



PROGRAM: Reflecting on Photography

SPEAKERS: Charlie Haeffner

HOST: Stewart McDivitt

GREETER: Don Stocum

## SCHUYLER HOSPITAL UPDATES

PRESENTED BY: JIM WATSON

HOSTED BY: MICHELLE BENJAMIN

### Meeting Date: February 15, 2018 –

Michelle Benjamin introduced Schuyler Hospital Director, Jim Watson, now in his third year holding the leadership position. Michelle described Jim as a great asset to the community. He provided an overview for the Club of recent achievements and future projects for our local hospital. Schuyler Hospital experienced a great year in 2017. Watson listed: excellent financial integrity, completion of internal renovation of Montour Falls Primary Care Center and external renovation of Ovid Primary Care Center, new specialists seeing patients, a \$10.3 million NYS Transformation Grant, and the addition of Schuyler County Transit route to/from Cayuga Medical Center.

Schuyler Hospital received a number of awards and recognition including the 2017 Community Health Improvement Award from HANYS, a national award from Healogices for clinical excellence for Cayuga Center for Wound Healing, and recognition of staff. The Family of Friends Campaign brought in \$136,000 and November Splendor had a record year raising \$44,000. Seneca View Skilled Nursing Facility has partnered with GST BOCES to offer Certified Nurse Aid program and is in the process of expanding its rehabilitation services for short-term and long-term residents. The Pain Clinic is moving full clinic services to September Hill.

Schuyler Hospital continues to be generous to its community through food bank donation, United Way in-house fundraising and regional event sponsorships. In 2017, the Hospital provided \$233,879 in Charity Care and is the largest employer in the County with 409 people. Schuyler Hospital is current in a planning phase for its Transformation Grant plans. The main goals are for the new Montour falls primary care center and a state of the art medical/surgical inpatient unit, more parking, an elevator, and renovations for improved flow to/from the speciality units. In the future, Schuyler Hospital is looking at tele-medicine options, a residency program, senior housing units, and a walk-in clinic in Montour Falls and Watkins Glen.

### NEXT MEETING: MARCH 1

PROGRAM: Tobacco 21 Initiative

SPEAKER: Sarah Robbins

HOST: Meredith Williams

GREETER: Bill Phoenix



## CONGRATULATIONS WG SOTM: GILLIAN CLARK

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club recognized Gillian Clark as its Odessa-Montour Student of the Month for February. Gillian was nominated by both her presenter, Russell Gardner. Gardner described Gillian as "great student" who is 4<sup>th</sup> in her class academically. She is a great volunteer involved in service clubs: NHS and Interact as well as participating in the school play and helping with youth basketball.

Gillian volunteers frequently for school and community events and is an outstanding three sport athlete on the soccer, basketball, and golf teams. Gillian is also a two-time Odessa File OM Athlete of the Year. She has qualified for States in golf each year for the past 4 years. Gillian is particularly proud of her accomplishments as a golfer.

Gillian plans to attend either U of Buffalo or TC3.

# NEWS FROM FEB. 15

**GUESTS:** Our Speaker, Jim Watson, guest of Michelle Bejamin; Student of the Month, Gillian Clark and her parents, Brad and Theresa Clark, and presenter, Russ Gardner; Youth Exchange Student, Beatriz Silva; and Ted Peet, guest of Doug Hagin

**RAFFLE WINNER:** Stan Beaver

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THANK YOU NOTE:** The Club received a thank you note from Catholic Charities and from the District Foundation for the Club's \$3,893 donation to the End Polio Now Campaign. Way to go!

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER:** Sponsored by the Corning Club. Tickets are \$75 each. The Club is also raffling an iPhone X (\$1,000 value). Tickets are \$5 each, 7 for \$20, or 3 for \$10. Please see Rich if interested in either opportunity.

**ROTARY NEW MEMBER OPEN CALL EVENT:** Thursday, **March 29**. There will be no lunch meeting on March 29. 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:

**DREAM RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:** The raffle basket is assembled and includes a great list of items valued at over \$750. Tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Details to follow.

## Mark Your Calendars:

- **March 13:** NCAA Auction
- **March 18:** Antique Show

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS: CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

**Emily Peckham, Schuylers County Public Health:** Proposed by Ken Wilson and **Mark Rondinaro, Schuylers County Legislature and part-owner of Lakewood Vineyards,** proposed by Judy Cherry

## THOSE WE MISSED:

JC Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Steve Briggs, Dena Carrigan, Rebekah Carroll, Judy Cherry, Beth DeCaro, Don Franzese, Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, Michel Ray, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Don Stocum, Jennifer Sweet, Tom Weidemann, Lindsay Wickham, Merdith Williams, Ken Wilson, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

**MAKEUPS:** Nancy Loughlin, Bridgette Stewart, Mike Learn

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

**Bill Phoenix:** Vacation and Student of the Month

**Glenda Gephart:** Vacation

**Nancy Peters:** SOTM and Family

**Carl Blowers:** SOTM, New hip!

**Charle Cole:** SOTM

**Doug Hagin:** SOTM

**Michelle Benjamin:** SOTM, For Beatriz

**Rich Greenberger:** SOTM

## ROTARACT: 50 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

50 years ago, the first Rotaract club was formed to give young adults a place to connect and take action for good. Rotaract members from each decade share what the program was like and how it shaped their lives.

The year is 1968.

A wall divides East and West Berlin, as the Cold War rages on. The U.S. and the Soviet Union are locked in a space race, and Apollo 8 becomes the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon, sending back pictures of Earth from deep space.

And Rotary members in North Carolina, USA, charter the first Rotaract club, to provide young people opportunities for service.

A half-century has passed since those first Rotaract clubs began inspiring young leaders to take action to improve their communities. The world has changed, as has the way Rotaract members connect with one another. But the underlying values of the program, and what attracts people to it, remain remarkably the same.

To celebrate Rotaract's 50th anniversary, we asked former Rotaractors from six decades to share their experiences of the program and explain how it shaped their lives.

Here are their stories. Read more on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

