



## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COLLEGE - CCC**

**PRESENTED BY: DR. KATE DOUGLAS**

**HOSTED BY: CARL BLOWERS**

**Meeting Date: May 10, 2018 –**

If the Club gave a prize for most talks, and all very well-received, Kate Douglas, president of Corning Community College, would be the winner. As she starts her eighth year at the helm of CCC, Douglas was speaking to the Club for the seventh time. In fact, her first talk as CCC president was at our Club.

Blowers is chairman of the CCC Board of Trustees, and Douglas saluted him and the CCC community in saying, "Nothing happens without a good team, and I have a great team."

Recent milestones at CCC include the opening of the Health Education Center in downtown Corning and the launch of a STEM program for high school students. Douglas noted that the current freshman class in health studies was the largest ever.

CCC focuses on three major areas: professional studies (nursing, business); humanities, fine arts and design (general education, liberal arts); and STEM (math, science, engineering).

Going forward, CCC will be narrowing its focus and ways of delivery, she said, to improve options for students to lead to the skill sets needed for jobs. The arena of STEM will be expanded to STEAM, adding the arts, Douglas said, and a center dedicated to STEAM innovation is proposed.



"We need to be a future-focused college," she said. "We need to be THE two-year school in the state of New York, where you will go to get a STEAM education."

The path is being forged by partnerships with businesses and non-profit organizations, including in Schuyler County, to understand what regional employers need, she said. As a success of this understanding, Douglas pointed to the recent welding class: all 12 graduates and each with a job.

Douglas noted that of the 673 CCC graduates in 2017, 7.8 percent were from Schuyler County. The year before, 701 graduated, of whom 6 percent were from Schuyler.

As CCC ends its 60th anniversary year and to celebrate its regional collaborations and partnerships, on May 15 CCC's three main buildings were to be re-named to honor the key counties served: Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler.

"We're very grateful for all that our counties have done for us," Douglas said.

**NO MEETING ON MAY 24**

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# NEWS FROM MAY 10

**GUESTS:** Our Speaker, Kate Douglas, and Suzanne Blowers, guests of Carl Blowers; SOTM: Clara Chedzoy, Kelsey Wood, Brett Chedzoy and Ian Chedzoy, guests of the Club; Louis Perazzini, guest of Dena Carrigan; John Nguyen, guest of Tom Weidemann.

**RAFFLE WINNER:** Stewart McDivitt (No cards, draw on May 17)

**AUCTION:** Offered by Glenda Gephart and auctioned by President Rich: a brick in the Lafayette Park Legacy Lane, a project of the Schuyler County Italian American Festival. Value: \$100. Auction winner: John Nguyen for \$55.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CONGRATULATIONS BILL PHOENIX/CLUB:** Nancy Loughlin presents Bill Phoenix with a District recognition. Our Club made the top donation to the Rotary Foundation in the 2016-17 year, when Bill was Club president. The award was announced at the District Conference. Members of our Club donated a total of \$28,000.

**DREAM RAFFLE BASKET FUNDRAISER:** Terri Orbin announces that 131 tickets have been sold for the basket raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 24 at Ribs & Riesling. She noted that of the total, her daughter, Meghan, has sold 70.

**CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER:** Michel Ray announces that the annual chicken barbecue will be Saturday, June 2, at Visions. This coincides with the Villagewide Rummage Sales. Cooking will begin at 8 a.m. and serving at 11. We also will offer a bake sale. Last year, we sold out in 45 minutes, so 30 halves are being added this year. Volunteers are needed for all: bake sale, cooking and serving. Can't help? Then cash donations are gladly accepted to cover the costs of the supplies we need to purchase.

**CHANGEOVER DINNER:** President Rich announces that the Club's Changeover Dinner, to cap his year and welcome Rebekah Carroll as 2018-19 president, will be June 28 at the Harbor Hotel. The cost will be \$30 per person.

**CLUB MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT:** Emily Peckham offers Schuyler County Sheriff's Department Tipline flyers for everyone to post at their businesses or other public places.

**THANK YOU FROM PRES. RICH:** President Rich thanks everyone who donated items for the family who will be living in his first house. "Truly epic" is how he described the response. He said the family is still looking for an affordable "beater" car.

## SUBMERGED TREE PLANTING FROM ROTARY.ORG

Rotary members and Rotaractors in the Bahamas are taking Rotary President's Ian H.S. Riseley's tree planting challenge to the sea. In December, the group planted 50 red mangroves seedlings at Bonefish Pond National Park on the southern coast of New Providence Island. The tropical plants have roots that form a tangle that protects the shoreline against storm surges by trapping sediment the wave carries in. Members also dug a channel so the tidewater can flow to the plants.

"When the sea levels go down, you'll see our work," says Adrian White of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. "When the sea levels go up, our will still be there, protecting our country."

The club is planting more mangroves this month.

## MAKEUPS:

Nancy Peters made up a meeting in Tennessee

## THOSE WE MISSED:

Holly Baker, Michelle Benjamin, Rebekah Carroll, Judy McKinney Cherry, Linda Confer, Beth DeCaro, Dominick Franzese, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, John King, Mike Learn, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Judy Phillips, James Preston, Mark Rondinaro, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Bridgette Stewart, Lindsay Wickham, Meredith Williams, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Tom Clifford, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle



## CONGRATULATIONS WGCS STUDENT OF THE MONTH: CLARA CHEDZOY

"A great scholar" is how teacher Kelsey Wood described Clara Chedzoy in introducing her as the WGHS Student of the Month. Wood has taught Chedzoy in AP American History and Government. Chedzoy, Wood said, is ambitious, with a high level of awareness and great kindness. "She really looks out for the best in everyone," Wood said. Chedzoy said she will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach to study astrophysics and astronomy. She thanked Wood and her family for their support.

