



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:

Aug 21, 2008 Eric Massa

The Military Situation in Iran

COMING SOON –

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 –

Opened by Dave Howard on the piano, and an attention getting invocation by Charlie Hess, the meeting got off to a fine start, back in our usual environment at the Radisson

GUESTS– Susan Smith introduced the few guests today. **Dick Pope** introduced proposed member **Sonya Sariego**, **Sam Sanfratello** re-introduced **Audrey**, and **Bob Rockwell** introduced his daughter **Sandy Herron**, and his Granddaughhter, **Christine Herron**

BIRTHDAY TABLE

A week late, but 50 cents short, thanks to Dr Bill Plummer, **only Johnny K.** owned up to having an August birthday. Pres. **Tony** observed that Hon Member **Amo Houghton** also shared a birthday this month, and took **Hari Sharma**, **Andy Sprague**, and **Geraldine Wolfe** to task for not listing their birthdays in the Club directory..

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Lloyd Young offered a contribution to the Sustaining fund, in honor of his Grand-niece, who is a recipient of a National Honor Scholarship, and will be a Rotary Exchange Studentship for a year. When you receive this, the International Committee meeting on Friday noon may be history, but next week, **Pauline** will be selling Tickets for the **International Dinner**. Habitat for Humanity - Last Saturday's work party in Addison consisted of **Ted Goldwyn** and **Paul Tick**. A working party is scheduled for Sept 6th to help assemble the **171 Cedar St.** mobile kitchen. Please come at 9 am with your hammer, screwdriver and gloves. **Susan Smith** warned members of an upcoming e-mail/snail mail. solicitation of data for next year's directory. **District 7120** is hosting an info. session on Sept 24th at 6p.m.on Rotary Leadership opportunities at the District level. If you would like to go, call Pres. **Tony**, who may have figured out where it is to be held by then.

RECOGNITION

Pres. **Tony** dinged Scribe **Dave Anderson** \$5 for missing **Susan Smith's** name from **Cogs** **Dave** got retribution when Pres. **Tony** failed to mention both **Dave and Nina Howard** in the record breaking list of supporters of Corning Rotary's night out at **Camp Star**. Also in the dock were **Geo. Welch Sr.** and Uncle **Jake.**, on behalf of George Jr, who beat out an America's Cup winner on Keuka Lake last week. Home water advantage??? **Andy Sprague**, **Avery Acly**, **Mayor Tom Reed**. **John Kostelansky** contributed on behalf of son **Ed**, who is now coaching the Slovakian National Lax Team in the European Championships in Finland

MINI CLUB ASSEMBLY

Prez Tony took the R.I. August theme of Membership. Corning is the third largest Rotary Club in District 7120, behind Rochester and Canadaigua, Elmira comes next.. See <www.Rotary7120.org> if you want to see the numbers. **Dick Pope** had slipped out to see his ailing wife, **Jackie**, before he was honored for being our Club's most successful recruiter. New Rotary rules on membership: Members must now attend at least 50% of meetings in each half year, to maintain membership status. The classification system by profession is being eliminated. Since some of our members have failed to attend a meeting in a year, reminder letters have been sent out by Secretary **Scott**. This has resulted in 11 members tendering their resignations. Four members, **Ann Weiland**, **Laurie Charlton**, and **Judy and George Staples**, have resigned, having moved out of the district.

PROGRAM

Rod Noel introduced **Smitty Paulson**, recently returned from a safari trip to Zimbabwe. **Smitty** had a series of spectacular photos of the Zambezi River and the Victoria Falls, as well as many human interest pictures. Animals, live and dead, included elephant, kudu, hippos, wildebeest, cape buffalo, zebra, and many others. Some are mounted at Tony R's. Traveling by beat-up Land Rovers and Cessnas, the visitors were very well treated by all, but were disconcerted by the presence of armed guards outside their cabins at one lodge. Holding up a \$100,000 note **Smitty** explained that it was worth 5 cents when they were there. All goods were black market. Victoria Falls hotel was deserted, **Smitty's** group of 4 were the sole guests at one 80-bed ranch.. He was also concerned that racial attitudes among the white people were way behind current US standards. The average life expectancy in Zimbabwe is now 38 years, due mainly to AIDS and malaria.

50/50 – \$11 to **Susan Smith's** table. Susan left \$169.

– DMP