



SENECA FILM FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY: ERIC HOLLENBECK

Meeting Date: October 12, 2017 – Eric Hollenbeck is the driving force behind a new film festival in Watkins Glen! The festival is slated for this weekend – Oct. 20 – 24, kicking off with a concert on Friday night at The W Performing Arts Center (former Middle School). The festival will show narratives, short films, and documentaries, as well as panel discussions from the filmmakers on the movies. The festival is being presented by Hollenbeck's Finger Lakes Film Society.

The event will also offer food, wines, beers, and liquor from national brands and the Finger Lakes region. Tickets to the event are sold in three levels ranging from \$50 to \$150 offering admission to the movies only to receptions, and complementary beverages. Films and some of the panel discussions will be shown at The Glen Theater. Quintus Gallery also serves as a venue. For a list of films, schedule, tickets, and details, visit www.senecafilmfest.org.

Eric also talked a bit about his latest film project with actor John Lithgow and actress, Blythe Danner. The film follows a Doomsday prepper (Lithgow) who is preparing for the end of the world. As he shops for supplies he meets a woman who he believes to share his feelings of the impending apocalypse – as it turns out she's actually just a hoarder. Eric shared that he was able to promote some Finger Lakes brands through product placement. For example, a bottle of Finger Lakes wine appears in a scene where one of the characters pours a glass of wine. He also noted that those who visit the Finger Lakes area are smitten and he's received feedback from his peers, "I understand why you moved back here." Eric continues to work to bring attention to the region as a burgeoning hub for arts and film.



CONGRATULATIONS SOTM: KAYLA SMITH

Watkins Glen High School senior, Kayla Smith was recognized at the Club meeting Thursday at Rotary's October WG Student of the Month. She was introduced by teacher Kaz Popovich, who delivered a heartfelt presentation about Kayla. Kayla is an organized and motivated young woman with excellent work ethic. She has been an outstanding assistant for Kaz in her business class this year and last year. Kayla is the first student at Watkins Glen to pass a rigorous Career/Educational/Technical exam that will enable her to be work ready upon high school graduation. Kayla attends the New Visions program and a member of National Honor Society. She plans to attend Corning Community College in the nursing program. Kayla said she will pursue further education in the health care field. Kayla thanked Rotary members for the honor, Kaz and her teachers, and her parents for helping her become the young adult she is today.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 26

PROGRAM: Boy Scouts of America

SPEAKER:

HOST: Jim Bacalles

GREETER: John King

**MEETING THURSDAY, 12:10 PM AT WATKINS GLEN ELKS LODGE • WATKINS GLEN, NY
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OCTOBER 12TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: Student of the Month, Kayla Smith, her mother Stacy and father, Dominick, and presenter, Kathleen Popovich; Presenter, Erick Hollenbeck and Mary Beth Wolf, guests of Meredith Williams; and Tyler Hoke, guest of Rich Greenberger

RAFFLE WINNER: Stan Beaver

AUCTION: OCTOBER: Nan Woodworth, Duke Argetsinger, JC Argetsinger

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. John King is chair of the event but is in need of support on a planning committee. Each club member is encouraged to sell at least 4 tickets. Please see John if you can assist. This was a \$1,500 fundraiser last year!!

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.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER: TYLER HOKE: Tyler Hoke is Manager of Marketing and Community Relations at Watkins Glen International. He is being proposed by Dena Carrigan. Certification: Marketing.

THOSE WE MISSED: Michelle Benjamin, Bruce Boughton, Steve Briggs, Glenda Gephart, Matt Hayden, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Nancy Loughlin, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, Jim Preston, Michel Ray, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Bridgette Stewart, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS: NA

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Judy Cherry: SOTM

Dena Carrigan: SOTM

Carl Blowers: SOTM

Rich Greenberger: SOTM

Terri Orbin: SOTM, only woman at the table, grandson placed 1st in Spelling Bee

Dominick Franzese: SOTM

Nancy Peters: SOTM, Missed visit from District Gov., Crystal Chords Concert on Oct. 21

Rebekah Carroll: SOTM

Judy Keough: SOTM

Jim Howell: SOTM

Don Stocum: SOTM

Charlie Cole: SOTM, in remission! Welcome Judy K. as new member

Stan Beaver: SOTM, Yankees won!

Fred Hall: SOTM, Missed meeting, reunion of his shipmates in FLA.

Jim Guild: SOTM

Doug Hagin: SOTM

Tony Fraboni: SOTM

John King: Missed meeting – in CA

Bill Phoenix: SOTM

Jim Bacalles: SOTM, Yankees

MOVIES TELLS INSPIRATIONAL POLIO STORY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

As Rotary prepares to celebrate World Polio Day on 24 October, an inspiring new film depicting the devastating impact of polio is hitting theaters.

Andrew Garfield and Claire Foy star in the love story "Breathe," now playing in select U.S. theaters and scheduled for wider release over the next month. The movie tells the story of British polio survivor Robin Cavendish, who contracted the disease in Kenya in 1958.

At the age of 28, he was paralyzed from the neck down, confined to a hospital bed with a respirator, and given just months to live.

However, with the encouragement and help of his wife, Diana, Robin was able to leave the hospital and spend the rest of his life advocating for people with disabilities and popularizing a new wheelchair with a built-in respirator.

Rotary is working with the film's producer, Robin and Diana's son, Jonathan Cavendish, to promote the organization's work to eradicate polio.

Speaking at the film's European premiere in London, Jonathan, who is featured in the movie, described Breathe as "probably the most expensive home movie ever made."

