



PROGRAM: Year-End Youth Exchange Presentations

SPEAKER: Moeko Oshima (Angelika will present June 22)

HOST: Michelle Benjamin

GREETER: Judy Phillips

OM SOTM (June): Madison Morse and (May) Simmone D.

2017-2018 ROTARY YEAR

PRESENTED BY: RICH GREENBERGER

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Meeting Date: June 8, 2017 – President-Elect, Rich Greenberger, took some time to present his three goals for his year as Club President:

1) **Financial Stability:** Rich would like to see \$10,000 in the Club's "rainy day fund" by the end of his year. He is leading a new fundraising committee that is vetting possible fundraisers including an art auction for the Fall. He hopes to see current fundraisers continue to succeed and increase the audience for the new concert held in April.

2) **Membership:** With the recent addition of new members: Duke, Dena, Steve, and Beth and the return of Nan Woodworth – the Club is "on a roll". Rich has set a goal of 5 additional new members. Please consider colleagues, associates, and friends who would be interested in joining Rotary and doing good for their community.

3) **New Service Projects:** Rich emailed a survey to the Club asking for new ideas and received feedback for community gardens, Seneca View visits, and partnering with the Montour Falls Library for a youth literacy project. Rich will be reaching out to members and the Club in general to help organize and implement projects that will reach people in need, the elderly, and youth in our community.

The 2017-2018 Rotary Theme is "Making a Difference," and that's just what Rich hopes to accomplish.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 22

PROGRAM: Seasonal Nature of Bee Keeping

SPEAKER: Phil Cherry

HOST: Tom Weidemann

GREETER: Meredith Williams



CONGRATULATIONS OM SOTM: ANGEL HAMM

Kelly Muir introduced Angel Hamm, a student who excels in academics, shines behind the stage in productions by various theater groups, and is always performing good deeds for others. She is a positive young lady who has volunteered for many community organizations and even led a can drive for our 100 Years of Rotary Foundation celebration. Angel respectfully declined this recognition and requested that it be dedicated to Ryan Pruitt, a WG Senior who recently passed away. Angel delivered a beautiful speech memorializing Ryan as a passionate person and a wonderful friend, son, brother, and grandson with a memorable laugh. Her speech is published on odessafile.com. Angel has enlisted in the Airforce Special Intelligence unit and will leave June 27.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Club welcomes two new members: Duke Argetsinger, sponsored by Glenda Gephart, and Dena Carrigan, sponsored by Terri Orbin. Duke was born and raised in Hector, NY, studied History in Colorado, worked in the Administrative Offices of the US Courts for many years, and is an avid collector of 20th century American poetry and military history. He and his partner, Kirk reside in Schuyler County and Duke works at the IMRRC. Dena is the Assistant Branch Manager for WG Chemung Canal Trust. She is an active volunteer in the community – serving on boards or committees for Italian American Festival, Spirit of Schuyler, Grand Prix Festival, The Arc Grand Prix Run at WGI, WG Chamber of Commerce. She and husband, Sam reside in Schuyler County. Welcome Duke and Dena!

JUNE 8TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: WG SOTM, Angel Hamm and presenter, Kelly Muir along with several schools friends – Tammy Cole, Cody Cole, Will Fitzsimmons, Alexis Bingham, Sam Brubaker; and Kirk Piersma

RAFFLE WINNER: Nancy Peters

MONTHLY AUCTION: June: Michel Ray, Nancy Ruda, Jim Somerville

FUNDRAISER RESULTS:

CHICKEN BBQ: Michele Ray reported that the BBQ was an amazing success, selling out of about 225 chickens in an hour and a half. The Club net \$1,700 on the event. Special thanks to Michele's husband, Tim and to Don Stocum for cooking the chicken and thanks to the many Rotarians and friends who helped at the BBQ, donated baked goods (\$228) for the bake sale, and purchased dinners. Michele is hoping to grow this event next year, continuing to hold it on the first weekend of June in conjunction with the WG village sales.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHANGEOVER DINNER: Please mark your calendars for the Changeover Dinner on June 27 at Glen Montage. Social Hour starts at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. Meal cost is \$28.

FLX CHEESE FESTIVAL: The festival is July 22 and the club is rallying volunteers to assist with seminars – plating cheese, pouring wine and beer, serving attendees. The slots are 2.5 hours and you are welcome to sign up for more than one spot. The festival is making a donation to the Club for our volunteer assistance, so please sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER: The District Changeover Dinner is on June 26. Details are on the Rotary District 7120 website. Please see Bill if you would like to attend.

MEETING LOCATION: Welcome to our new meeting location, Upper Deck, located within the Elks Lodge. Upper Deck is open T, W, Th 4 – 9 PM, Sat. 11 – 9, and Sun, 11 – 7.

THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS: Chicken BBQ Volunteers; Youth Exchange Weekend: Nancy Loughlin, Michelle Benjamin, Bridgette Stewart Fred Hall

THOSE WE MISSED: JC Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Michelle Benjamin, Judy Cherry, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Nancy Loughlin, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Tom Weidemann, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Chris Burns: For our new members, great WG kids

Dominick Franzese: Picture of him at BBQ on Odessa File

Holly Baker: SOTM and New Members

Glenda Gephart: SOTM and New Members

Judy Phillips: SOTM

Doug Hagin: Congratulations Bruce and to the WG kids

Bruce Boughton: New president of Chemung Canal branch offices; New members

Beth DeCaro: For Angel's beautiful speech

Meredith Williams: WG Students

Rebekah Carroll: Took a trip to NYC, For Angel

Carl Blowers: SOTM, For Angel's speech

Stewart McDivitt: New members, SOTM

Bridgette Stewart: New members, SOTM

Don Stocum: Great young people, to Michele and her family for BBQ help, new members

Nancy Peters: Late to meeting

Bill Phoenix: New members, SOTM

Dena Carrigan: Congrats Bruce, Celebrating birthday

Terri Orbin: SOTM, great young people, for Michele, new members, daughter turned 20

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ROTARY THE GATES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE \$450 MILLION COMMITMENT TO END POLIO

President John Germ and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced a commitment of up to \$450 million to support the eradication of polio.

To an audience of nearly 40,000 Rotary members attending the humanitarian organization's annual convention, Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation renewed their longstanding support for ending polio – a paralyzing, life-altering scourge on the verge of becoming the second human disease ever to be eliminated. Rotary committed to raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance over the next three years. This critical funding helps ensure countries around the world remain polio-free and that polio is ended in the remaining three endemic countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. **Full Story at Rotary.org**



Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and RI President John Germ announce new pledges toward the polio eradication effort at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta.