



**PROGRAM:** Namibia, The Library Project

**SPEAKER:** Marie Fitzsimmons

**HOST:** Nancy Loughlin

**GREETER:** Jim Somerville

**WG SOTM:** Aidan DeBolt

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2017 –

**BY LAWS:** A motion was made by Tom Gifford to accept the club bylaws. Don Stocum seconded and the motion was passed. Bylaws are available by request.

**BUDGET:** Michel Ray gave a more detailed overview of the Club's budget. The omission of the Bon Ton this year (and last year), the decline of Calendar Sales, and the slight decline in attendance of some events had created a shortfall in the annual budget. The addition of the Chicken BBQ in October, Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's, and now Concert with the Club helped boost available funds. In addition, the Hepcats Band concert netted more than expected and Calendar Sales actually generated more dollars than originally budgeted. One of the Scholarship Winners was disqualified and that money will return to the budget. The budget is balanced and there is about \$2,000 - \$2,500 available for community grants and projects. The budget is available to view at members' request. A motion to accept the budget was made by Jim Howell, seconded by Stewart McDivitt, and passed.

**SUSTAINING CLUBS AND FOUNDATION:** Nancy Peters gave an update on Foundation donations and Sustaining Clubs. Thank you to all for contributing to the Foundation and helping us check off another block on our Rotary bingo board. The Club has 4 sustaining clubs, making about 80+% of the Club a Sustaining Club member. The Rotary International goal is 100% participation if possible. There were 2 spots on Sustaining Clubs left for 3 year terms. Jim Bacalles generously took one of those spots. Please see Nancy if anyone is interested in taking the other spot.

## NEXT MEETING: MAY 4

**PROGRAM:** Every Door Direct Services, US Post Service

**SPEAKER:** Don Stocum

**HOST:** Don Stocum

**GREETERS:** Doug Hagin and Beth DeCaro

**MEMBERSHIP:** Glenda reviewed the process for inviting prospective new members to the club. The process is generally: 1) Find someone who would be interested in joining the Club 2) Invite the person to a meeting, introduce them to others, and follow up with the person after the meeting to discuss what they liked and answer questions 3) Print the membership application from the Rotary website or request one from Terri. Fill out the form and submit to Terri 4) The applicant goes to the Board for approval 5) Ken Wilson contacts the applicant for an orientation and the applicant says yes or no to joining 6) Ken has the signed application filled out by the sponsor 7) The applicant's name is published in the bulletin as a proposed member and club members have a 10 day window to address any concerns in writing to the Board 8) The applicant is inducted into the club. Remember, the first time a prospective member attends, their lunch is free. The sponsor pays for any meetings attended thereafter. We don't want a prospective member to pay before they are an official member of the Club. We expect to end this Rotary year with a net gain of 2 members! Please consider members of our community who would make good members. Increasing membership is a team effort!

## NEXT YEAR:

President-Elect Rich gave a brief overview of the PETS Training he attended. The theme for next year is "making a difference." Rich outlined three main goals for his year as President 1) Membership – as a team we must cultivate new members from the blossoming businesses in our area 2) Fundraising – we have a newly formed committee launching Concert with the Club and potentially an art auction that has brought other clubs \$5,000 – 18,000. Other possible events in the works – Crazy Sports Night at the high school – modeled after similar successful events. 3) Giving Back to the Community.

Rich intends to submit a survey via email to Club Members. Please begin thinking about questions: Why are you a Rotarian? What are your ideas on fundraising? What are your ideas on community projects?

Thanks for a great Club Assembly everyone! If you missed the Assembly and have questions, please see President Bill.

# APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> CLUB NEWS

**GUESTS:** John Nguyen

**WHO WON THE RAFFLE?** Jim Somerville

**MONTHLY AUCTION: APRIL:** Dennis Morris, Terri Orbin, Nancy Peters

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**NIGHT OF MUSIC: AMERICANA AND JAZZ CONCERT:** The Club is sponsoring Concert with the Club: A night of Music featuring Jazz and Americana music. Performers are Casey Max and the Dixie Kats and Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads. Concert will be held at WGHS Auditorium on April 29 starting at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15 each and member are asked to sell 2 tickets or more. This has the potential to be a great fundraiser for the club, please mark your calendars to attend.

**ROADSIDE CLEANUP:** Contract has been renewed with DOT for next 5 years. Our first cleanup for 2017 will be May 13, 9 – 11 AM. Please let Chris Burns know if you can make it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER BETH DECARO!** Beth is sponsored by Doug Hagin. After collecting 20 Rotarian signatures she was officially pinned and inducted into the Club.

**CLUB HISTORIAN NEEDED:** With the passing of Ed Cullen, the Board has discussed the need for a new Club Historian and welcomes a volunteer for the role. The Board is working on bringing the scattered archives of the Club into one location as well – suggestions welcome.

**FILLING BOARD VACANCY:** There is on unexpired term on the Board that needs to be filled. Holly will be filling the second unexpired term by joining early.

**CLUB DIRECTORY:** Suggestion was made to create a cloud-based club directory, which means information would be stored online but password protected. This would allow club members to easily access contact info for members and update personal information. Any members who can help with this, please see Bill.

**TEMPORARY RELOCATION:** Club meetings will be temporarily relocated to the Glen Motor Inn while the Elks undergoes renovations. Meetings will be held there on May 25 and June 1.

**PROPOSED NEW MEMBER:** Steven Briggs, new US SALT Plant Manager has been proposed as a new member. Steven is proposed by Judy Cherry. Any concerns, please see Terri Orbin.

**THOSE WE MISSED:** JC Argetsinger, Stan Beaver, Rebekah Carroll, Judy Cherry, Dominick Franzese, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, John King, Mike Learn, Nancy Loughlin, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Terri Orbin, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Bridgette Stewart, Tom Weidemann, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

**Chris Burns:** Welcome Beth! For Doug being a great sponsor and helping Beth get her signatures.

**Doug Hagin:** Beth had an extra signature – one from Elmo Royce

**Ken Wilson:** Appeared on TV while attending the Business Expo. He was told it was not a flattering shot ;)

**John Nguyen:** Daughter's novelty store will be moving from the Arnot Mall to a storefront on Franklin Street in Watkins Glen!

**Meredith Williams:** Missed meeting

**Tom Gifford:** Took badge home

**Tony Fraboni:** Welcome Beth!

**Rich Greenberger:** Thanks to Jim for work on concert.

**Glenda Gephart:** Apologies for missing bulletin – will come out next week

**Jim Somerville:** Interviewed on WFLR morning show with Rich – may need their own radio show

**Jim Bacalles:** Welcome Beth! Yankees had their best spring training ever! For son's winning football games

**Bill Phoenix:** Welcome Beth! Thanks Rich and Jim!

**Nancy Peters:** Phone went off

**Michel Ray:** Daughter Katie is officially a doctor and will be joining the team at Seneca Physical Therapy!

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### ROTARY'S PEOPLE OF ACTION

Where others see problems, Rotary members see solutions. Our 1.2 million members see opportunities and possibilities in their communities around the world. Here are some of the stories of our People of Action.

For the past 60 years, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island in Washington, has held an annual auction and rummage sale that raised more than \$7 million.

The long-term success of the auction has made it a cultural event. Proceeds of the event help almost every corner of their community, including feeding the hungry through the local food bank, buying cribs for infants in need, funding a school robotics program and helping seniors with dental care.

Most residents plan their donations all year, 100% of proceeds are invested in the town, and more than 1,400 local people volunteer each year, Goldston says. "As our sale has been an annual event since the 1950s," says Goldston. "The local community now mostly plans its donations in advance."



 **Bainbridge Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale**  
about 3 years ago

