



WALK FOR WATER

PRESENTED BY: JEFF KRANS

HOSTED BY: NANCY LOUGHLIN

Meeting Date: September 21, 2017 – Jeff Krans of the Penn Yan Club served as District Governor in 2010 – 2011 and is also a Past Foundation Chair. He visited the Club to share information about Habitat Technologies Solutions for the Congo (HTSCongo), “a 501c3 sustained by unpaid volunteers that employs and trains villagers in the Congo to build sustainable water and sanitation facilities with the goal to empower teams of trained technicians capable of building and caring for their own water.”

There is a devastating water crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. An estimated 80% of residents do not have clean drinking water or sanitation facilities. HTSCongo endeavors to drill wells, harvest rain, improve springs, build latrines, and ensure water protection and hygiene through education. The organization’s Program Director and founder, Leon Fontier, is a member of the Penn Yan Rotary Club. He was born in the Congo. In 2010, he took his family on a trip to the country and was shocked by the poverty. He launched a grassroots effort to transfer technologies and improve the health and well-being of Congo residents. The effort began with six people meeting in Penn Yan and in 2012 the organization became a 501c3.

The Penn Yan Club applied for a Global Grant and was awarded \$54k for a project through HTSCongo. Those grants are supported in part by donations from clubs in our district to the Foundation. The only thing the grant will not pay for is Leon’s travel costs to the Congo. He accepts donations through his website and no donation is too small to help. Visit www.HTSCongo.org for more information.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 5

PROGRAM: Club Assembly

HOST: Rich Greenberger

GREETER: Bill Phoenix

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS:

- **Judy Keough**, proposed by Charlie Cole
Classification: Healthcare
- **Debbie MacDonald**, proposed by Terri Orbin
Classification: Non-Profit Agency Director

CONGRATULATIONS SOTM:

NAKIAHA ROBINSON



Odessa-Montour Central School Superintendent, Chris Wood made his 38th Student of the Month presentation, introducing Nakiaha Robinson as Rotary’s September Student of the Month. Nakiaha is a member of National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, and Student Council President. She is ranked 8th in her class and will graduate in 2018 with 28 college credits. She is currently participating in the New Visions program for Education and Human Services. In addition to her academic success, Nakiaha is a 5-year varsity basketball player and has received various awards including the Susan Haeffner award presented by The Odessa File annually for sportsman ship. Nakiaha’s achievements haven’t come easily. Nakiaha tore her ACL in 9th grade and her MCL in 10th grade. She and her family have experienced great hardship, but Nakiaha is not one to complain and has always remained positive. Superintendent Wood commented that Nakiaha is one of the students who inspires – her peers and her teachers. Humble and a girl of few words, Nakiaha thanked Rotary for the honor, her parents for support, and Mr. Wood for his presentation.

SEPTEMBER 21ST CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: OM SOTM: Nakaiha Robinson and her mother, Polly Garrison along with presenter and OM Superintendent, Chris Wood and teacher, Holly McNelis; Beatriz Silva, our inbound exchange student; Our speaker, Jeff Krans (PDG, and Past Foundation Chair), guest of Nancy Loughlin

RAFFLE WINNER: Jim Guild

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

AMBA: Jen Sweet is on top of organizing this year's event, scheduled for 11/4 at the WG HS gym. We will have full use of concession stand! In meeting with Sports Boosters to discuss logistics for concession, Jen ended up leaving the meeting as a member and as the Secretary! Thanks Jen!

SWINGING ON SENECA'S SHORES: Our fundraising event for Polio Plus will be held in November. John King is once again chairing the event.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

EXCHANGE STUDENT: Our inbound student from Brazil, Beatriz, stopped by to visit the Club and let us know she's doing well. She has made friends, is enjoying soccer and school, and everyone is welcoming her. She even brought each member of the Club a baggie of candy from her country!

