



# Crystal Cogs

Weekly Bulletin of the  
Rotary Club of Corning

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2009-2010 Theme:

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands

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## NEXT WEEK

**Kimberly Walters** will present a special Veteran's Day program honoring our veterans.

## IN THE WINGS

**19 November** Kevin Maney:  
"Trade Off: Why Some Things Catch On  
And Others Don't"

### 24 November (Tuesday meeting)

Eric Massa/Joint Meeting With  
Lions/Kiwanis

**03 December** Christmas Party  
Evening meeting TBD

**10 December** Wendell Weeks

**LAST WEEK:** An unusually fast-paced and action-packed meeting began with the Invocation, given by **Susan O'Leary**.

**GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:**  
**Dick Pope** introduced **Pam Weachock**, **Dave Anderson** introduced his wife **Mamie** along with **Virginia and Gerry Wright**, of whom more will be said later. **Sam Sanfratello** introduced his wife **Audrey**, who attends more regular meetings than some Rotarians. **Vincent Sementilli** introduced **Marie McCaig** and **Grace Rosettie** (with one "s"). **Susan O'Leary** introduced soon-to-be-member **Carla Vossler** as a guest for the last time. **George Boettner's** guest was **Carolyn Calkins**, our exchange student **Tiia** introduced **Maria Adorni**, and Floyd English introduced two Interact students, **Maggie Wayne** and President Rod's spawn **Caleb Noel**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Paul Tick** announced that **Rev. Charlie Hess** won the baseball pool, which raised \$110 toward PolioPlus. **Dick Pope** gave a plug for **Mary Guzzi's** latest theatrical achievement at Corning Community College, a little-seen play by Mark Twain.

**Dick** and **Andy Braman** co-conspired to remind everyone of Founder's Day this Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Rockwell Museum, in honor of the late Bob Rockwell. A celebratory dinner will be held with ninety attendees expected. Entertainment will be provided by Brian

Lanahan and the Tumbleweeds. Admission to the Rockwell museum is free all day on Sundays from November through April.

**Susan O'Leary** informed us of some free programs this weekend at 171 Cedar Arts. On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, the Colonial Brass Ensemble will entertain the masses at the Drake House. On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 Bill Krause and the Alleghany Dancers will each perform.

**Nora Smith** reminded everyone that Sustaining Fund Project submission forms are available, and are due back by December 31<sup>st</sup>. **Tony Spycher** was drafted by **umble 'Erb MacDonnell** to shill for his new DVD's containing highlights of some of the forensic cases Herb cracked over his sixty-year career. The \$10 per-disc proceeds will be split evenly between the Guthrie Hospital Auxiliary and the Rotary Foundation.

**Dick Perry** shared the news that Jared Allen, who won this year's Rotary Oratorical Contest, will star once again in a Campbell-Savona High School musical production. The curtain will rise on "Will Roger's Follies" the weekend of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Marty Ennulat** invited everyone to a going away party for our own **Audrey Szychulski**. on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 at the bar area of Tony R's. Audrey is rumored to be leaving Corning for the greener pastures of Norwalk, CT.

### "Tiia... How Was Your Week?"

"Really good!" Tiia visited Bradley Farm in Elmira for some Halloween frights, "I was scared!" She also traveled to Syracuse with the school band for a competition, and they did "pretty good". Tiia continues to do well academically, particularly given that she is "now better with English!"

### IN LIEU OF A PROGRAM, A SERIES OF SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ENSUED.

**NEW MEMBER:** Susan O'Leary introduced our newest member, **Carla**



**Vossler**, Executive Director of the Corning YMCA. A former Rotarian of sixteen years, Carla has been a member of clubs in the Rochester area (Pittsford and Greece), as well as in Columbus, OH. She looks forward to participating in many Club activities. Welcome Carla!

**The Barry and Mike Show:** **Barry Nicholson** announced that this is the last week to purchase tickets for the International Dinner at the lowest price available of \$65. He promised quality entertainment from a variety of

international and local acts, although the much hoped-for **Hari Sharma** belly dancing display is at press time merely an unsubstantiated rumor. The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009, from 5:30 to 10:00 at the Radisson. This year, a sit down dinner will be served rather than a buffet. Tickets may be purchased at the Radisson, the Corning Visitors Center, through Pauline Emery at the Library or online.

**Mike Platt** proceeded to share a multimedia presentation on how the funds raised in ten years of International Dinners have been used in worthwhile



projects throughout the world. These have included an orphanage in Minalli Village, India, in which children were forced to sleep on dirt floors. A total of \$12,000 was gathered from various Rotary sources to purchase furnishings, lockers, eating utensils and books, dramatically changing these children's lives for the better. Last year, with funds

raised through the International Dinner and the RI Matching Grant Program, we provided wireless communication to remote villages in Nepal. These are just two examples of wonderful projects that have been funded by the International Dinner!

Next, **John Sirianni** and **Vincent Sementilli** presented **Marie McCaig** and **Grace Rosettie** with a check from the Club for their very worthwhile Teen Angels program. Marie explained that the program helped 150 needy teens and 2008, and it is expected to serve over 100 youths this Christmas season.

**Scott Bloor** gave new meaning to the acronym VSP: Very Sick of Poinsettias. Actually, it means Voluntary Service Plan, and so far the Club has raised \$9,297 year to date against a budget of \$10,000. Regular Club dues were due to Scott by August 15<sup>th</sup>, but there are a few stragglers out there. It is imperative that you send your dues in by November 30<sup>th</sup> or you will be dropped from the membership rolls as per RI. Next year, the deadline will be moved up to August 30<sup>th</sup> in order to maintain active membership status.

Given all the excitement of the meeting, **President Rod** gave everyone a pass on mandatory fines this week. However, several Rotarians chose to recognize their own recent good fortune, beginning with our fearless leader, who put his son Caleb on the spot to announce his soccer team had recently hosted their first sectional and won the

game. Caleb has also been chosen as an All Star.

**Attorney Bob Cole** announce that his daughter Katie graduated with honors from American University medical school and has begun her ENT residency at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Rick Davis** shared the hot-off-the-press news that his son Jim just passed the NYS bar and the world is blessed with yet another lawyer.

**NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW(S):**  
**Vincent Sementilli** presented the Club's latest honorary award to two outstanding community recipients, the husband and wife team of **Gerry and Ginnie Wright**.



Since moving to Corning in 1958, the two have been active leaders and volunteers in causes ranging from the Girl Scouts, the First Methodist Church, the Corning-PP

Historical Society, and Meals on Wheels. Gerry started his Mattress Ministry in 1972, and served 155 needy clients in 2008. Several of the couple's three children and three granddaughters were in attendance.

The big show ended with **Brian Klotz** showing a video presentation on the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation supports many worthwhile programs throughout the world, including Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Rotary World Peace Scholars, the Humanitarian Grants Program, District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, and of course PolioPlus.

Brian wrapped things up on a high note and presented our own **Floyd English** with a special Four Sapphire Level Paul Harris Fellowship Award in recognition of his generous lifetime level of giving to



the Rotary Foundation.

**50/50. Dick Perry's** table won, and the grand prize pot still stands at \$650.

**TJG**