



PROGRAM: General Surgery at Schuyler Hospital

SPEAKER: Dr. Wade Bollinger

HOST: Michelle Benjamin

GREETER: Ken Wilson

OM SOTM: Paxtyn Brown

## CLUB ASSEMBLY AND NOMINATIONS

HOSTED BY: BILL PHOENIX

Meeting Date: December 8, 2016 –

### Nomination Slate

There is an opening on the board of directors. Chris Burns will be coming off the board. The Nominating Committee has nominated Holly Baker to fill the spot. Her nomination was accepted by the club. The Slate of Officers was presented: 2017-2018 President: Richard Greenberger, President-Elect, Rebekah Carroll; Secretary: Terri Orbin; Treasurer: Michele Ray; Past President: Bill Phoenix. Voting will take place on 12/15.

### Committee Updates

Vocational Services, Nancy Loughlin: Nancy reported on a new course called iLead being offered at WGHS in partnership with the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce. The goal will be to involve Rotarians in some way.

International Projects, Nancy Loughlin: Nancy reported on International projects that were being worked on involving Honduras. Marie Fitzsimmons and Kirk Peters have taken on a special project of building and sustaining a library in Namibia. Donations of games, books with African or African-American characters and illustrations, colored pencils and other

Interact, Nancy Loughlin: Nancy reported that the OM Interact Club is finding their footing again and building their funds. They recently volunteered at the United Way Spaghetti Dinner. The WG Club helped at the UW Dinner, the Hepcats Dance, and other events. The club continues to thrive with members under the leadership of Rotarian, Nancy Ruda. A reminder that Rotarians are welcome to attend Interact meetings at both schools. Please consider making a donation when you're out Christmas shopping. The Interact Club will be helping with the shipping costs for these items as a joint project.

Youth Exchange, Michelle Benjamin: Michelle is a Youth Exchange Counselor for the club as well as Nancy Loughlin, Nancy Ruda, and Rich Greenberger. Michelle gave an overview of the YEX program. Our next outbound student will be Noelle Chamberlain traveling to India.

Public Relations, Michelle Benjamin: Michelle continues to issue news releases to the local media and for the District Newsletter regarding events and news from the club. We also have a Facebook page managed by Holly. Event Chairs, please continue to send information to Michelle when planning events, so she can help get the word out. While Michelle is the PR Chair, it is the responsibility of all Rotarians to be part of our club's Public Relations. (CONT. PAGE 2)



## CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT OF THE MONTH COURTNEY IRWIN

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club honored Watkins Glen High School senior, Courtney Irwin as its December WGHS Student of the Month. Chris Clarke introduced Courtney as an "exceptional student." In addition to her academic success, Courtney works at the school Fitness Center, plays varsity golf, and is a member of National Honor Society among other service organizations. Chris said Courtney was an "easy choice" for the honor. Courtney also volunteers with the TIES program and tutors a young girl with Down syndrome. Courtney expressed that she believes in "always striving for better." She thanked Rotary, her parents, and her brother for their support. Courtney said she loves science and helping people, so she will be pursuing a career in nursing. She plans to attend East Stroudsburg University and play Division 2 golf.

**NO MEETING: DECEMBER 22 OR 29**

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# DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> CLUB NEWS

**GUESTS:** Our SOTM, Courtney Irwin and her mother and father, Christine and Dale, her brother Matt, teacher Chris Clarke, YEX Student, Moeko Oshima, and John Nguyen

**WHO WON THE RAFFLE?** Chris Burns (Still a Joker in the deck!)

**MONTHLY AUCTION: FOR JANUARY:** Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Big thanks to all the Rotarians and their family members who volunteered at The Arc of Schuyler's Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had an excellent time with great music, dancing, and food!

**ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Mark your calendars for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**EASTERN CITIES DINNER:** President Bill thanks all who attended the Eastern Cities Dinner. Keynote Speaker, John Germ gave a great presentation and was noted for his involvement in the \$200 million foundation campaign that involved the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. That Master of Ceremonies also asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ed Cullen.

**PROGRAMS:** Programs may still be needed for Jan. 5 and 26. Please check with Meredith if dates remain open and let her know if you have a program.

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

**FOUNDATION DONATION:** Please consider a donation to the Foundation of \$26.50.

**THOSE WE MISSED:** Carl Blowers, Judy McKinney-Cherry, Matt Hayden, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Rebekah LaMoreaux, Gary mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Terri Orbin, Judy Phillips, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Meredith Williams, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

## CLUB ASSEMBLY AND NOMINATIONS (CONT)

Michel Ray handed out a copy of the current club budget and gave an overview of our revenue sources and expenses. Our income consists of membership dues (which go directly to Rotary International), fines (general fund), auction (general fund), Camp Start Dues (Camp Star), and the Card Raffle (which goes to the President's travel fund for trainings, etc.). There are special purpose income projects – Polio Plus, Scholarship Grant, Youth Exchange donations, etc. We also have major fundraisers: Antique Show, AMBA, Dogged Pursuit, NCAA, Calendars (we did sell \$1,114 for calendars this year – thank you to those who chose to sell this year!), the NEW Chicken BBQ, Moose Breakfast, Ribs & Riesling (proceeds directly benefit charity of choice although we may consider this a club fundraiser in 2017), Wine & Food, I/A Festival, Hepcat dance (for PolioPlus), and Kayak Raffle. We no longer have the carnival fundraiser, the calendars is not a mandatory fundraiser, and we did not have the BonTon was not held in Watkins Glen area this year (normally a \$3,000 fundraiser). Consequently, we are looking at a budget shortfall. A fundraising committee has been formed to help the board in addressing the budget gap. Please bring ideas you may have to the Board or Rich Greenberger. If you have further questions about the budget, please see Michel.



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### ROTARY-UN CELEBRATION MIXES BUSINESS WITH DIPLOMACY

Outside the United Nations building in midtown Manhattan stands an imposing sculpture of a man wielding a sword in one hand and raising a hammer with the other. It reflects a shared goal that Rotary and the United Nations celebrated at the organizations' annual meeting on Saturday, 12 November: to use our strengths and tools to build a more peaceful and just world.

The theme of this year's Rotary Day at the United Nations, "Responsible Business, Resilient Societies," emphasizes Rotary's role as a global network of business leaders using the tools of their trades to build stronger, more prosperous communities.

In his introductory remarks, Rotary International President John F. Germ drew the crowd's attention to the statue, "Let Us Beat Our Swords Into Ploughshares," as he set the tone for the day, which included breakout sessions and keynote addresses on aspects of responsible business, or the philosophy that for-profit enterprise can contribute to positive social and economic development.