LITERACY SUPPORT PROJECT: The Board continues to discuss ways to support literacy in the community. An idea is on the table to partner with Dandy Mini Marts in the county to have a lending library shelf in as many Dandy locations in the County as allowed. Nancy Loughlin is attending the District Literacy Seminar.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Glenda Gephart is stepping down as chair of the Membership Committee. Dena Carrigan is taking her place.

THANKS FOR THE MAKEUPS: Seneca View Visit Volunteers: Rich Greenberger, Ken Wilson, Tony Fraboni, Rebekah Carroll, Jim Guild, Jim Howell, Nancy Loughlin

THOSE WE MISSED: Duke Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Judy McKinney Cherry, Charlie Cole, Beth DeCaro, Dominick Franzese, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, John King, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Tom Weidemann, Lindsay Wickham, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Bill Phoenix: Great vacation to Cranberry Lake

Tony Fraboni: Picture on Odessa File

Matt Hayden: Missed meetings

Nancy Peters: Visit from family

Nancy Loughlin: Thank you Joe for program, Congrats to SOTM and Family, and Chris Wood

Michael Learn: Celebrating birth of new grandson

Don Stocum: SOTM

Jennifer Sweet: SOTM

Glenda Gephart: Missed meeting, SOTM, Vacation! (On Behalf of Duke, who sends his regrets for missing meeting)

Carl Blowers: Grandson visited and tired him out ;), SOTM

Meredith Williams: SOTM

Dena Carrigan: SOTM, Missed meeting

Michelle Benjamin: Missed meeting, SOTM – Nakiha for being great friend to Beatriz

Michel Ray: For SOTM and her mother

Bridgette Stewart: Congrats to all, also enjoyed Cranberry Lake trip

Terri Orbin: SOTM, Phone rang

Holly Baker: Weekend trip to VA

ROTARY PILOTS NEW APPROACH TO PEACE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

Rotary has entered a new partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) to enhance its peace and conflict resolution efforts with data-driven methodologies and tools; as it honors six 'Champions of Peace.'

The partnership with IEP – a global think tank that pioneered a conceptual framework for 'Positive Peace' – enables both organizations to work together to create an online learning platform with webinars and interactive tools to teach Rotary members and Rotary Peace Fellows to apply new peacebuilding methods to their communities while addressing underlying causes of conflicts. In addition, the partnership allows for the development of local workshops hosted by Rotary clubs to educate communities about positive peace.

"Peace is much more than the mere absence of violence," said Rotary President Ian H.S. Riseley. "The IEP has helped shift the world's conversation about peace to a positive, achievable and tangible measure of human wellbeing and progress. Our partnership will foster community-based projects in peace and conflict resolution that are both practical and impactful."

"We are excited to be partnering with Rotary on this important initiative to reach millions of people, helping them to become peacemakers," said founder and Executive Chairman of IEP Steve Killelea. "As recent events clearly indicate, peace is a pre-requisite for humanity to thrive. The Rotary programs, built on Positive Peace, will be an invaluable contribution to global peace."

Rotary members and peace fellows take action to address underlying causes of conflict by providing access to clean water and sanitation, supporting education, preventing and treating disease, saving mothers and children and growing local economies. To celebrate their impact and in recognition of International Day of Peace, Rotary is highlighting the following six Champions of Peace:

Jean Best, a member of the Rotary Club of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, founded The Peace Project, a skills-based training that teaches teens in 10 countries to resolve conflict within themselves and to promote peace in their schools and communities.

Ann Frisch, a member of the Rotary Club of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, USA, introduced the Civilian-Based Peace Process to train civilians in southern Thailand to build safe zones where families, teachers and local officials do not have to confront military forces every day.

Safina Rahman, a member of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Mahanagar, Bangladesh, established Emancipation & Empowerment of Girls– a program that provides basic education, vocational training, disease prevention, conflict prevention, healthcare, safe drinking water and personal hygiene to 2,600 students in Bangladesh, emphasizing vocational opportunities for girls.

Read more at www.Rotary.org.