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October is Rotary Vocational Month!

NEXT WEEK

10 - 31

Clubrunner

Bill Boland

COMING UP

11 - 7

Art Smith

The story of John Jones and the plans for the John Jones Museum in Elmira

Jim Hudson played the grand piano for our entertainment prior to the opening bell as **Rotarians** took their seats for lunch. **Wendy Winnett** gave the invocation.

GUESTS

Kate Danforth introduced fellow **Rotarians** who then introduced their guests. **Sam Sanfratello** introduced his lovely wife, **Audrey. Cynthia Long** introduced **Maestro Stephen Gunzenhauser**, and **John Sands** introduced his wife, **Eileen. Jan Harvey** introduced Interact Students **Julie Chevalier, Melissa Stage**, and **Michaela McLaughlin. Dick Pope** introduced **Teresa** and **Carol Smith. Mary Hickey** introduced **Peter Olausson. Ray Defendorf** introduced **Anne Nardman.**

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zac Knapp announced our **Membership Mixer** on Tuesday, October the 22, at the **Radisson**, was a big success with eleven interested new members. **Paul Tick** won the Kindle Fire was – then turned it around and donated it as a raffle prize for the **International Dinner.**



Brian Klotz announced the **World Series** is going on, and there will be no more sign ups; seventeen people are still in the running to win the pool to benefit **Polio Plus.**

Dick Pope announced the **Bob Rockwell Memorial Dinner** on Friday, November 8, 2013. Tickets are \$65 per person. The **Bob Rockwell Memorial Fund** helps families with acute and immediate financial need when faced with personal tragedies. **Dick** announced that John McPherson donated a cartoon panel titled "Close to Home."

McPherson's cartoons appear in over 700 newspapers around the world. The successful bidder will get their name in a future cartoon and that will be seen by tens of millions of people.

Barbara Young donated a beautiful watercolor that will go to auction on November 8, 2013.



The **Corning Mayor** announced that the **Transportation Center** will open November 6, 2013.



Floyd English made a special presentation to **Charlie Tyo** of a **multiple Paul Harris Award.**

Wendy Winnett reminded **Brian Klotz** that today was **World Polio Day**.

Mary Hickey announced that this year's **International Dinner** will feature Max Buckholtz's **Journey West** where five world-class musicians will take us on a music odyssey on Saturday November 23, 2013 at the **Corning Radisson** at 5:00 pm. **The International Committee** is looking for in-kind donations.

Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner is being held on Nov. 3rd at the Rochester Convention Center. The social hour will start at 4 PM with dinner at 5 PM and the program will finish up around 8 PM. If you haven't sent in your reservation yet to hear RI Vice President Anne Matthews (the first woman to hold this position) to speak, you can go to this [website link](#) and sign up yourself or other members of your Club. The cost is \$50 per person and can be paid by a credit card online or you can mail in a check (before the dinner). If you have a problem opening the link above go to www.rochesterrotary.org and you will be able to find the registration page.

Ellen's TIME

Ellen went to a Haunted House over the weekend; however, she decided that she would not tour the house but rather wait for her friends outside in back of the



Haunted House. Her last race was Tuesday and now she can sleep in a little longer!

President Michele's TIME

President Michele read a thank you note from **Susan O'Leary**.

Paul Rossi was fined \$10 because his son, **Mike**, made eight tackles at the last football game. **Paul** also wanted our president to notice that her son made three goals at the soccer game. That remark did not do any good on lowering the fine.

Anyone that owned **Corning** Stock had to give \$1 because of the 17% stock improvement.

PROGRAM

John Brown introduced our speaker, **Leon Fontier**: Habitat Technologies Solutions for the Congo.



Returning to his country of birth, the Democratic republic of Congo, founder

Leon Fontier was struck by the gross differential between the available natural resources of the country and the extreme poverty of its people. He observed the grossly inadequate services and lack of available opportunities, and felt that with minimal financial commitment great change could be effected.

The United Nations has declared Congo the least developed nation on earth, in terms of life expectancy, education, standard of living and key health indicators, like maternal and child mortality. Following years of economic and political decline, including a protracted and ongoing war, the state is unable to provide protection and basic services to its people. As a result, the Congolese population continues to suffer from poverty and neglect -- despite the vast natural resources of the country.

Upon his return to the USA, Leon dreamt of a grassroots effort to create a conduit for the transfer of appropriate technologies to improve the health and well being of the people of the Congo. Turning the dream into reality, Leon began to educate his friends and relatives about the crisis that he had witnessed. From that larger group, six individuals who represented the founding members of HTSC, gathered in Penn Yan, NY, determined to implement the vision of forming a non-governmental organization.

Leon explained that the main point of Habitat Technologies Solutions for the Congo's vision is simply to empower Congo people with the tools and knowledge to make healthy choices.

He explained that our vision is a world where everyone is empowered with the skills and knowledge to provide themselves with clean drinking water and an hygienic environment

Habitat Technologies Solutions for the Congo (HTSC) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Too many children do not see their 5th birthday because of water-born diseases. HTSC is determined to fight the curse of water-born diseases in the rural communities of Congo while providing them with skills that will improve income. HTSC implements solutions to the water, sanitation and hygiene problems as determined by the villagers themselves, in a participatory approach.

HTSC trains not only well drillers teams but also plumbers to provide piping, well screens and water pumps and masons to build latrines, well aprons etc.

HTSC insures sustainability with a workshop/training center as it's base of operations in Congo. The shop insures a sustainable means by which duplication of the technologies and subsequent spare parts and maintenance are made available within the steel box that serves as the shop.

Leon plans to over see the project in the future by living in Bolenge, Congo where the initial project will begin.

50/50 : Jan Harvey's table won the table prize.

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