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NEXT WEEK

8-Aug-2013 **Sean Friend**
Aquaponics

COMING UP

15-Aug-2013 **Dana Schmidt**
Foreign Exchange Student

22-Aug-2013 **Dr. William Powell**
American Chestnut Trees

29-Aug-2013 **Ellen Hughes**
District Governor

THIS WEEK

In the Keuka and Seneca Rooms, about 60 members and guests were present, **Jim Hudson** provided music before lunch, and **Brian McConnell** gave a brief invocation.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Mary Hickey introduced **Peter Olausson**, and asked **Kristy Kager** to introduce **Ellen Thompson**. **Lloyd Young** welcomed **Kate and Ernie Danforth**, and last but not least, **Sam** was accompanied by **Audrey**.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No member announcements today, because of time pressure, but **Pauline Emery** had a handout for an evening with **Albert Einstein a.k.a. Ron Palmer**, on August 6th at 6 p.m. in the Library. This is a very special presentation, well worth attending.

As predicted here last week, signup sheets were on our tables for the **Corning Night** at Camp Star – it will be **August 12th**, from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**,

BIRTHDAY TABLE

Four suspicious characters inhabited the Birthday Table this week. **Jim Webb**, the only August baby, monthly BT incumbent **Bill Plummer**, **Walter Smith**, and occasional attendee, **Jerry Sleve**, whom **Michele** promptly fined **\$5**, to cover those who sat each side of him.

MICHELE'S TIME

President Michele wasted no time in filling her monthly fine budget. First up was **PP Barry**, who gathered press cover for moving his business closer to the Radisson. It will be 13 years from

concept to completion, but **Barry** needs another month and **\$25** to move into the new Transportation Center.

Pauline Emery volunteered **\$47** to solicit votes for the new Library funding model, designed to provide stability for the Library's finances, and reduce pressure on local Town budgets.

Also clipped were **Zac Knapp**, and all members present, but not eating lunch, thereby depleting **President Michele's** other budget.



Zac - Pre-Fine

PROGRAM (1)

Exchange Student **Julien**, returned from his whirlwind trip around the US with 96 other Rotary Exchange Students from 27 countries. **Julien** had a selection of photos to prove he had had a great time.



Highlights appeared to include fried chicken in New Orleans, NASA-Houston, The Las Vegas Strip, a great picture of **Julien** and three friends mimicking the Mount Rushmore statues, but not the Mall of America, or RI in Evanston (“because we had to”). The trip ended at Niagara Falls (“pretty tired”).

PROGRAM (2)

Dick Pope introduced **Cathy Mustico**, a Corning native, and proprietor of the 501c3 organization, **Southern Tier Search and Rescue K9s.**, founded in 2012. **Cathy** had brought her two golden retrievers, **Logan** and **Indiana** (as in Jones), **Cathy** explained that while a human has about 5 million olfactory receptors in his/her nose, a dog has up to 370 million. With this additional capability, dogs have far better sensing abilities, for example, while a human can recognize the smell of baking bread, a dog can detect the individual components, milk, eggs, flour, etc. Likewise, a dog given a cushion to smell -- who is then introduced to a group of humans who have handled the cushion, by sniffing at each person in the group instinctively is able to leave the group and search for the missing person who has also handled the item.

Cathy explained that her dogs are specifically trained in search and rescue, and **Logan** is certified in detection of human remains. **Indiana** is about half way through his training program. The training for finding lost persons is different from other training programs. The dogs are trained to be non aggressive, even

when faced by agitated or ill persons. This is important when dealing with missing Alzheimer’s patients, for example.

Logan and **Indiana** specialize in wilderness search, which includes area search, tracking and trailing, and work with Steuben and Chemung County Sheriff’s departments, as well as numerous local law enforcement groups. **Cathy’s** main responsibility is to place the dogs at a point that gives them the best chance of success, taking topology, wind, temperature and other factors including human behavior into consideration. When searching, she has to carry provisions for 70 hours sustenance for herself and the dogs, as well as a variety of equipment for survival and rescue.



The Finders

Cathy stated she was not specifically soliciting funds for her operation, but she was seeking volunteers to assist in training exercises with the dogs, people not known to the dogs, and perhaps who have medical conditions that would be helpful in exposing the dogs to different lost person scenarios.

Cathy’s interesting talk gave rise to numerous questions, **Walter Smith** wanted to know if the dogs were trained to recognize drugs. No drugs are included in their specialized training.

Bill Boland asked how **Cathy** would get the dog to detect a specific scent. It is usually sufficient to expose the dog to that scent, then send the dog to find it.

Charlie Hess suggested her dogs would be valuable in finding absentee Rotarians, or possibly church congregation members. **Gerry Wolfe** asked about the size of the Search & rescue Organization. There are three members of **Cathy’s** Group locally, with four dogs, two of which are fully trained and certified. There is a network of similar organizations throughout NY State, and nationally.

Audrey asked about the physical shape needed for the handlers. **Cathy** responded that good conditioning was required for tracking, given the loads carried, and the distances often covered. However there were a number of volunteer support functions involved, which did not require such high standards of fitness.

In response to **Dick Pope's** question, tracking of escaped prisoners was not suitable for these dogs, as they were not trained to fight, also the handler's personal safety was an issue. The dogs were given aversion training to snakes, to protect them from rattlesnakes.



Good fellowship

50/50, Kate Foss' table won \$14, the pot is now at \$240.

DMP

Photos: Boland

What are Rotary grants?

We've changed how we structure Rotary grants.

Our new system (previously known as Future Vision) focuses primarily on three grant types: district, global, and packaged. It is both more efficient and sustainable, and will help us make a greater impact around the globe.

The site: <http://www.rotary.org/en/grants> is the new home for all Rotary grants information. Looking to learn about the new grant system? Apply for a grant? Get information on managing your grant? You'll find it all here.

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