



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY: NANCY LOUGHLIN

Meeting Date: November 16, 2017 –

Nancy Loughlin was acknowledged with her 9th Paul Harris Fellow pin and Mike Learn was acknowledged with his 6th! Congratulations to both and thank you for your outstanding commitment and generosity to Rotary.

Mike and Nancy followed by jointly presenting Mike's partner, Esther, his daughter, Alicia, and his son, Jeff each with a Paul Harris Fellow. A huge thanks to these three for embodying the Rotary values and mantra, "Service Above Self".



CONGRATULATIONS OM STUDENT OF THE MONTH: ERIN KLEIST

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club honored Erin Kleist as its November Student of the Month from Odessa-Montour High School. Counselor, Holly McNelis described Kleist -- president of the school's National Honor Society and a member of the Interact Club and Student Council -- as "determined to succeed" and "tireless." Among Erin's outside interests: a job at Burger King in Watkins Glen, where she was recently promoted to Team Leader, a management position. She plans to attend college to pursue a career as a veterinarian. Erin, said McNelis, "is a true treasure within the Odessa-Montour family." Erin thanked Rotary for all it does for the community.

Credit: Odessa File

NEXT MEETING DEC. 7

PROGRAM: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

SPEAKER: Sarah McManus and McKenna

HOST: Nancy Loughlin

GREETER: Holly Baker

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GUESTS: Student of the Month, Erin Kleist; Presenter, Holly McNelis; Mother, Tanya Brown, Friend, Hailey Perraut; Beatriz, inbound exchange student; John Nguyen, guest of Nancy Loughlin; Learn Family

RAFFLE WINNER: Stan Beaver

AUCTION: DECEMBER: Michelle Benjamin, Carl Blowers, Bruce Boughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS: In recognition of all club members who have served. Happy Veteran's Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO LUNCH MEETING: Dec. 21 and Dec. 28

EASTERN CITIES DINNER: Will be held on December 6, 5 – 6:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet going around. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

HOLIDAY CONCERT: Saturday, December 2, begins at 7 PM at The W – Watkins Glen Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students. Featuring songs of the holiday season by Casey Max and the DixieKats and Famous Bands.

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADOPT A FAMILY: Terri Orbin announced that Catholic Charities is requesting assistance from members for the Adopt a Family program. The list is going around with a letter attached on the details of where and when gifts can be donated. Monetary donations are also accepted and Terri and volunteers will shop for gifts.

ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY: Held at the Montour Moose Lodge on December 7, 5 – 7 PM. Volunteers needed to serve food and beverages and help with set-up and cleanup. This is a very fun event!

THOSE WE MISSED: Michelle Benjamin, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Rebekah Carroll, Charlie Cole, Don Franzese, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, John King, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Don Stocum, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Meredith Williams, Nan Woodworth; Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS: Hepcats Dance Volunteers

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Rich Greenberger: SOTM

Michel Ray: SOTM

Nancy Loughlin: Missed meeting, SOTM, Another immunization trip in March, this time to India

Nancy Peters: SOTM

Glenda Gephart: SOTM

Bill Phoenix: SOTM, Birthday

Mike Learn: Birthday

Tom Weidemann: SOTM

Judy Cherry: JBK Bridal is selling their inventory and fixtures for a very reasonable price. Great way to start a business! Picture in paper

Jim Bacalles: SOTM

John Nguyen: SOTM, Thank you for welcoming me

Tony Fraboni: Missed meeting, SOTM

Fred Hall: Missed meeting, SOTM, Son-in-law is home!

BEHIND THE SCENS OF POLIO ERADICATION

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in June, world leaders were on hand to celebrate a historic \$1.2 billion in commitments to finance polio eradication. It was a huge moment for the polio eradication effort. But how did it come about?

A group of Rotary volunteers has been hard at work behind the scenes: our PolioPlus national advocacy advisers. This team of Rotarians from donor countries has a mission to make sure polio eradication is on the global agenda. In the corridors of power, they relentlessly work their connections – lunches with government officials, phone calls with ministers – to garner money and support for ending the disease.

And they've been successful: Since Rotary's advocacy program started in 1995, it has generated more than \$8 billion toward ending polio. The United States is the leading public sector donor to global polio eradication with a cumulative investment that totals \$3 billion through fiscal 2017, thanks in large part to the leadership of Past RI President James L. Lacy and members of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the U.S. Their advocacy colleagues around the world have done remarkable work as well.

"The national advocacy advisers always come through in knowing the right people to speak with in government and in arranging key meetings," says Michael K. McGovern, International PolioPlus Committee chair. "No matter the political party in charge, the Rotarians are known and respected."

