



Crystal Cogs

Weekly Bulletin of the
ROTARY CLUB OF CORNING

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District 7120

Thursday 12:10 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

2008-2009 Rotary Theme: "Make Dreams Real"

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NEXT WEEK:

August 14th

Smith Paulison

Trophy Hunting in Zimbabwe:
Prejudice, Poverty, and Politics

COMING SOON –

Aug 21, 2008

Eric Massa

The Military Situation in Iran

Aug 28, 2008

Ann Logan

Rotary Foundation Ambassador Program

Sep 04, 2008

John Ullman

Economic Forecasts

Sep 11, 2008

Ted Goldwyn

September 11th: An Eyewitness Account

Sep 18, 2008

Jamie Houghton

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
@ Corning Country Club

LAST WEEK –

In the light and comfortable surroundings of the Corning Country Club, Suresh Gulati overcame a balky PA system with an invocation of Ghandi

GUESTS– Brian Klotz handled the introductions today. **Susan O'Leary** introduced proposed member **Sonya Sariego**, **Sam Sanfratello** re-introduced **Audrey**, **George Boettner** brought **Joann**, and **Al Johnson** introduced **Michele**. **Dick Puccio**

introduced a whole table of his guests, starting



with his wife **Marilyn** and son **Dan**. Also **Charlie Milazzo** of Corning (left) Transportation and **John Goetz**, of UPS (right),

who gave significant logistical help to ship band instruments to Tonga recently. **Dick** then Introduced **Jose and Anmi Abreu**, from the Dominican Republic, with their children, **Abneris** and **Adner**, and **Debbie Wade**, who has been the club's contact with Jose and Anmi's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS–

Habitat for Humanity - This Saturday's work party in Addison is expected to involve insulation, so please come and bring work gloves. - Sat 9th, 8-30 to 3 p.m. Call **Wendy** at 368 3918 if you need directions. **Susan O'Leary** promoted a great Dance Show at 171, Friday and Saturday, 8th, 9th, August, at 7:30 - Free! **David Howard** reported the year-end results of the Sustaining fund. The Fund stands at \$158,385, with donations received during the year totaling \$22,437, and expenditures of \$1,000 to Polio Plus, and \$5,000 for the 171 Cedar St. mobile kitchen. A working party is scheduled for Sept 6th to help assemble this. **Nancy Latour** reminded members of Corning Rotary's Pizza Party at Camp Star on Monday next, 6:30 to 8.00. Just show up, you will be well rewarded. **Marty Ennulat** was scheduled to be in the Dunking Booth at Race Fever tonight, presumably the rain that fell was sufficient to refill the tub for him after Mayor **Tom Reed**. President Tony read a letter of thanks from Olivia Sonnefeld for the scholarship she was granted by the club.

RECOGNITION

Bob Cole Esq. Reported on the Eastern Regional E-Scow Championships at Keuka Yacht Club. Geo. Welch Jr. was the big winner

PROGRAM – 1: Jose Abreu showed us a portfolio of pictures of **Campo Real**, in Bonao

Valley, Dominican Republic, where their 12 year old mission is constructing a center for healthy living as part of the main task of educating young men and women for service to society. The school farms its



own food, fruit and vegetables, and trains students in a variety of industrial arts. Recent tropical storms have severely damaged some buildings and their access road. Corning Rotary is teaming with the Rotary Club of Bonao to assist in the construction of a new, more substantial building to house the Sanitarium.

PROGRAM – 2: John Gunselman introduced **Mike Sweet**, the recently Appointed Manager of the Corning Country Club. **Mike**

proceeded to make a highly professional presentation of the of the recent history of the Golf Industry, the environment today, and his plan to address the Country Club's needs. This included communication of the plan to the Board, Management, Staff and the Membership. A 3-year budgeting process has been introduced. First priority has been reduction of fixed costs, through debt restructuring, tax assessment reduction, and Insurance claim control, reducing premiums. Second has been membership retention and development. **Mike** has made several facility improvements and adjusted membership categories and subscriptions. Goals are to be more family friendly, and make CCC the best value in the S. Tier. For example, Social Membership has gone from \$130 to \$25/month. Third has been promotion of activities to increase utilization of the facilities all week long. **Mike** touched briefly on the upcoming LPGA contract renewal. He is confident the LPGA will continue in Corning, given the increasing support promised from Corning, Sikorsky, and other companies. **50/50** – \$16 to the O'Leary table. Susan missed out on \$159.

