



## CAMP STAR

PRESENTED BY: BRIDGETTE STEWART

**Meeting Date: October 19, 2017** – Among her many Rotary roles, Bridgette Stewart has served for many years on the Board of Camp STAR. For newer members who may not know, Camp STAR is a week-long overnight camp for children (6-12) with a physical or developmental disability that may prevent them from enjoying a typical camping experience.

The camp was founded in 1963 by Jerry Kohena (who has since passed) and is sponsored by eleven area Rotary Clubs in the Southern Tier region, including Watkins-Montour. Each Club pays to help support the operation of the Camp. In addition, Bridgette organizes the annual volunteer project with NASCAR at Watkins Glen International in exchange for a monetary donation to support Camp STAR. Camp STAR's only direct fundraiser is a gold tournament in June – and they always welcome golfers, sponsors, and product donations. The camp costs about \$37,000 to operate.

The camp is hosted at Watson Homestead in Painted Post. Clubs closest to Painted Post host about 60 campers for a day of food and fun Monday – Friday. On Monday, the Corning Club provides pizza and hosts a dance. On Tuesday, our club hosted kids for pizza, ice cream at Clute Park, a Captain Bill's boat ride, and fire truck ride. On Wednesday, Elmira provides a movie night and Thursday, Bath and Hammondsport host a cook out with other clubs serving ice cream after dinner.

If you have interest in serving on the Camp STAR board or golf tournament planning committee, please see Bridgette.

## ROTARY BOOKS FOR THE WORLD

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE SEE NANCY LOUGHLIN

Literacy is essential if we are to eradicate poverty, improve infant mortality rates, address gender inequality, and create sustainable development.

The goal of Rotary Western New York Books for the World is to advance literacy on an international scale by redistributing donated books and materials from the U.S. to regions that are lacking resources. Rotary Clubs in the Western NY region are working with community organizations and a Foundation to provide gently used books (K-6 picture/story books and K-12 textbooks) to regions in the world most in need.

Books are collected from libraries, school districts, churches, and individuals. Volunteers pack the books in boxes, and pallet them for shipment. The pallets are trucked to US ports and then transported overseas.

Financial support for this project pays for the packaging and transportation of the donated books and materials collected by WNY clubs. All labor and management of the effort is by volunteers. In District 7120, Rotarians and non-Rotarians can send tax-deductible donations to: HFM Rotary Foundation, WNY BFTW (memo line), PO Box 415, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. The District has already boxed and funded more than 75 pallets of books since 2009.

For more, go to [WNYBooksfortheWorld.org](http://WNYBooksfortheWorld.org).

## NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 2

**PROGRAM:**

**SPEAKER:** Ted Marks

**HOST:** Stewart McDivitt

**GREETER:** Jenn Sweet

**MEETING THURSDAY, 12:10 PM AT WATKINS GLEN ELKS LODGE • WATKINS GLEN, NY**  
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# OCTOBER 19TH 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:** Jim Bacalles

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

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

**RAFFLE SERIES:** The Board discussed and approved the Club holding a series of raffle fundraisers. The Bicycle raffle netted \$600. The next raffle is a Watkins Glen/Montour Falls themed basket with various gift certificates from local establishments. Members are encouraged to donate a gift certificate to a local business they may not intend to use. Tickets will be sold at our upcoming events and through members and a winner drawn prior to Christmas. Donations can be given to Michel Ray.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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!!

**HOLIDAY CONCERT:** December 2 at Watkins Glen High School. More details to follow.

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**THANK YOU NOTE:** From DG Don Milton – thank you for the wine, chocolate, and wonderful meeting. You have a great club!

# THE POWER OF A GARDEN

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

On a sunny morning in July, two dozen preschool children from Brown Bear Daycare inspect a bed of milkweed plants for monarch butterfly eggs, holding magnifying glasses to the underside of leaves in search of the tiny, off-white objects.

Curiosity stoked, the five-year-olds and their teachers move to the shade of a large tree to listen to a master gardener explain the role these butterflies play in gardens. The preschool class visits the community garden in Harvard, Illinois, USA, every Monday from spring to fall to learn about garden-related topics and even help out.

“They get to taste the vegetables, some that they have never even seen. They get to experience what it is like to plant a garden from the planting to the picking to the eating,” says Sheila Henson, executive director of the day care center and a member of the Rotary Club of Harvard. “At the end of the summer, we have a parent night where the parents come and get to see the different things their children have been involved with.”

With the goals of alleviating hunger and educating the community, master gardeners from University of Illinois Extension planted the garden in 2001 on a half-acre parcel donated by the city and adjacent to the public library. Over the years, the master gardeners have enlisted the support of many businesses, organizations, and clubs, including the Rotary Club of Harvard, making the project a community-wide effort.

## OTHER (CONT):

**POLIO AWARENESS:** In the spirit of Polio Awareness day this week, the Club will direct raffle proceeds to the Polio Fun. Remember that all donations are matched \$2 to \$1.

**THOSE WE MISSED:** Duke Argetsinger, Carl Blowers, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Rebekah Carroll, Glenda Gephart, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Judy Keough, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Terri Orbin, Judy Phillips, Bill Phoenix, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Ginny Eaton, Charlie Haefner, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

**THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS:** NA

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

**Ken Wilson:** Wearing shorts on a beautiful Fall day!

**JC Argetsinger:** For all the fine people at his table.

**Michelle Benjamin:** Missed meeting while on vacation. Saw step daughter in Detroit. New vehicle. 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

**Mike Learn:** Jim Preston is home and doing well.

**Jim Somerville:** Missed meeting. It's Seafood Bisque Day!

**Doug Hagin:** For the Yankees and all the fine work by Bridgette Stewart

**Nancy Loughlin:** Interviewing 2 kids for outbound youth exchange from OM and WG. Presented at Palmyra Club on her trip to Nigeria.

**Michel Ray:** Missed meeting

