

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club



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TODAY'S MEETING: February 9, 2017

PROGRAM: State of State

HOST: Rotary/League of Women Voters

SPEAKERS: Sen. Tom O'Mara and Assemblyman Phil
Palmesano

GREETER: Tony Fraboni

WG SOTM: Rong Lin

ILEAD PROGRAM

HOST: REBEKAH CARROLL

SPEAKERS: KAZ POPOVICH, KAYLA SMITH, AND
CLARA CHEDZOY

Meeting Date: February 2, 2017 –

The Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce and Watkins Glen High School have partnered to introduce iLead, a new class being offered to high school students who would benefit from real world job skills training and soft skills practice. The Chamber has aimed to connect businesses with youth through job shadowing programs and its student/mentor event, but didn't feel it was quite hitting the mark. The Chamber and Business/Education Committee wanted to offer something that would truly benefit high school graduates entering the workforce and businesses – teaching students basic work and life skills that they may not learn in typical school courses. iLead was developed and offered for the first time in Fall 2016. The credit bearing course is instructed by Kaz Popovich and invites local professionals (including some of our Rotarians) to be guest instructors on topics of their expertise.

Course topics include "Who are you?" – a self-assessment of skills, strengths, and weaknesses; "Time Management"; "Communication"; "Survival"; "Teamwork" – when to lead, how to lead, when to let others lead; "Money Management"; "Marketing Me" – how to present yourself; "My Community" – getting to know businesses in the area, connecting with professionals, how to become involved and stay involved in the community.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 16

PROGRAM: Stillman's Greenhouse

SPEAKER: Judi Barr

HOST: Stewart McDivitt

GREETER: Judy Phillips



Kaz described some of the activities students have engaged in throughout the course - Practicing public speaking and presentation skills through various methods; speed networking – students met face to face with several adults to practice eye contact, listening, and conversation skills, and then attended a Chamber mixer to apply the skills; writing letters from Santa to kindergarten students, hosting a holiday Thank You mixer for guest instructors; Mad City Money – practicing real life money management skills; self-branding and presenting with the students' choice of visual aid (poster, power point, flag, etc.).

The class will continue through the end of year and guest instructors are lined up to speak. Kaz noted that energetic and engaging guest presenters are most effective with students. Many bring in activities to replicate real world problem solving to engage students in critical thinking.

Kayla and Clara, two students enrolled in the course, shared about their experiences. Clara said the class was much different than other courses she's taking, because it gets her out in her community, has created real opportunities for her, and connected her with internships and summer programs. Kayla also commented that she enjoys the class, because it has allowed her to get to know students she may not otherwise interact with. The course has helped her develop strong skills working within a team and becoming more comfortable working with different people. She remarked that she's sure the skills she's learned in this class will help her into the future.

Other schools have already reached out to the Chamber to replicate the program. The Chamber and WG School intend to finish the trial run of the year-long course and package the curriculum and exercises before sharing with other schools.

MEETING THURSDAY, 12:10 PM AT WATKINS GLEN ELKS LODGE · WATKINS GLEN, NY
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FEBRUARY 2ND CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: Our speakers, Kaz Popovich, Kayla Smith, and Clara Chedzoy

WHO WON THE RAFFLE? Stan Beaver

MONTHLY AUCTION: John King donated a decorative spiral solar lantern won by Rebekah Carroll. Thanks John, Rebekah, and Rich for being our auctioneer!

EVENTS:

MOOSE BREAKFAST is Feb. 19th at Montour Moose. We will need volunteers to help – a sign-up sheet is being passed. Tickets are \$7 each – all you can eat!

NCAA Auction will be held March 14th.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW will be March 19th. Don Stocum is seeking someone to take over the show for next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REVIEW/EXPRESS published a story on Nancy Loughlin's trip to Nigeria. Check it out!

ELMIRA ROTARY CLUB is hosting its 100th anniversary dinner on March 7 at Elmira College and WM Rotarians are invited to attend. Tickets are \$50 each. Our club will celebrate its 100th year in just 5 years!

ARC SPAGHETTI DINNER is Feb. 20th at Montour Moose. Tickets for sale at The Arc.

DISTRICT 7120 NEWS: Mark your calendars! The District Conference will be held May 19 – May 21 in Erie, PA. go to www.districtconference.org for details.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ROTARIAN BUILDS IRON LUNG REPLICA TO TEACH NEW GENERATION ABOUT POLIO

Dispatched to Ghana with a fellow British Rotarian to scout club service opportunities, Roger Frank hadn't planned their visit to coincide with National Immunization Days, but the pair – Frank and Dr. Carl Hallam – jumped, unhesitating, into the thick of inoculations. During a four-day stretch in October 2015, nearly 2,000 children in the area were protected from poliomyelitis. The effort galvanized Frank, who brainstormed for a way to do even more at home: How could he promote polio eradication when few of his countrymen gave much thought to the scourge?

Recalling the fear that gripped the UK, the U.S., and elsewhere during the height of the polio epidemic in the early 1950s, Frank, a past president of the Rotary Club of Upper Eden, thought of the iron lung, a device largely relegated to museums and history books. The lifesaving mechanical respirator was a potent, if depressing, symbol of the debilitating disease. An iron lung, Frank reasoned, would educate younger generations who grew up free of the fear created by polio, a virus that is spread easily, during the 20th century.

THOSE WE MISSED: JC Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Michelle Benjamin, Judy Cherry, Tony Fraboni, Glenda Gephart, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Terri Orbin, Bill Phoenix, James Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Don Stocum, Jennifer Sweet, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

CELEBRATIONS & CONFESSIONS:

President-Elect Rich imposed a fine on same-sex tables

Bridgette Stewart: Eldest son and his family of 6 have moved out ☺

Tom Weidemann: Missed meeting, Ice Bar this weekend

Judy Phillips: Senator and Assemblyman will be here next week!

Nancy Loughlin: Sent Groundhog's Day greeting cards to Moeko and Angeliika and Moeko noting it was an important American holiday. Moeko responded with a thanks and that she did research to learn more about our "holiday" ☺, Student presenters

Stan Beaver: Table

Stewart McDivitt: Table

Carl Blowers: Student presenters, Table

Charlie Cole: Had to leave early

Bruce Boughton: Table

Jim Somerville: Would have had his wife at the table, but she didn't make it.

Ken Wilson: Table

Rebekah Carroll: Auction item, Table, pics on Odessa File

Meredith Williams: Table

Nancy Peters: Table, Missed meeting, Please bring your \$21.50 for Foundation Donation

Don Franeze: Table

Tom Gifford: Table

Rich Greenberger: Missed meeting, For all Nancy does for Rotary YEX



He hoped to borrow a model to put on tour to serve as a reminder that the polio fight remains unfinished. "I spent the last three months of 2015 looking for an iron lung in hospitals, etc.," says Frank, 65. "I had hoped to source an original unit, but they have all been scrapped and those that remain are in museums, and they would not part with them. Being fully committed to the project, I had no other option than to build an iron lung myself. **FINISH THE STORY AT WWW.ROTARY.ORG**