants to fish when the weather warms up. She also enjoyed attending her host brother Jonah Goldwyn's taekwondo graduation as he moved up to a green belt. Finally she mentioned how much she enjoyed her spring break. It was the first one she has ever experienced.



PRESIDENT'S TIME

President's time was on hiatus this week due to the special program.

PROGRAM

The program was listed as a special presentation by **David Anderson** and **John Wahlig**. What it turned out to be was **Hari Sharma** Appreciation Day!

The Master of Ceremonies and time keeper for this program was **Scott Bloor**. Most of the remarks made by Mr. Bloor were cute, irrelevant, and forgettable so we move on.



The first presenter was **Nora Smith**. **Nora** thanked **Hari** for his many contributions to the Club, the local community, and the international community. **Nora** presented **Hari** with his second Paul Harris pin.



Dave Anderson told a story ten years ago in Painted Post at 2:00 a.m. on the day after Thanksgiving. **David** had a bit of trouble with his heart. After Mamie called 911 she called **Hari** and he came over in his pajamas. He stabilized **David**, who survived the episode and recovered so he could tell his story to everyone.



John Wahlig pointed out that **Hari Sharma** wears three hats; physician, traveler, and painter. **Hari** has been a physician in Corning for 45 years. He is known for his patience and his willingness to give every patient as

much time as the patient needs. He was very proactive and preventative.



As a traveler **Hari** has visited every continent on the globe. In his native Nepal he has donated medical treatment and with his son has donated cataract surgery.

Hari is also a painter who works in the *allaprima* style, completing his works in a single sitting. He is known for using large geometric forms and bright colors. **Hari** has donated many paintings over the years to fund raisers.

Dick Pope noted that he presented **Hari** with his first Paul Harris award. He also talked about the Rotary meeting during the summer of 2017 across town when **Dick** collapsed before the program. **Hari** was with **Dick** almost before he hit the floor and was giving instructions to the EMTs as they were working to get **Dick** into the ambulance.



Dick also noted how important **Hari** had been in keeping the Spelling Bee in the area after *The Leader* dropped the sponsorship. His support was key to obtaining the financial support of both Guthrie and Arnot when Rotary was taking over the Spelling Bee.

Bill Boland presented Hari with a resolution from the City Council on behalf of the City of Corning congratulating and thanking Hari for 45 years of service to the Corning community.



Colleen Boland thanked **Hari** on behalf of the House with Heart in Kathmandu. Colleen

explained how the orphanage had grown from a home for 2 children to a home for 35 today.



She explained how after an attack on the orphanage when the children were terrorized and all of the money was stolen, **Hari** led the charge to secure the funds from the International Committee to make House for Heart a safe and secure place for the orphans to grow, learn and mature.

She also acknowledged his leadership after the 2015 earthquake when little on the property was safe. Things are better now and hopefully the House will have a secure future, in no small measure because of **Hari's** contributions.

The final presentation was a PowerPoint presentation by **Francis LaLomia** that detailed **Hari's** trip from Nepal to Great Britain, to Canada, to Cleveland, and eventually to Corning.



The final slide included a picture of **Hari** with a mustache. A challenge was made to **Hari** to regrow the mustache. In return his fellow Rotarians agree to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. **Hari** has a month to grow it. Get your contributions ready.

It was a wonderful tribute to a true Rotarian. Thank you, Hari, for your work. You are an inspiration for us all.

50/50: The \$8 pot was won by **Wendy Winnett's** table. The big pot sits at \$133.

Photos: Dick Perry
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