



## TOBACCO 21 INITIATIVE

### PRESENTED BY:

SARAH ROBBINS, ELIZABETH WATSON, EMILY PECKHAM

HOSTED BY: MEREDITH WILLIAMS

### Meeting Date: March 1, 2018 –

Meredith Williams introduced speakers from the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition to discuss the Tobacco 21 Initiative in Schuyler County. Although the federal minimum age for tobacco sales is 18, states and local jurisdictions have the authority to enact laws requiring a higher minimum age. There is a local effort in Schuyler County to raise the minimum age of legal access to purchase tobacco to 21 years. Many states such as CA, NJ, ME, and OR as well as municipalities, including neighboring Tompkins County have raised the minimum age for tobacco sales to 21.

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the U.S and NYS. Youth rates of tobacco use in Schuyler County are significantly higher than the national averages. Nearly one-third of 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Schuyler County have used cigarettes compared to 17.5% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders nationally and 9.6% of Schuyler County high school students have used chewing tobacco in the last 30 days. Furthermore, 95% of adult smokers start smoking before age 21 and 90% of people who buy cigarettes to give to minors are under age 21. In the five years following a law in Needham, MA that raised the age for tobacco sales to 21, youth smoking in Needham dropped by nearly half, from 13% to 7%.

The Coalition asks members in support of the initiative to write letters of support to the Schuyler County legislature. For more information, visit the Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs website: <http://www.schuylercounty.us/686/About-SCCUDD> and the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition at <http://www.sttac.org/>.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE COLE

The Club wished Charlie Cole a Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday with the help of his wife, Nancy Cole. Nancy, our most recent Paul Harris Fellow, shared how Rotary has been part of their lives for years. For their second date, Charlie invited Nancy to a Rotary meeting and asked if she could fill in for the pianist. That was her introduction to Rotary. In 1963, Charlie and Nancy married. When Nancy was in the hospital preparing for the birth of their first child, Charlie joked, "Don't have this baby until I get back from Rotary." Charlie has achieved 28 years of perfect Rotary attendance, but it wasn't always easy. Nancy grew accustomed during vacations to finding Rotary Clubs out of town. Nancy and Charlie have enjoyed Rotary conventions, projects, and friendships for more than 55 years. Thank you for your many years of service Charlie! Happy Birthday!

## NEXT MEETING: MARCH 15

PROGRAM: Finger Lakes Boating Museum

SPEAKER: Andrew Tompkins

HOST: Glenda Gephart

GREETER: Tony Fraboni

# NEWS FROM MARCH 1

**GUESTS:** Our Speakers - Sarah Robbins, Elizabeth Watson, Emily Peckham, guests of Meredith Williams; Nancy Cole, guest of Charlie Cole; Mark Rondinaro, guest of Judy Cherry; John Nguyen, guest of Dena Carrigan

**RAFFLE WINNER:** Nancy Peters

**AUCTION: MARCH:** Dena Carrigan, Rebekah Carroll, and Judy Cherry

**FUNDRAISING:**

**NCAA:** Tuesday, March 14. Tony Fraboni reminded Club members of the upcoming event. This a very fun event, so if you haven't attended before and are interested in volunteering or participating, please let Tony know. This event has the best munchies buffet thanks to the great food donations. If you can bring a snack, sign up on the form and bring the item to the Community Bank or drop at the Elks Lodge on March 14.

**ANTIQUE SHOW:** Sunday, March 18 at the Community Center. Please sign up to volunteer and feel free to bring family members and friends to help.

**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OPEN CALL EVENT:** March 29 at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. Our Open Call event starts at 5 PM with a cocktail social hour. Half-price cocktails and appetizers. An intro to Rotary program at 6 PM for our guests. Bring a friend!

**MEETING DATES:**

No lunch meeting on March 29.

No lunch meeting on April 5 due to schedule at Upper Deck.

**THOSE WE MISSED:**

Duke Argetsinger, JC Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Carl Blowers, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

**MAKEUPS:** Mike Learn (Florida)

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:**

**Glenda Gephart:** Happy Birthday Charlie Cole; for SCUDD

**Bill Phoenix:** For Rich, Happy \$

**Bridgette Stewart:** Happy Birthday Charlie; SCUDD

**Rich Greenberger:** For speakers; Started meeting late

**Tony Weidemann:** Missed meeting; IMRCC Auto Show April 4

**Don Stocum:** Missed meeting; Happy Birthday Charlie

**Judy Cherry:** Publicity for SCOPED Annual Meeting; DRI meeting March 7; Seneca Film Festival Fundraiser – Oscar Night on March 4

**Mark Rondinaro:** Happy Birthday Charlie

**Holly Baker:** The Arc Grand Prix Run at WGI on April 14. Volunteer sign up and registration at [arcgrandprixrun.org](http://arcgrandprixrun.org)

**Dena Carrigan:** Missed meeting; Happy Birthday, Charlie

**Charlie Cole:** Thank you!!

**Jim Preston:** \$5 for Charlie's birthday

**Doug Hagin:** Happy Birthday, Charlie

**Tony Fraboni:** Happy Birthday, Charlie; NCAA on March 14

**Judy Phillips:** Took badge home

**Beth DeCaro:** Happy Birthday Charlie

**Nancy Peters:** Happy Birthday Charlie; Son visited; If anyone is interested in joining a Sustaining Club, please see Nancy

**Rebekah Carroll:** Happy Birthday Charlie; For daughter doing great in basketball

**Jim Somerville:** Missed meeting; Happy Birthday Charlie; For all the money Rich paid in

## ROTARACT: VISION QUEST

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

President-elect Barry Rassin on where Rotary has been, where he hopes to lead it – and how the organization profoundly changed his life

When Barry Rassin arrived at Rotary headquarters in Evanston at 4 a.m. for his first full day as president-elect, his security card wouldn't work in the elevator. Just the day before, in a whirlwind process, he'd been nominated to fill the vacancy of Sam F. Owori, who had died unexpectedly in July. Now Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas, didn't have the right credentials for all-hours access to the building. "I had to explain the situation to the security guard, who of course didn't have a clue who I was," he says.

Not much can stop Rassin when he wants to get something done. After making it up to the 18th floor of One Rotary Center, he set about compressing five days of orientation into a day and a half, planning the International Assembly, and coming up with his presidential theme: Be the Inspiration. "My personality is such that I want to hear all the options, make a decision, and go on to the next thing," he says. "So we moved through the process fairly rapidly."

Before becoming president-elect, Rassin was best known for leading Rotary's relief and recovery efforts after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, which included 105 separate projects funded by Rotarians. "I had a spreadsheet with 132 pages and every detail of every project," he says. "People look at it and say, 'How do you do this?' But I enjoyed that."

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

