



NYS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

PRESENTED BY: MELINDA SANDERSON

HOSTED BY: REBEKAH CARROLL

Meeting Date: November 30, 2017 –

Melinda is the Director of the NYS Mentorship Program for the upstate region. She presented to the club some history of the program, its benefits for mentors and children, and asked that anyone interested in becoming involved in the program, to please get involved. The program is soon to start in our local schools.

The program was launched in 1984 when then Gov. Mario Cuomo asked his wife Matilda to create and implement the nation's first statewide unique school based on-to-one mentoring program with an emphasis on preventing school dropouts. Following Mario Cuomo's leave from office, the program was essentially defunded. In 2015, Gov. Andrew Cuomo reinstated the program at his State of the State Address, and tapped his mother Matilda as Chairperson for the program.

Melinda explained that children can succeed despite personal, economic, and social obstacles if they have a caring adult in their lives. Our current culture prevents parents and guardians from dedicating as much individualized attention to children as they need. The value for a child to have an adult that is committed to meeting them weekly, listening to them, supporting them, and caring about them has an outstanding impact on a child's life. Mentoring outcomes include greater participation in school, improved attendance, higher graduation and college admission rates, and better performance.

The NYS program creates mentor and mentee relationships for students at risk of dropping out of school. Activities take place in the school, one-to-one between adult and child. A school coordinator is present to facilitate activities and the relationship. Mentors also receive training to feel prepared for the commitment.

NEXT MEETING DEC. 14

PROGRAM: "What's Going Into the Business Park?"

SPEAKER: Judy Cherry

HOST: Judy Cherry

GREETER: Doug Hagin



The children selected to be involved in the program are those children who demonstrate great potential to be successful with dedicated attention. Mentors report that the experience is extremely rewarding and may provide as many benefits to the mentor as it does the child.

The program asks mentors for a one year commitment, but the match could go on for subsequent school years if both the child and adult are interested.

If you are interested in learning more, visit ww.ny.gov/new-york-state-mentoring-program. There is an online application that you can complete to start the process.

NOV. 30TH NEWS

GUESTS: Melinda Sanderson, our speaker and guest of Rebekah Carroll

RAFFLE WINNER: Jim Guild

AUCTION: Jim Bacalles donated 3 cobbler dessert won by Bridgette Stewart, Jim Howell, and Judy Phillips. Stan Beaver donated a cute Hedgehog statue won by Don Stocum; Holly Baker donated a handmade photo plaque won by Rebekah Carroll. Thank you to all and to Matt Hayden for being an excellent auctioneer!

DECEMBER: Michelle Benjamin, Carl Blowers, Bruce Boughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NO LUNCH MEETING: Dec. 21 and Dec. 28

ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY: Held at the Montour Moose Lodge on December 7, 5 – 7 PM. Volunteers needed to serve food and beverages and help with set-up and cleanup. This is a very fun event!

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Club's Christmas Party will be held at Seneca Lodge on Thursday, December 21, 6 – 8 PM at Seneca Lodge. There will be no meeting that day. We will be doing a Chinese Auction and if you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$10.00. There will be a cash bar. Please feel free to bring a munch or cookies for food and let Terri know, so we can plan accordingly. Spouses, significant others, family and friends are invited as well. Please RSVP to Terri.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADOPT A FAMILY: Terri Orbin recently emailed a list of five families available for adoption for Christmas. If you would like to adopt just children in the family, please let Terri know. The drop off date for gifts is Dec. 13 between 9 AM and 7 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center on 10th Street. Monetary donations are also helpful. They can be made out to the Club and Rotary Elves will do the shopping on Dec. 10th. If you would like to help shop, meet at Watkins Glen Walmart at the McDonald's entrance on Dec. 10th at 9 AM.

THOSE WE MISSED:

Michelle Benjamin, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Nancy Loughlin, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Bill Phoenix, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Nan Woodworth, Ken Bell, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

MAKEUPS: Seneca View Volunteers: Tom W., Nancy L., JC A., Jim B., Rich G., Bill P., Nancy P.; Rotary Readers: Charlie C., Matt H.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Matt Hayden: Missed Meeting

Rebekah Carroll: Missed meeting

Meredith Williams: Missed meeting

Nancy Peters: Celebrating birthday

Jim Preston: Missed meeting, Paul Harris Fellow Congrats

Jim Howell: Missed meeting, Congrats to Learn family on PHF

Don Stocum: Congrats PHF

John King: Missed meeting

Doug Hagin: For the Howell Greenberger Feud fund

Rich Greenberger: Thanks to Jim Howell for being a good sport

John King: Missed meeting

BRINGING UP BABIES

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS | (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)

At three years old, an age when most toddlers are being assessed on how high they can count or how well they can recite their ABCs, Ramon Resa faced a different standard of measurement: how much cotton he could pile up in the farm fields of central California.

And for many years, as he harvested cotton, walnuts, or oranges, Resa felt that he didn't measure up. That feeling was reinforced by some who might have been his mentors and guides: Even though he graduated at the top of his eighth-grade class, he was told to let a white classmate give the valedictory speech. A school counselor tried to shunt him into wood shop instead of algebra. Ramon Resa strides the halls of Sierra View Medical Center in Porterville, Calif., USA, where he's on staff.

But Resa persevered. Today, to visit him at work, you'll walk through a door labeled Dr. Ramon Resa. A Rotarian and a pediatrician in Porterville, Calif., he spends his days in an office not far from the tiny box of a house where he grew up among 14 relatives.

At work, Resa moves among four exam rooms, sometimes seeing more than 50 patients in a day: a three-year-old suffering from allergies, a two-year-old in for a checkup, a 10-year-old who hurt his thumb playing sports. Resa tickles a child lightly as he checks a throat or belly, switching from English to Spanish as needed. "I can out-stare you," he jokes with a determined boy who has a sinus infection.

