



RYLA

PRESENTED BY: ALICHIA DECKER AND MCKENNAH LOTT

HOSTED BY: NANCY LOUGHLIN

Meeting Date: December 7, 2017 –

Sarah McManus (WG) and McKennah Lott (OM) thanked Watkins-Montour Rotary Club for the opportunity to participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) a program that encourages students to be more effective leaders. RYLA teaches fundamentals of leadership, ethics of positive leadership, importance of communication skills in effective leadership, conflict management and problem-solving, building self-esteem and confidence, elements of community and global citizenship, and Rotary's purpose of service to the community and world.

Sarah and McKennah shared about their experience getting to know other students from the region sponsored by other Rotary Clubs. The students met at RIT for introductions and enjoyed a number of team building activities throughout their time together. Participants were sorted into committees (Yearbook, T-Shirt, and Food) to work on projects for the whole group – organizing food shopping and meals for their week, designing and making a yearbook and t-shirt for all students to take home at the end of the camp.

Guest presenters led the students in music and rhythm classes, team building and trust exercises, and leadership skill-building activities. Both Sarah and McKennah said they left the camp feeling more confident and better prepared for working with more diverse groups of people. They were proud of themselves for stepping outside their comfort zones for many activities and project and feel they can better understand other people's perspectives after participating in RYLA. Sarah and McKennah said they learned that, "Leadership does not mean being a dictator."

They again thanked the Club for making the opportunity possible and for their experience.

NEXT MEETING DEC. 14

PROGRAM: "What's Going Into the Business Park?"

SPEAKER: Judy Cherry

HOST: Judy Cherry

GREETER: Doug Hagin



CONGRATULATIONS WG STUDENT OF THE MONTH: DANIEL "JACKSON" DUNHAM

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club honored Jackson Dunham as its December Student of the Month from Watkins Glen High School. Teacher, Kelsey Wood described Jackson as a standout lacross player, mature, dedicated, professional, and hard working. Jackson recently completed his Eagle Scout project (a flagpole in Burdett). He plans to attend college this Fall to pursue a business degree in marketing and management. His first choice is University of Maryland. Jackson thanked his teacher for nominating him, his parents, and Rotary.

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DEC. 7TH NEWS

GUESTS: WG SOTM, Daniel "Jackson" Dunham and his parents, Chip Dunham and Kelly McCarthy with presenter, Kelsey Wood; Inbound exchange student, Arnaz; RYLA, Sarah McManusm McKennah Lott and Alichia Decker

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Club's Christmas Party will be held at Seneca Lodge on Thursday, December 21, 6 – 8 PM at Seneca Lodge. There will be no meeting that day. We will be doing a Chinese Auction and if you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$10.00. There will be a cash bar. Please feel free to bring a munch or cookies for food and let Terri know, so we can plan accordingly. Spouses, significant others, family and friends are invited as well. Please RSVP to Terri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NO LUNCH MEETING: Dec. 21 and Dec. 28

GET WELL MICHELLE: Club sends well wishes to Michelle Benjamin, who has been out for medical reasons. She is doing well and we look forward to welcoming her back.

EASTERN CITIES DINNER: President Rich gave a brief on the Eastern Cities Dinner. Rotary International is proud of its progress with polio eradication and is looking forward to its next big endeavor to benefit the world.

THOSE WE MISSED:

Duke Argetsinger, Michelle Benjamin, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Rebekah Carroll, Beth DeCaro, Dominick Franzese, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Jim Preston, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Meredith Williams, Nan Woodworth, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle, Lindsay Wickham

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Ken Bell: Celebrated Birthday

Stewart McDivitt: Forgot badge, SOTM

Jim Bacalles: SOTM, New year for Yankees

Nancy Loughlin: SOTM and for Eastern Cities Dinner

Tom Weidemann: SOTM, For Eastern Cities Dinner

Jim Chedzoy: SOTM

Matt Hayden: SOTM

Bridgette Stewart: SOTM, Eastern Cities Dinner, For Nancy Loughlin

Don Stocum: Celebrating birthday in December, SOTM and Family

Jim Howell: SOTM

Judy Cherry: SOTM, Jackson is looking at great schools, in the news

Glenda Gephart: SOTM and Family, Eastern Cities Dinner, Speaker at dinner was great, Highschool basketball started, Seneca Sant on Saturday!

Bill Phoenix: Missed meeting, SOTM

Nancy Ruda: Missed meetings, Interact is alive and well, SOTM, enjoying awesome experience being host mom to Arnaz

Michel Ray: SOTM

JC ARgetsinger: SOTM

Rich Greenberger: SOTM



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

6 REASONS YOU SHOULD GIVE TO ROTARY

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

Because our 1.2 million members see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Here are six reasons to donate to Rotary.

1. We fight disease around the world: For decades, Rotary has been a leader in the battle against polio and has kept the pressure on as worldwide cases plummeted from 350,000 in 1988 to only 15 cases so far this year. We're closer than ever to ending this devastating disease. Your impact will be even greater, thanks to a 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All donations (up to \$50 million) to end polio will be tripled, providing critical funding to our work to create a polio-free world.

2. We teach people to read.: Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults through mentoring, scholarships, teacher training, and access to learning opportunities.

3. We build peace.: Each year, armed conflict and persecution displace, injure, or kill millions of people. More than 90 percent of them are civilians, and half are children. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

4. We provide clean water, sanitation: The statistics are alarming. Worldwide, one person in every 10 does not have access to safe water, and 2.3 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation. One consequence: 900 children under age five die each day from diarrheal diseases. Having clean water and sanitation is a human right. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. Rotary is helping to make clean water available to everyone by 2030.

5. We grow local economies: Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary is working to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders. We know that one solution doesn't fit every problem, so we work with people to help them help themselves. We help Tanzanians with albinism find safe, healthy livelihoods. In Ecuador, Rotary has made 250 microloans and trained more than 270 people in job skills and business management. In Arkansas, USA, we worked with Heifer International to extend the growing season for farmers and help them find new customers.

6. We save mothers and children

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation. More than 800 women die every day from birth- and pregnancy-related complications. Rotary is saving lives by supplying birthing kits, immunizations, neonatal care equipment, and medical training. With access to quality care, mothers and children live longer and healthier lives, and Rotary is providing that care.