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GUESTS: Christy Krager was in fine form as she introduced our guests starting with **Wendy Winnett** who had **Jan Harvey** back for a visit. **Jon Carpenter** had **Jennifer Carpenter** as his guest. **Dick Pope** introduced **Jane Fastiggi** while **Barry Nicholson** introduced **Abigail Holder** who is a summer intern on Market Street.

Susan O'Leary proudly introduced their daughter, **Amelia**. **Kathy Datoush** brought colleague **Steven Vanbolten** to Rotary. Soon-to-be member **Mary Hickey** was the guest of **Chris Seymour**.

BIRTHDAY TABLE: The Birthday table



as only half full as many of the June arrivals were absent. But **Rich Negri**, **Lloyd Young**, **Wendy Daines**, **Nancy Latour** and **Jim Hudson** were treated to a sundae as was perennial birthday boy, **Bill Plummer**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Wendy Winnett** made a last minute pitch for the **Hammer it Home, Gala Fundraiser**, on the 9th at CCC.



Dick Perry made another pitch for pictures for the imminent Club Directory followed by **Bill Boland**,



the man in charge of the directory who urged any with changes to be made, "Do it Now!" as it will be distributed on the Fifth of July. Our good professor has been a lone

objector to the size of the directory.

Wendy Winnett was back up thrilled that their daughter is engaged, so thrilled that she and Pete donated \$50



to the Rotary Foundation. **Brian McConnell** reported that the July 16th Golf Tournament stands at eight sponsors with

eight teams already signed up. There is always room for more sponsors and



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NEXT WEEK

June 14 ASMS
7th Grade Service Project for Haiti

IN THE WINGS

June 21 1972 Flood
Remembrance Program

June 28 Changeover Dinner
Evening Meeting at Three Birds

LAST WEEK: The piano artistry of **Jim Hudson** greeted us as we came in and sat down at out tables. Jim was at the Birthday Table, but true to form strode back to the piano to play "Happy Birthday" when the time came.

Thanks were offered by Steve McEuen focusing on the effort to eliminate Polio.

teams. At Dick's final Board Meeting, he picked up the tab; Michele provided Champagne as well as presenting him with a clock. About time!

Dick then called **Kristy** up to present her with her blue badge, which surprisingly



had her name spelled correctly. Our President then announced the Blues Concert at Canandaigua Middle School on June 16th at 7 PM. Tickets are \$10 to benefit Polio Plus.

With only two weeks to go we are looking forward to the Change-Over Dinner on June 28th at Three Birds Restaurant. You can order your favorite cocktail starting at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:15. More details to follow!! **Charlie Hess** wanted an update on the Bloor-Rossi shootout and we learned that Scott hurt his ankle and the event has been postponed.

FINE TIME: Dave Carpenter is back with us and offered \$100 to the Sustaining Fund for his long sojourn in Florida. His table mates honored to sit with him

contributed a dollar per. **Jerry Sleve** showed up like a bad penny, paid \$20 which was matched by **Bob Cole, Esq.**

PROGRAM: In **Dick Pope's** introduction he reported seeing a red-headed, double-breasted mattress thrasher. Not to be outdone, Lloyd Young asked "What is the difference between a bird with one wing and a bird with two wings? It is a matter of a pinion." The pun went over the head of most of the club. Our Speaker, Mike Powers is an ornithologist from Cornell.

Mike got his undergraduate degree from Hobart and his graduate degree for University of Arkansas. Mike gave an overview of the Birding Culture which had its origins in the 1800's. In those days, lacking binoculars, the preferred way was to shoot the birds and then identify them Birders vied at Christmas



time to shoot the most birds. In the late 1800's Chapman transformed this into a Christmas Bird Count which continues to this day. In the mid 1930's Roger Tory

Peterson published his "A Field Guide to the Birds". (Now there are field guides to everything.) In the 1940's binoculars became available which spurred interest in bird watching. Today one-fourth of us are part of the birding culture. In addition to the Christmas Bird Count, people can become active in Citizen Science through ebird.org. Mike showed intriguing maps of the states which as the year progressed showed the sightings of 1) the Scarlet Tanager and 2) Common Yellowthroat. It was a vivid demonstration of the spring and fall migrations.

What about Modern Birding? Mike discussed a recent movie entitled "The Big Year" which depicts the length people will go to count the greatest number of birds in a year: 732. Then there is the "Big Day" which recorded 250 in New Jersey. Not all of these are seen; many identified by sound. Roger Tory Peterson could identify an incredible number of birds by their songs or calls. We also have the "Big Sit" referred to as the Groovy-billed Anis". The record for that is 100 species.

Mike treated us then to a Big Day-24 hours of bird song starting at 9 PM, by playing recordings of bird calls, challenging us to identify the birds. Dick Perry won hands down. For the night birds he played the Great Horned Owl, the Barred Owl, the Screech Owl and the Whippoorwill, which for unknown reasons is no longer heard in our area. The pre-dawn flight call of the Veery

was followed by its more familiar song. Our Robin, the Scarlet Tanager, Red-breasted Grosbeak and Common Yellowthroat followed.

The Red-eyed Vireo has an amazing 2000 phrases to its repertoire. He was not able to fool Dick Perry on the Red-tailed Hawk. The last sounds we heard was not a song, but the drumming of the Ruffed Grouse.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dick Puccio is in urgent need for help with the Youth Exchange group which is coming to Watkins Glen. **Kate Foss** is incapacitated with the gout. **Linda Spencer** is still at the Arnot and cards for both would be appreciated.

50/50: Grand Prize was \$460; \$16 the sure win. The six of diamonds continues to elude.

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