

# SPOKES

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## Meetings / Events

- 2/21 – Rotarian’s Trivial Pursuit
- 2/28 – Chuck and Marian Turner – “What Makes the Club Tick”
- 3/07 – Regular Meeting
- 3/14 – Board Meeting
- 3/26 – Foundation Brunch, RSVP 3/1
- 4/08 – District Assembly – RSVP by 3/10



## CLUB SERVICE DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY:

- Song / pledge: John Socha
- Welcome / Attendance: Janelle Davidson
- Rotary minute: Stacy Wyant
- Happy dollars: Leon Fontier
- Prayer / Reflection: Evelyn Emerson

## Rotary Minute:

FELLOWSHIP was the topic of a short presentation by **Stacy**. He started by mentioning the fellowship that we share at meetings, but more importantly when we work on projects. The best times are held in cars while riding to events, programs or district committee meetings across 7120. There are the many District events where people mingle and dine together: Eastern Cities Dinner with the Rotary International President; the upcoming RI Convention in Atlanta, and next year in Toronto; the annual District Assembly; the District Foundation Dinner; the ONSEYAWA Golf Tournament; working at the Carnival for ONSEYAWA; a night at the ballgame and other sports event outings; our own luncheon before the Keuka Storm game; the Perl Picnic; the Krans’ Outing at the State Park; the Steak Out; working at the Winter Clothing Closet; the Arbor Day Tree bagging in the barn; the Milt Matthews DGE exchange reception and wine tasting; hosting DGE couples on their way to San Diego; Friendship Exchanges with teams from New Zealand or Oregon; and more!

It is fun all around, and it promotes a lot of **goodwill and understanding** among members both near and far.

## Birthdays coming up

(Friends and Rotarians)

Chris Bergman	2/16
Teresa Vivier	2/25

No more Birthdays until April! We need new members with March birthdays!



## Three Young Professionals



*Dan Wickham, Ryan Hallings and Rocky Martini*

**Ryan Hallings**, Lyons National Bank loan officer brought two of his contemporaries and business associates to lunch. The three of them are members of the 40 person strong Young Professionals of Yates County. Their group, like Rotary in its early days, rotates to various businesses in the area. Ideally, the meeting involves some libations and good fellowship.

## Sonya celebrates an 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Thanks to the culinary skills of **Diane, Sona** had two cakes to cut and savor. While sweets are not in her diet, Sona sampled both cakes and acclaimed to their high quality. She also received a large cash gift from the several club members. She wants to purchase a fitness monitor that not only monitors the heart rate, but can record swimming, biking and running activities.

## Two of Sonya's host families



*Lexa Gifford, Sona, Mark Gifford and Carol Worth celebrating the Birthday meal. John Socha is lurking behind.*

**Stacy** called the Giffords the best first host parents that any exchange student would want. **Carol** and **Sonya** inspire each other to maintain a vegan diet for good health. Sonya is now at the Wunders...a veritable hot bed of Volleyball and Basketball.

## Students of the Month



*Michele Kenyon, mother of Trevor Harris, Kamryn Moravec and her mom Kim Moravec.*

After delays caused by mid-year exams, the Club was able to honor two marvelous students, Trevor from the middle school and Kamryn from the Academy. Both were given standing ovations by the club.

Trevor was introduced by Meghan Trombley, guidance counselor, as a model student. He distinguishes himself as a kind, considerate 8<sup>th</sup> grader who volunteers in the school library. He is also a peer tutor for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, is a bowler and plays basketball. He is on the high honor roll and volunteers outside of school at the ARC and at the respite care center.

Kiki Seago, Physical Ed instructor and coach, introduced Kamryn to us as humorous, hardworking and an overall great student. She mixes Skiing, Drama, and Art with her outside work, and after graduation, Kamryn is heading to the AMERICORP. One great thing that she created was a fundraiser: "Shoot for a Cause" at the Duck Hunters Club. She raised \$6,500 for survivors of sexual assault and Safe Harbors.

## *Happiness and Confessions:*

**Sonya** won \$5 in the 50/50, thanks to a mysterious donor of three tickets. Smiles all around.

There was a big crowd at lunch, calling for an extra table. The buffet served up summer vegetables and Chicken Marsala. Students, moms and host parents came out to celebrate a wonderful sunny day with temperatures in the high 50's.

**Ef** popped in for a week from the Philly environs, smiling and enjoying some time on the lake. "I'm trying to keep a low profile while I'm here." Also, "love to see everyone working together....see you this summer."

**Mary Ellen** says that she is planning on attending the Foundation Brunch at Ravenwood Golf Club, Victor on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Noon to 3 PM. Reservations are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March...she'd like to take someone from the club along. \$30 brunch ticket with a cash bar. ...Mimosas anyone?

Have you been wondering why you cannot connect electronically with **Sue A**? It seems that their Internet is on the fritz...or something like that. She cannot blame it on the cows since Dave has sold them all. Hmmm?



**Singing or Super** (retired superintendent) **Bob** seems a little downcast lately. Need a hug, Eeyore? Anyone wanting to send someone some sunshine should contact Diane or Sue.

**PE Leon** and **PDG Jeff** visited the Waterloo Rotary with a short talk on forming an Area 7 International Service focus group. The talk was so inspiring that they came away with a \$100 donation for seed money. It seems that Rotarian **Chris Shaffer** hit the big time at the casino and made a "guilt" donation in lieu of a hefty club fine. PP **Jane Shaffer** did a little arm twisting. Thanks! **Tom**

**M** has opened an account. It was noted that Leon's foundation, personal effort, and some help from RI brought clean water to 6000 persons in the Congo (DRC). Leon hopes to move up the Congo River a ways to another village and repeat the service project.

"The ARC Respite program has been a Godsend." says **Carl Schwartz**.

**Jorgen**, tax consultant to the Mennonite community, says he will be around more, but "...after all, it is tax season you know. I've been out on the farms."

**Mary Ellen** and **Dean** were all smiles as they regarded all the youth in the room. The students, **Sonya**, the educators, **Janelle**, and the young professionals added a lot of new energy.

**Rob** was grateful for the speedy healing of his left and Carol's right thumbs. "Getting dressed in the morning is a real challenge without working thumbs. It was a comedy routine as we tried to help each other dress."

**Photo Bob** rose to mention his daughter and Texas transplant, **Deb**, and asked what you got when you crossed a bee with a door bell. A hum-dinger! It seemed to be a fitting rebuttal to the three earlier riddles (groan!) that were posed by **John S**.

**Tom M** was thankful for a great board meeting earlier that morning. Lots of work was done by the full board.

**Leon** proposed a September fundraising event on the Outlet Trail...a fun walk to raise money for water projects. It is a three-pronged PR event to promote the trail, RI's clean water in less developed countries, and his partnering development foundation.

**Ms. "Gratitude"...****Evelyn** had appreciation for the sunshine pouring into the luncheon area. It was a truly beautiful day in February.

Winners of the week: **Sonya** won the Indoor Triathlon at Canandaigua and skied Swain. **Emily Wunder** made a highly respectable presentation at the Oratorical Contest semi-finals. She showed a lot of growth.

## *How will you serve this week?*

How about a commemorative \$26.50 donation to the Foundation this year. It all started at Atlanta, 100 years ago with \$26.50 collected from conference attendees.