



PROGRAM: Club Assembly and Nominations

SPEAKER: Bill Phoenix

HOST: Bill Phoenix

GREETER: Jim Guild

WG SOTM: Courtney Irwin

THE INVISIBLE OPPONENT

HOSTED BY: JIM SOMERVILLE

PRESENTED BY: RAY CIANCAGLINI

Meeting Date: December 1, 2016 – Jim Somerville introduced Ray Ciancaglini, a native of Geneva, NY. Ray is a former professional boxer, award winning concussion awareness activist and established key note speaker. His personal life story was featured nationally by ABC News, which has been the subject of two New York Associated Press and New York News Publishers Award winning stories.

Ray was instrumental in getting passed into NY State Law, The Concussion Management Awareness Act, for which he was honored with the New York Executive Chamber Award and the Rochester Hickok Hero Award. Ciancaglini founded the Second Impact Concussion Awareness Program and tours nationally at high schools, colleges, NFL Player Development Camps and Youth Organizations—all free of charge with his message, lecturing athletes about the possible ramifications of not addressing concussions properly. The New York State Athletic Trainers' Association has endorsed Ray's Second Impact presentations.

These days, Ray struggles to form complete thoughts, and each day is a battle. He has a hard time writing his own name, and often times, struggles to recognize life-long friends. Early in his boxing career, Ray endured a second impact injury. This is when an individual absorbs a concussion on top of a previous concussion that has not yet healed. His durability was his own worst enemy during his boxing career. He had never been knocked out or knocked down which gave him a false sense of infallibility. The cumulative effects of several concussions left his fast hands unreliable and his sharp reflexes dulled.

After Ray's retirement from boxing, throughout the early 1980's, headaches became common place and denial ensued. After a 14 year career at Eastman Kodak, Ray's once impeccable work ethic progressively began slipping. He was forgetting how to perform regular duties at his job, began developing hand tremors and was constantly dazing out.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 15

PROGRAM: General Surgery at Schuyler Hospital

SPEAKER: Dr. Wade Bollinger

HOST: Michelle Benjamin

GREETER: Ken Wilson



The toughest part of Ray's situation is that he now knows that the world he lives in every day was mostly avoidable. His mission now is to educate athletes in order to prevent them from following in his footsteps and unknowingly finding his world.

Ray has been battling Parkinson's Syndrome and Dementia for many years as a direct result of numerous untreated concussions. He has been participating in several CTE Research studies at the Boston University School of Medicine where he has donated his brain, upon his death.

Ray speaks at Traumatic Brain Injury Centers and Children's Special Needs Facilities about the importance of keeping a positive attitude and never giving up and gives inspirational lectures to sports teams and organizations about being a champion in athletics and in life. Ray's greatest reward, however, is knowing that he is resonating and making a difference in the lives of many athletes and survivors of brain injury.

Ray generously gifted the Club with a boxing glove inscribed "Watkins-Montour Rotary Club – Thank you for all you do for so many!" – Ray Ciancaglini

Source: TheSecondImpact.com

DECEMBER 1ST CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: Our Speaker, Ray Ciancaglini and his wife Patti, guests of Jim Somerville

WHO WON THE RAFFLE? Tom Weidemann, donated his winnings

MONTHLY AUCTION: Glenda Gephart donated a Linda McIntyre print won by Charlie Haeffner, Fred Hall donated a Christmas Tree shaped lavender plant won by Michele Ray; Tom Gifford donated a bottle of Schooner Red won by Jim Howell; Rich Greenberger donated handmade truffles won by Jim Guild and Kristine Somerville **JANUARY:** Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ANONYMOUS DONATION: A \$1,000 donation from an anonymous member has been made to support the Club's general fund.

WELCOME BACK: Welcome back Bruce Boughton who spent 8 weeks in the Reserves.

THANK YOU: To Rotary from 4H Robotics for the \$200 donation to help Robotics programs.

INTERACT SCHEDULE: WG Interact meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at noon and OM meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at noon.

CLUB ASSEMBLY: Board nominations announced on 12/8 and voting is on 12/15

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: For those who have adopted a family for the holidays, gifts are due 12/14 at Schuyler Outreach. Monetary donations also accepted for Gift of Hope baskets and 2 remaining families. Elf shoppers are welcome to help – meeting at Walmart on Dec. 12 at 5:30 PM.

BANNER EXCHANGE: Nancy Loughlin shared banners she received during her trip in Nigeria.

FOUNDATION DONATION: Foundation Donation of \$26.50 due.

FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 8, 5- 7 PM. The event is held at the Montour Moose Lodge with karaoke, dancing, food, and fun for people with developmental disabilities served by The Arc. Volunteers will be needed for set up and food service.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for December 19th, 6 – 8 PM for our club Christmas Party. Bring a dish to pass and a \$10 gift for the Chinese Auction if you wish to participate.

THOSE WE MISSED: JC Argetsinger, Michelle Benjamin, Carl Blowers, Dominick Franzese, Tom Gifford, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, John King, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Bridgette Stewart, Jennifer Sweet, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

CELEBRATIONS & CONFESSIONS:

Rich Greenberger: Jim Howell's return

Matt Hayden: Missed Meeting

Don Stocum: Just because

Jim Howell: Has returned, so we don't have to listen to Rich's comments anymore ;) Missed Meetings

Jim Bacalles: Going to Florida soon to work with Yankees for spring training; They're looking for more help!

Bill Phoenix: To our anonymous donor, Spent Thanksgiving with his sons

Rebekah Carroll: Happy for two healthy children who are healthy enough to raid her purse ;)

Glenda Gephart: Happy to have sons home for Thanksgiving

Tom Weidemann: Thanks to our anonymous donor

Nancy Peters: Was in TN

Michele Ray: Baseball season starting up

Terri Orbin: Missed Meeting; Granddaughter was in nutcracker ballet

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ROTARY FOUNDATION NAMED WORLD'S OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION FOR 2016

The Association of Fundraising Professionals has recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which gives us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation's centennial year," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. "The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

The announcement came on 15 November, known to industry professionals since the 1980s as National Philanthropy Day. The award will be presented in early 2017 at the AFP's annual conference in San Francisco.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel is set to accept the award on Rotary's behalf, and Eric Schmelling, director of fund development at Rotary, will speak at the conference. The event is expected to draw more than 3,400 senior-level fundraising professionals from 33 countries.



"While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much of an impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe," says Jason Lee, AFP president and CEO. "On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation."

AFP's committee of judges cited Rotary's comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection. They also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.