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Meetings / Events

- 1/24 – Kathy Swarthout/Yates County
Public Health presentation on
radon gas
- 1/29 – Rotary Day at Keuka College –
Basketball Game – 1 PM Tip-off;
11:30 AM dish to pass luncheon at
Jeff and Diane's
- 1/31 – Induction of Janelle Davidson
- 2/07 – Regular meeting
- 2/14 – Board Meeting 8 AM, Location TBD
- 2/14 – Club Assembly
- 3/26 – Foundation Brunch, RSVP 3/1
- 4/08 – District Assembly – RSVP by 3/10

CLUB SERVICE DUTIES FOR JANUARY:

Song / pledge: Carol Worth
Welcome / Attendance: Diane Krans
Rotary minute: Diane Krans
Happy dollars: Sue Andersen
Prayer / Reflection: Evelyn Emerson

Rotary Minute:

New Generations Avenue of Service focuses on the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development, involvement in community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Our club maintains Leadership Development as one of its three principal pillars which support our Vision. We are to be commended for supporting an Interact Club at the Academy and the Rotaract Club at Keuka College. Both afford youth the opportunity to lead a small team, organized and prepare for meetings, and plan community and international service projects.

Additionally, the club has sustained for decades an inbound exchange student from abroad. Recently the sending clubs have been Japan, Finland and Slovakia. If you ask any exchange student about their experience you will hear that it created for them a new understanding of the world, and relationships. They come home much more mature, and for many, much better prepared for the college environment.

Birthdays coming up

(Friends and Rotarians)

Tom May	2/2
Sona Dobronova	2/9
Chris Bergman	2/16
Teresa Vivier	2/25



DGE Reception was great event

Eight of the 14 visiting DGEs were accompanied by spouses to Rooster Hill Winery for a complimentary tasting and treats. **Amy** and **Dave** opened the winery for a special event and were congenial hosts. Following the tasting, the visiting guests and other host Rotarian couples continued fellowship over a dinner buffet at **Carol** and **Rob's** home. Club Rotarians **John, Stacy** and wife **Chris, Singing Bob, Tom H, Dave H, and Sue A** also served as hosts. District Governor **Tom Rogers** and wife **Sandy** were on hand to welcome the visiting governors.

Camp ONSEYAWA

It is hard to believe, says speaker **Bob Sloan from Palmyra Rotary**, but the Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA is sixty years old. It was founded by the Rotary Clubs of the four counties, Ontario, Yates, Seneca and Wayne in 1956. We support the club annually thru an assessment which each club pays. These clubs contribute \$35,000 toward the operation of the camp in this fashion.

The Camp is open to youths with special needs between the ages of 8 and 16 and hosts about 100+ every year. The disabilities common among campers are spina bifida, downs syndrome, cerebral palsy and autism.

The start of the camp was the result of a Rotarian who had twins, one of whom had spina bifida. The twin who was partially disabled was not allowed to attend a summer camp with her sister, so the Rotarian went into action and formed the Camp for children with disabilities.

Over the years, the parents have grown to trust the camp staff to deliver a safe and supportive environment for their loved ones. At camp, the children are like most everyone else...they become "normal" with each other. Parents and other siblings also benefit a great deal from the two week long camp. They get a chance to be relieved of their intensive caretaking duties. This respite is so important for the health of the family and the child.

After club assessment, donations and withdrawal from the camp endowment (\$700K), the camp comes up short of the necessary \$107,000 required to run the facility. One big fund raiser is the Farm Days in Seneca Falls. An annual Camp ONSEYAWA Golf Tournament raises a little more; even a bake sale by Bob's 13 year old son raised and donated \$250.

What could the Penn Yan Club do for the Camp? Palmyra/Macedon is holding a Murder Mystery party on the 28th.

Happiness and Confessions:

It was a small crowd but a good time this Tuesday at Top of the Lake...22 of our members and our speaker, **Bob Sloan**.

Sue is looking for a few more volunteers to help reach out to various potential sponsors. Give her a call and help. She also reported that her Mom fell and cracked her knee cap.

Sona is getting ready to move to the Wunder family home on Main Street. She has been swimming five days a week and running every day. She is starting to train for the NYC Central Park half-marathon that will be run in late February. She is also making plans to visit DC in March for a run, and Boston with Carol W to run a 5k and watch the Boston Marathon and sight see.

The stand in reporter, Carol W, didn't note who won the 50/50, but suspected that it was **John**, the usually reticent.

Food Fights anyone???

More than a million children regularly go to bed hungry in the US, according to a government report that shows a startling increase in the number of families struggling to put food on the table. According to Paul Krugman, Nobel Prize winning economist and columnist for the New York Times, one in 6 Americans living below the poverty line suffer from "low food security!"

Rotary member Steve Dulle from Missouri wanted to change that. For his induction as the 2016 governor in District 6080, he eschewed a traditional installation featuring fine food and formal wear. Instead he asked members throughout the district to collect non-perishable food and volunteer at local food banks and pantries on the day he took office!!

He also launched a month long "food fight" that pit clubs in the northern part of his district against those in the south to see who could collect the most food! In total they collected more than 10,000 pounds of food and raised nearly \$19,000 for Missouri's food pantries.