



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

PRESENTED BY: GARY DECKER

HOST: JIM BACALLES

Meeting Date: October 26, 2017 – Jim Bacalles introduced Gary Decker, Executive Director for Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers Council. Gary emphasized that Boy Scouts of America has a tremendous impact on communities. In Fall 2018, BSA will begin accepting girls into their program. The decision was made after years of families requesting that Boy Scouts be open to both genders, so their daughters can enjoy the program and benefit from the lessons and values taught through BSA. Many girls enjoy the outdoor experiences that Boy Scouts offers. The general response has been positive. Boys and girls will participate in the program in separate dens, enjoying some activities together, and some with scouts of their own gender. Measures will be implemented just as they are now to ensure maximum safety. Scouts is all about family values, and allowing both boys and girls into the program will enable families to participate in Scouts together. And as families seem to enjoy less free time together in our current culture, it's a welcome change for many families.

Five Rivers Council serves over 1,500 cub scouts and 900 boy scouts. 45 of its Boy Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. It operates several camps, including Camp Gorton in Dundee, which was recently featured in the Boy Scouts of America magazine as one of the favorite places to Camp. Five Rivers Council enjoys a sustainable financial plan and is on track for growth. For more information, visit www.fiverivers.org.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 9

PROGRAM: Seneca View

SPEAKER: Patrick Ryan

HOST:

GREETER: Stewart McDivitt



CONGRATULATIONS OM SOTM: HAILEY PERRAUT

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club honored Odessa-Montour October Student of the Month for Odessa-Montour, Hailey Perraut. Superintendent, Chris Wood introduced Hailey, "an incredibly well-rounded individual taking an intense course load". She is number 2 in her class and will end her senior year with 21 college credits. She is President of Odessa-Montour Rotary Interact Club, 4-year Varsity soccer player, 5-year member of the school's track team, and part of Student Council and of the Superintendent's Advisory Group. Hailey is a photographer for the school yearbook and on occasion, for The Odessa File. She's also a tutor and loves creating pottery. Chris commented that she is "very mature and highly motivated." Hailey plans to attend University of Rochester to major in Engineering. Hailey thanked her parents for their support and thanked Rotary for honoring her. She is committed to holding herself to high academic and community service standards.

OCTOBER 26TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: Gary Decker, BSA, guest of Jim Bacalles; SOTM, Hailey Perraut and her parents; Presenter, Chris Wood

RAFFLE WINNER: Rich Greenberger

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

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.

SENECA VIEW VISIT: Next group visit to Seneca View is scheduled for November 22.

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

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Club's Christmas Party will be held at Seneca Lodge on Thursday, December 21. There will be not meeting that day.

OTHER:

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

THOSE WE MISSED: Duke Argetsinger, Steven Briggs, Dena Carrigan, Rebekah Carroll, Judy Cherry, Beth DeCaro, Tony Fraboni, Dominick Franzese, Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Nancy Loughlin, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Terri Orbin, Bill Phoenix, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Don Stocum, Tom Weidemann, Lindsay Wickham, Meredith Williams, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Ginny Eaton, Charlie Haefner, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS: Roadside Cleanup: Duke Argetsinger, Fred Hall, Tony Fraboni, Dennis Morris, Doug Hagin (and daughter), Rich Greenberger

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Michel Ray: SOTM, Beware – school zone speed limit extends to Decatur Street at Tops; Michel learned the hard way!!

Glenda Gephart: Missed meeting while on vacation to visit sons; SOTM, BSA

Michelle Benjamin: Late to meeting, SOTM, November 10th is November Splendor

Judy Phillips: Missed meeting

Jim Preston: Missed meeting; Thank you for well wishes following surgery

Jim Chedzoy: SOTM, Missed meeting

Nancy Peters: SOTM

Bruce Boughton: Missed meeting

Carl Blowers: BSA, SOTM

Jim Bacalles: Thanks to Gary, SOTM, Once and Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout!

Rich Greenberger: SOTM, Welcome back Jim P., BSA

ROTARY PRAISES UNSUNG HEROES OF WORLD POLIO DAY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

A special livestreamed presentation — End Polio Now: Countdown to History — featured the people who work tirelessly to end the disease and reviewed the progress that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made.

Co-hosted by Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the 45-minute program took place before a live audience at the Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle, Washington, USA, and was streamed online to viewers worldwide. Mark Wright, news host for the local NBC television station and president of the Rotary Club of Seattle, and CNN news host Fredricka Whitfield led the event.

Wright updated the audience on the latest figures of polio cases saying that the total number of cases caused by the wild poliovirus so far this year is 12, with seven cases in Afghanistan and five in Pakistan. This is a 70 percent reduction from 2016 and is the lowest count of polio cases in history.

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the Gates Foundation's chief executive officer, began the event by praising Rotary members and front-line health workers for their dedication to ending the disease.

Desmond-Hellman said, "Nothing would be possible without the efforts of thousands of volunteers across the world who, sometimes in perilous situations, deliver and administer polio vaccines to protect children. That's worth celebrating."

