



STATE OF THE STATE

HOSTED BY: JUDY PHILLIPS

WELCOMING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Meeting Date: February 8, 2018 –

The Club welcomed Schuyler County League of Women Voters to host the State of State with Assemblyman Phil Palmesano and Senator Tom O'mara. Unfortunately, Senator O'Mara was held up in Albany. Judy Phillips introduced Palmesano, who represents the 132nd Assembly District, which includes Schuyler County.

Palmesano covered subjects including:

- High tax burden in New York State. The burden has contributed to a net loss of 1 million NYS residents to other states since 2010
- Budget deliberations. Palmesano noted that education is always a priority. He and O'mara are pushing hard for funding for local infrastructure.
- The heroin-opioid crisis. Palmesano stated that addressing this issue will take an "all-hands-on-deck" approach. "We can't arrest our way out of the problem." While Palmesano agrees dealers need to be held accountable, this drug crisis is non-discriminating and needs to be dealt with holistically.
- Lack of broadband access in rural areas. This has become a critical issue for residents in the region and needs to be a priority.

Palmesano left with some parting words for our Student of the Month to share with his peers. "You have every right to question your elected officials." Only 25% of 18-25 year olds voted in the last election. This is a group that will benefit from becoming more engaged in the democratic process.

NEXT MEETING: FEB. 22

PROGRAM:

SPEAKER:

HOST: Stewart McDivitt

GREETER: Don Stocum



CONGRATULATIONS WG SOTM: JARED PRIEN

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club recognized Jared Prien as its Watkins Glen Student of the Month for February. Jared was nominated by both his presenter, Kelly Muir and teacher, Travis Durfee. Muir described Jared as a tremendous student and a kind, generous person. "He's responsible, reliable, and a gifted writer." Jared has become a sort of assistant teacher in his Journalism class.

Jared has faced many challenges in his young life including the passing of his mother. In his sophomore year, Jared moved from Illinois to Watkins Glen. He now lives with his cousin Mandy and guardian, Garrett. Jared bravely admits, "I wasn't always a good kid. I skipped school and didn't focus. I almost dropped out." Jared credits Marie Fitzsimmons for lighting a spark in him to realize that Watkins Glen School had something to offer him and he committed to becoming a better student. With structure at home, a great support system of family, teachers, and classmates, Jared has grown into a respectful, mature young man. Jared plans to attend Corning Community College then transfer to a four-year program. He is considering becoming a History teacher.

NEWS FROM FEB. 8

GUESTS: League of Women Voters: Betty Vinti, Marion and Vern Webster, Beth Slatt, Charles and Helene Fausold, Joan Harris, Jim Murphy, Michael Hartney, ; Student of the Month: Jared Prien, his cousin, Amanda Sutton and guardian, Garrett Price; presenter, Kelly Muir; Emily Peckham, guest of the Club, and our Presenter, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano

RAFFLE WINNER: Doug Hagin – and he pulled the Joker to win the \$335 pot!

AUCTION: FEBRUARY: Dena Carrigan, Rebekah Carroll, Judy Cherry

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Will meet on February 8 following the lunch meeting.

LUNCH INFO: The cash bar at Upper Deck is now available during lunch meetings.

ROTARY NEW MEMBER OPEN CALL EVENT: The event has been rescheduled to Thursday, **March 29**. There will be no lunch meeting. Members are encouraged to bring a prospective member and attend this evening get-together at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel 5 – 6:45 PM. A social hour with cash-bar cocktails and appetizers will be followed by an introduction to Rotary for guests.

FUNDRAISING:

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: District 7120 asks for the help of district club members to meet the foundation fundraising goal for this year. If each member in the district donates \$1 per day in the month of February, the goal will be met. Consider a \$28 donation. **BONUS: Nancy Loughlin is matching Club Member's \$28 donation given by or on February 8th. Thank you Nancy!** Last year, our club was one of the largest contributors in the District to the Foundation.

DREAM RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: The raffle basket is assembled and includes a great list of items valued at over \$700. If you are willing to have the basket at your business for display and ticket sales, please let Terri know. Tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Thank you to all who made donations.

ROTARY GIVES \$53.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO FIGHT POLIO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

With 22 confirmed cases in 2017 to date, and just one case in 2018, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year. Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio and challenges the world to continue the fight to end the disease. Rotary is giving \$53.5 million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in two of the three countries where polio remains endemic:

Afghanistan: \$12.03 million

Pakistan: \$19.31 million

Further funding will support efforts to keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free:

Cameroon: \$1.61 million

Central African Republic: \$428,000

Chad: \$2.33 million

The Democratic Republic of Congo: \$6.48 million

Ethiopia: \$1.82 million

Iraq: \$2 million

Niger: \$1.71 million

Somalia: \$3.29 million

South Sudan: \$835,300

Syria: \$428,000

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 13: NCAA Auction

March 18: Antique Show

THOSE WE MISSED:

Jim Bacalles, Stan Beaver, Carl Blowers, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Dena Carrigan, Beth DeCaro, Don Franzese, Glenda Gephart, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Bill Phoenix, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Don Stocum, Lindsay Wickham, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

MAKEUPS: Ice Bar Volunteers:

Bridette Stewart, Nan Woodworth, Judy Cherry, Judy Phillips, Rich Greenberger
Rotary Readers: Jim Howell, Meredith Williams

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Rebekah Carroll: SOTM, Phil Palmesano, Celebrating 10 Years at Chamber

Judy Phillips: Missed meeting

Rich Greenberger: SOTM

Nan Woodworth: SOTM

Tom Weidemann: For Phil

Nancy Loughlin: SOTM

Nancy Peters: SOTM

Michelle Benjamin: Article in Review & Express on she and Tim's years as school production directors, SOTM

Michel Ray: SOTM, Going on vacation

Judy Cherry: For Phil, SOTM, Missed Ken Wilson's birthday, OF article

Ken Wilson: Celebrated birthday

Duke Argetsinger: SOTM

Judy Phillips: Phil Palmesano

