



TEAM TAYLOR

PRESENTED BY: TAYLOR GOETZINGER

HOSTED BY: REBEKAH CARROLL

Meeting Date: September 28, 2017 – Rowing, says Olympics hopeful Taylor Goetzinger, is the “coming together to problem-solve and build momentum and create something bigger than you are.” The commitment of a rower is similar to the commitment to community that Rotarians make, she said.

Goetzinger appeared before the club to explain her 2020 Olympic journey and to invite Rotarians to join her team as sponsors as she renews her effort to compete on the greatest world stage. With her family now living in Burdett, Goetzinger is building her support team locally and has already signed on Barry Family Wine Cellars in Burdett and Glendale Farm Organic Grape Juice in Hector.

Goetzinger started rowing in 2008 at Ithaca College and transferred to Cornell University the next year. Her accomplishments include being a two-time All American and earning the bronze medal at the 2013 World Cup in a two-person boat.

A digestive disorder in 2014 didn't stop her, but did bring her to Schuyler County to rest, recover and heal, she said. Then she was back to rigorous training, aiming for the 2016 Olympics. She was cut in the last round.

“I felt really proud of my effort,” Goetzinger said. She turned away from rowing, but after about 10 months, “got the itch again.”

She has a new coach and a renewed commitment to training. And to “Olympism,” a philosophy she says embraces “joy found in effort.”

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 12

PROGRAM: HEAL Program

SPEAKER: Elizabeth Watson

HOST: Meredith Williams

GREETER: Jim Guild

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADDRESS, DON MILTON

District Gov. Don began his presentation to the Club by praising Taylor Goetzinger, saying, “Inspiration, that’s what youth is all about.”

Gov. Don said attending the International Conference in Atlanta was inspiring, too. With 42,000 attendees, the event was very educational. Bill Gates’ continued commitment to eradicating polio was demonstrated with his 2-1 match of donations. “Unbelievable” and “fantastic,” Gov. Don said.

He brought the message of the desire of RI President Ian Riseley that before April 22, 2018 every Rotarian in the world plants a tree. Gov. Don said he wants to know as our Club members meet this goal.

Gov. Don said he personally feels strongly about addressing childhood hunger. He wants to see every child in the District fed. Don’t create new programs, he said, instead, “plug the holes.” A new effort of spreading the word about Rotary is underway, he said. “The public knows who we are, but they don’t know what we do,” Gov. Don said. “We don’t do a very good job of promoting what we do.”

Gov. Don praised our Club for our successes in growing membership and our support of the Rotary Foundation. He challenged us to bring in one new member under the age of 40. He also encouraged the development of a succession plan for leadership. Win a Presidential Citation, he told President Rich, adding, “That would be great and would give me a feeling of pride.”

He recognized the accomplishments of Nancy Loughlin: “She’s just a dynamite person. You’re lucky to have her in your Club.”

The 2018 District Conference will be in Saratoga Springs May 4-5. Gov. Don promised some fun activities, including one centered on the running of the Kentucky Derby.

SEPTEMBER 28TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: District Governor, Don Milton and life partner, Ruth Conkwright; Speaker, Taylor Goetzinger

RAFFLE WINNER: Stan Beaver

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

DOGGED PURSUIT: JC Argetsinger thanks everyone signed up for Doggy Doo, especially Nancy Loughlin, who signed up for four shifts. He asks for more helpers on Friday and Saturday. JC explains that this year we're getting \$500 additional because we're putting up and taking down some fencing.

AMBA: Jennifer Sweet reminds that AMBA is Nov. 4. Sign-up sheet going around.

SWINGING ON SENECA'S SHORES: Rich reminds that the Rotary Dance will be Nov. 11. It is chaired by John King.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: Rich announces that there will be a holiday concert on Dec. 2 with Casey Max & The Dixie Kats and another band called The Famous Bands

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AUCTION ITEM: Offered by Jennifer Sweet and auctioned by Matt Hayden: two tickets to the Hidden Valley Wines in the Valley on Oct. 6 at the camp. It's a fundraiser for the camp scholarship program. Tickets cost \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. People and businesses can sponsor luminaires for \$10 each.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP: President Rich reports that Duke Argetsinger has agreed to be chairman of roadside cleanups. Oct. 21 has been set as the fall date. Anyone interested should get in touch with Duke.



CELBATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Terri Orbin – Happy Birthday Rich.

Bridgette Stewart – Was at Doggy Doo that morning. Lots of dogs! A son is being sent to Puerto Rico to help with hurricane cleanup.

Gov. Milton – Glad to be with us. Salutes Bridgette's son.

Tom Weidemann – Welcomes Gov. Milton and his partner Ruth Cronkwright.

Judy McKinney Cherry - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth

Glenda Gephart - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich, for Bridgette's son

Matt Hayden – For Bridgette's son, no pin

Jim Preston – Missed a meeting

JC Argetsinger – Took his badge home

Tom Gifford – Was on TV

Jim Somerville - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich

Jim Bacalles - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich, missed a meeting, sons' football teams won

Jim Guild - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich

Rebekah Carroll - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich, welcome to speaker Taylor Goetzinger, daughter has her first car

Bill Phoenix - Welcomes Gov. Milton and Ruth, happy birthday Rich



ROTARY PARTNERS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

More than 1 billion people around the world live in inadequate housing according to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements. Through a partnership between Rotary and Habitat for Humanity, more will have access to safe and affordable housing across the globe.

The partnership will facilitate collaboration between local Rotary clubs and local Habitat for Humanity organizations, enabling Habitat to extend their volunteer pool by tapping into Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions.

"Habitat's aim to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope aligns perfectly with Rotary's commitment to make positive, lasting change in communities around the world," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "With Habitat's expertise and the power of Rotary's volunteer network, we will help build the foundation for stronger communities."

"The values of our organizations are so closely aligned, and the desire to help others runs deep for both groups. That makes us such a perfect match," said Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan T.M. Reckford. "So many Rotarians have worked alongside Habitat and the knowledge, experiences and connections that are so strong in local Rotary clubs will make them valuable Habitat partners in many communities worldwide."

Rotary members develop and implement sustainable projects that fight disease, promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children and grow local economies. These projects are supported by more than \$200 million awarded through Rotary's grants programs.