



YOUTH EXCHANGE PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTED BY: ARNAZ AND BEATRIZ

HOSTED BY: MICHELLE BENJAMIN

Meeting Date: June 7, 2018 – Our 2017-2018 Inbound Exchange Students, Arnaz and Betriz each presented on the highlights of their year in Schuyler County. Arnaz enjoyed playing volleyball at Watkins Glen High School; apple picking; Homecoming; Halloween; the Youth Exchange trip to NYC; celebrating Christmas and Easter holidays and playing in the snow; garlic knots at Jerlando's and cannolis at Glen Mountain Market; Broadway shows including Kinky Boots and Lion King; working behind the scenes on the high school musical; her senior trip to Washington DC; her trip to Niagara Falls with Bea, Michelle and Tim Benjamin; and time spent with her host families. Arnaz thanked Rotary for the opportunity and said this was the best year of her life.

Bea attended OM School. She made many friends and appreciated how nice the other students were to her. She had the opportunity to visit Detroit, MI and Cleveland, OH. She wasn't a huge fan of the snow and was relieved when it finally went away. She also enjoyed Broadway shows and appreciates Tim and Michelle educating her on the theater. She attended a hockey game and basketball game, which were new experiences for her as well as Disney World in Florida - an amazing trip with her second host family, the Halpins. She attended two proms, Darien Lake with her fellow classmates, and got in some hiking at our local parks. Both girls have made memories for a lifetime during their stay in Schuyler County and thank Rotarians for their support to make these opportunities possible.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 21

PROGRAM: Community Grants Presentation

SPEAKER: President Rich and Guests

HOST: President Rich

GREETER: Jim Howell

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT OF THE MONTH: SYRIA TAGUE

Odessa-Montour High School senior Syria Tague was honored Thursday by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its O-M Student of the Month for June. The honoree -- listed as a junior but completing her high school requirements a year early and entering Hartwick College in Oneonta in the fall -- was introduced by teacher Russ Gardner. He described Tague as "an excellent example ... of a well-rounded student" who carries a 96 average, has participated in swimming, tennis and cheerleading, and is a member of Interact and the National Honor Society. Tague, said Gardner, is a determined individual, never turning defensive or creating excuses "if she gets something wrong," instead digging in and figuring how to correct it. "She's a pleasure to be around," he added.

Credit: Charlie Haeffner, The Odessa File



GUESTS: Our Speakers, YEX Students – Arnaz and Beatriz; Student of the Month, Syria Tague and her parents – Bill and Serafina Tague; Presenter, Russ Gardner; Tassia Garrison and Tim Benjamin, guests of Michelle Benjamin; Dr. John Nguyen

RAFFLE WINNER: Kristine Somerville

AUCTION: June Auction: Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, and Doug Hagin

FUNDRAISING RESULTS:

CHICKEN BBQ: Michel Ray reported that despite a rainy, windy day the Chicken BBQ on June 2 netted about \$1,800! Thank you to all volunteers and to Don for assisting Michel's husband with the cooking.

CAMP STAR: Bridgette reminds club members that volunteers will be needed for NASCAR events! By volunteering at this event, club members can help offset club assessment fees for Camp STAR. This Club does an excellent job with volunteers and helped offset assessment fees by \$1,100 last year. For new members, Camp STAR is an overnight camp, jointly founded by area Rotary Clubs and hosted at Watson Homestead for children with disabilities and behavioral needs who are not eligible to attend typical summer camp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Tom Weidemann has agreed to take on the positive of Youth Exchange Officer for the Club and Nan Woodworth - the position of County Officer.

CHANGEOVER DINNER: Please mark your calendars for the Changeover Dinner at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel on 6/28 when President Rich will pass the gavel to incoming president, Rebekah Carroll. There will be no lunch meeting on June 28.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER: At Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel on July 2. A sign up sheet will be going around for attendance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

THIS MAKES 10 NEW MEMBERS IN PRES. RICH'S YEAR

1. Welcome **Keith Caslin** sponsored by Jim Somerville. Keith is a US Army Veteran and now Assistant Fire Chief. He and his wife, Melanie have three children.
2. Welcome **Erin Thaete** sponsored by Rich Greenberger. Erin is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley and Board President of Schuyler County Cooperative Extension. She has two young children.
3. Welcome **John Franzese** sponsored by **Dominick Franzese**. John grew up in Watkins Glen and has a background in construction as a major project supervisor. He is now venturing into real estate. He has been greatly involved with United Way of Schuyler County serving as chair for 3 years.
4. Welcome **Lou Perazzini** sponsored by Dena Carrigan. Lou and his wife Vicki operate Lake Valley Lodge B&B. He is also involved with the Italian American Festival, Spirit of Schuyler, and a hunters education program for young people.

Please be sure to say hello and welcome our newest members!

MAKEUPS:

CHICKEN BBQ: Don Stocum, Bill Phoenix, Emily Peckham, Doug Hagin, Nancy Loughlin, Lou Perrazini, Fred Hall, Dennis Fagan, Tony Fraboni, Bridgette Stewart (through husband, Jim); Mike Learn (FL); Nancy Loughlin (Pittsford); Jim Guild and Jen Sweet (Rotary Reader)

THOSE WE MISSED:

Beth DeCaro, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, John King, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Emily Peckham, James Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schutlz, Don Stocum, Tom Weidemann, Lindsay Wickham, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Bill Phoenix: Student of the Month

Nancy Loughlin: SOTM and Family/Russ; YEX Students; For Tom and Nan's new roles with Youth Exchange

Bridgette Stewart: SOTM, Missed Chicken BBQ, but have attended 6 Rotary related events recently

Mike Learn: SOTM

Stan Beaver: SOTM

Jennifer Sweet: For Tassia (former camper) and SOTM Family

John Nguyen: SOTM and Family

Ken Wilson: SOTM

Dena Carrigan: SOTM, New members, Celebrating Birthday, for our new venue Seneca Lodge

Jim Guild: SOTM, 43rd Wedding Anniversary

Jim Bacalles: SOTM, Yankee Win!

Mark Rondinaro: SOTM

JC Argetsinger: SOTM and Family

Judy Phillips: 3rd Grader Boat Regatta at WGHS Pool

Terri Orbin: SOTM, Daughter turned 31

Michel Ray: SOTM, For SOTM

Kristine Somerville: SOTM, Missed meeting

Bruce Boughton: SOTM, Happy Birthday Dena, Promotion in Military

Linda Confer: SOTM, Son in paper

Nan Woodworth: Celebrated birthday; SOTM, Missed meeting, forgot badge

Tony Fraboni: SOTM and New Members!

Judy Cherry: YEX Students. SOTM, 31st Anniversary, for Seneca Lodge

Glenda Gephart: Will be missing Rotary meetings until the Fall due to new jobs – working at the State Park and named new director to Schuyler County Historical Society!

