



## CLUB ASSEMBLY

PRESENTED BY: RICH GREENBERGER, VARIOUS

**Meeting Date: October 5, 2017** – Rich provided a recap on his three goals for the Club during his presidential year. 1) Seneca View Volunteering - the first visit to Seneca View was a success with many volunteers from the Club. A second visit will be organized soon. 2) Literacy Project with Montour Falls Library – The Board intends to reach out to administration of Dandy Mini Mart to propose Watkins-Montour Rotary Club sponsored bookshelves at Dandy Mini Mart locations in Schuyler County. 3) Nancy Ruda continues to research feasibility of the Club being involved in a community garden at Watkins Glen High School. The goal is that community members would be able to tend their own patch of the garden and a portion of produce would be donated to the local food pantry.

Michel Ray provided a Treasurer's Report. The budget was passed by the Club. Most profitable fundraisers continue to be the NCAA, AMBA, Chicken BBQ, and Antique Show. For a copy of the latest budget, please see Michel or Terri.

Stewart McDivitt reported that he will be getting an updated list from his contact at BC Cate Elementary regarding Rotary Readers project.

Michelle Benjamin reported on the Youth Exchange program. The Club has two inbound students, but no outbound students at this time. The Committee will be interviewing potential outbound students for next year. The program is in need of host families and volunteers for transportation of students. Please mark calendars for Youth Exchange – second week of June 2018.

Nancy Loughlin gave an update on International Service projects. Club members are encouraged to donate supply items to Marie Fitzsimmon's library project in Namibia. Please see Nancy for more information.

Bill Phoenix reported that a committee of members are still working on the effort to replace Club signage at entry points into Schuyler County. However, DRI may have plans to install signage it would be beneficial to coordinate. More to come.

As Area 1 Governor, Bridgette gave an update on activities of other Clubs in our area.

## NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 19

**PROGRAM:** Camp STAR

**SPEAKER:**

**HOST:** Bridgette Stewart

**GREETER:** Tony Fraboni



# OCTOBER 5TH CLUB NEWS

**GUESTS:** Debbie MacDonald and Judy Keough (New Members)

**RAFFLE WINNER:** Mike Learn

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**WORLD POLIO DAY:** October 24

**ROADSIDE PICKUP:** Saturday, October 21, 9 AM – 11 AM in Montour Falls. Volunteer sign-up sheet is going around. Chair, Duke Argetsinger

**AMBA:** November 4 at Watkins Glen High School gymnasium. A volunteer sign-up sheet is going around. Chair: Jennifer Sweet.

**SWINGIN ON SENECA SHORES:** November 11 at Community Center in Watkins Glen. Fundraising event for Polio Plus. Hepcats band will provide music for dancing and entertainment. Volunteer sign-up going around for help and food donations.

**CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Club's Christmas Party will be held at Seneca Lodge on Thursday, December 21. There will be no meeting that day.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: DEBBIE MACDONALD

Debbie is the Director of Catholic Charities of Schuyler County. Her husband is a now retired Correctional Officer and she has two adult sons. She is involved with many local organizations, serving on boards and committees such as the Schuyler County Youth Board and Public Health Advisory Committee. Deb also enjoys making jewelry. Debbie is sponsored by Terri Orbin.

**THOSE WE MISSED:** Carl Blowers, Steven Briggs, Dena Carrigan, Beth DeCaro, Dominick Franzese, Glenda Gephart, Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Gary Mead, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, James Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Ken Wilson, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

**THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS:** Doggy Doo: JC Argetsinger, Judy Cherry, Beth DeCaro, Glenda Gephart, Tom Gifford, Rich Greenberger, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Jim Howell, Nancy Loughlin, Terri Orbin, Nancy Peters, Bill Phoenix, Bridgette Stewart, Don Stocum, Tom Weidemann, Ken Wilson **Online Makeup:** Nan Woodworth

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER: JUDY KEOUGH

Judy was born in Endwell, NY, raised by loving parents with two brothers. She attended a Catholic High School in Edicott and moved to Elmira at age 18. She studied at St. Joseph's Nursing School to become a Registered Nurse. Settling in Elmira, she married an Elmira Police Officer. They raised three children. After raising her children, Judy went back to college for her Human Services Degree while still working as a nurse. Now retired, Judy continues to be involved in her community through service. Judy moved to Schuyler County 3 years ago and continues to be involved in a variety of activities, such as Zonta, as well as various committees and clubs. In 2004 she created the Loving Hearts program – making quilts for those in need. The Club began by making quilts for babies in the Southern Tier pregnancy center in Elmira and has expanded to making them for Domestic Violence survivors in Watkins Glen for Christmas. They recently made quilts for people in Houston. Judy is passionate about knitting, writing, poetry, and the beauty of the Finger Lakes. Judy is sponsored by Charlie Cole.

# GATES FOUNDATION TO HOST 2017 WOLD POLIO DAY

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

For the first time, Rotary's World Polio Day celebration heads to the West Coast of the United States. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, will host the annual event at its campus in downtown Seattle, Washington, on 24 October. You can watch the event live at 14:30 Seattle time (UTC-7) or view a recording later.

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation's chief executive, will brief the supporters who attend — as well as the global audience watching via livestream — on progress in the eradication campaign. Only 11 new cases of polio caused by wild poliovirus have been reported this year, all in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Bill Gates renewed and increased his foundation's pledge to match, 2-to-1, all contributions to The Rotary Foundation that are designated for polio eradication efforts. Rotary's commitments and pledges from world governments and corporate donors, counted along with the Gates Foundation's pledge, have made the campaign to eliminate polio worldwide \$1.3 billion stronger.

Other speakers at this year's World Polio Day event include Jay Wenger, director of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's polio eradication efforts; Dean Rohrs, vice president of Rotary International; John Cena and Tiwa Savage, Rotary polio ambassadors; Ade Adepitan, a Paralympian and polio survivor; and Jeffrey Kluger, senior editor at Time magazine overseeing science and health reporting.

Attendees may also draw inspiration from the setting — the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation headquarters, near Seattle's iconic Space Needle.

Last year, Rotarians in more than 90 countries registered over 1,400 events and fundraisers to mark World Polio Day in their communities and draw attention to Rotary's leadership in the fight against polio. With your contributions and advocacy, as well as the Gates Foundation match, we're aiming to raise \$250,000 during this year's celebration.