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NEXT WEEK

Jun 07, 2018 12:10 PM – **NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE: AMERICAN LEGION**
El Salvador, 2018 Service Trip
Introduced by Francis LaLomia

IN THE WINGS

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

June 28, 2018 – **Evening Changeover Dinner at the Radisson**

THIS WEEK

The Radisson Hotel Corning hosted us in the Keuka-Seneca Room this week for lunch. The meeting was presided over by club president **Ted Goldwyn** and secretary **Scott Bloor**. **Elijah Baity** and our program speaker **Steve Hughes** joined **Ted** and **Scott** at the head table for lunch. **David Kartzman** served as greeter and 50/50 collector this week. **Jim Hudson** played a soft "Somewhere over the Rainbow" before kicking off the meeting with "My Country 'tis of Thee" on the piano. The pledge was recited and **Clint Janes** gave the invocation.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS

This week had one guest**Barnes** an electrical engineer from Corning Inc. (I am sorry I did not get the note from David with the names on it! I was taking pictures of Dick and Dolly after the meeting).

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ted began by trying to butter us up by informing us what a "good looking crowd" we are. He then recognized the club's service people this week: **David Kartzman** as Greeter and 50/50, **Bill Boland** as photographer, **Samantha Roman** as Cogs Editor, **Jim Hudson** on the piano, **Clint Janes** for the invocation, and **Francis LaLomia** as our tech guru.

Ted started the announcements by letting us know that no longer was next week's program TBD but instead a program about the club's involvement in El Salvador. There will also be an update from **Buddy Cutler** and **Stu Sammis** about the Pancake Supper Projects, as well as a vote to determine where the funds will be used. The meeting

will be held at the American Legion and is not to be missed!

Dick Pope informed us that the Scripps National Spelling Bee finals are on ESPN tonight. **Kris Patel**, the 6th grade student from Horseheads Intermediate School who was sponsored by the club did not make it to the final round. **Kris** did a great job and the club was happy to be a part of his journey.



Phylis Jensen had a few announcements this week, the first on behalf of **Kelly Copp**. **Kelly** wanted to send a final reminder that Saturday, June 2nd is "Wine, Food and Fellowship!" at **Wendy and Pete Winnett's** home.

Secondly **Phylis** thanked all the volunteers that gave their time during Glassfest. Volunteers included: **Ellen Kreopolides**, **Wanda Rivera**, **Bill Boland**, **Ernie Danforth**, **Pauline Emery**, **Rick Davis**, **Brice Pearce**, **Brian McConnell**, **Stacy Ward** and her daughters **Samantha** and **Sofia**, **Samantha Roman**, and **Phylis Jensen**.

In June, July and August volunteers will be needed for Storytime in Centerway Square. There will be five different opportunities to read. Storytime in the Square is on Tuesdays, at 10am and the dates are TBA. July Fourth will be here before we know it and volunteers will be needed to collect



donations for the fireworks, if you are able to help please contact **Phylis**.

The first weekend in August is NASCAR at the Glen and Rotary will again be volunteering to raise money for Camp Star, please keep this long weekend in mind if you are available.



John Brown attended a Memorial Day service at Veterans Memorial Park and the park looked great thanks to the work of the Corning Rotary volunteers who helped clean it.

Gerry Wolfe announced that next Friday, June 8th, 25 Rotary District 7120 exchange students from across the globe would be descending on Corning to visit CMOG and The Rockwell Museum. If anyone would like to spend the day with the students volunteers are needed and appreciated.



Les Rosenbloom prompted that today is the last day to nominate for potential Paul Harris fellows.

Ray Defendorf will be making his 21st trip to the Holy Land on January 29th, 2019 and everyone is welcome to make this journey with him. If you would like further information on the trip please contact him or attend an informational gathering on Tuesday night at the All Saints parish.

Paul Tick was happy to share the recent successes of his grandson who graduated college, found a job, moved to Atlanta and got engaged! A donation was made in his honor.



Gail Hostuttler's daughter's birthday is today and in her honor she made a donation to the club.

John Wahlig was happy to announce his daughter has accepted a new position at



Brown University as their women's hockey team coach. He donated an "IOU" to the club as his wallet was void of cash!

Two club members were happy to pay for wedding anniversary announcements.

Phylis and her husband will soon be celebrating 15 years of marriage; and **Andy Rochester** and his wife Karen's 40th anniversary is on June 10th. They'll be



celebrating their 40th college reunion this weekend; they met the first week of college.

President Ted invited everyone to come enjoy the music of his band, *Leah Brown and the Side Hustle* Saturday night June 2nd at Brickhouse Brewing after they attend the social at Wendy's home. The band starts at 9 and will be classic rocking all night. It was also announced that today, May 31st is the due date for club dues.

YUKA'S TIME

Yuka was not with us this week, as she was on her senior class trip to Hershey Park. We are sure she was having a sweet time and cannot wait to catch up with her next week!

PROGRAM

Elijah Baity was then invited to the microphone by **President Ted** to introduce **Steve Hughes**. **Steve** is the current President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of the Southern Tier. He previously worked at Catholic Charities and was the Mayor of Elmira. In 2007 **Steve** joined the United Way.

Steve's discussion, "Collaborating for Community Impact," began with a big thankyou to all the veterans for their service. The "old" United Way was great at fundraising **Steve** said, but the new United Way is so much more than that. The goals are to look at complex problems and basic needs and use positive energy to solve them. This mission also embraces including the community in every step, and better communication to fully inform the public of their programing. The organization has improved both investments and goals and it had led to better outcome.



A large percentage of time and energy, as well as \$2.3 million dollars, is spent on children's educational needs. Children that are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school, and current data shows that in Chemung and Steuben counties 4 out of 10 children are not on par. This is a sad truth that translates to a 13% and 5.2% dropout rate, respectively.

The better a community's early childhood development, the more educated its workforce, translating to higher economic development for the region. The United Way's Kids on Track initiative strives to ensure that by age 8 children are reading at grade level. **Steve** referred to data that illustrates the most critical brain development occurs between birth and age 3; so this is the most important time for young minds to grow and learn, especially by soaking up language.



Steve then shared a personal story of how the United Way has impacted his life for the better. In 2015 his grandson Christopher was born. His daughter was going to be a single mother and he urged her to take advantage of all the wonderful programs and resources the United Way provides. She did, so even before his birth Christopher's mom was signing, talking and reading to him. Now a toddler, Christopher loves to dance and read, and he looks forward to the United Way nurse's regular home visits.

Steve sees his daughter as living, breathing proof that the United Way's programs work. Steve is enormously proud of his daughter. In a bow to a mission that is close to our club's heart, **Steve** reminded us "access to books is key" for better literacy.

United Way of the Southern Tier has recently begun an association with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program, which is not currently available in our area, will soon launch to the public. With some additional partners, the United Way is happy to fund the program's monthly gift of a book to children ages birth to 5.

In closing, he stated, "We know how to solve the problem, and we invite you to join us on the way."



50/50: Nora's table won the \$10 pot this week, and the big pot sits at \$178.

Photos: Bill Boland

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