



PROGRAM: Finger Lakes Boating Museum

SPEAKER: Andrew Tompkins

HOST: Glenda Gephart

GREETER: Tony Fraboni

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

PRESENTED BY: JOHN KING, TONY FRABONI, JUDY CHERRY

HOSTED BY: JOHN KING

Meeting Date: March 8, 2018 –

Judy Cherry, Tony Fraboni, and John King presented on the development and status of the joint Wastewater Treatment Plant project. In 2012, community leaders met to discuss redevelopment of the waterfront. The first project was to relocate and upgrade the Watkins Glen wastewater treatment plant. Both Watkins Glen and Montour Falls sewer plants were cited by DEC and in need of modernization, updates, and investment. The villages partnered to launch a feasibility study for a joint wastewater treatment plant, an impetus to expand the plan and include additional economic development efforts in the villages. The umbrella effort known as Project Seneca is a partnership between Schuyler County, the villages of Watkins Glen and Montour Falls, and multiple private developers that includes initiatives within all four of the historic village downtowns.

In 2014, the villages agreed to move forward with the joint wastewater treatment plant project by instituting a joint project committee to meet monthly, work through the process of looking at an alternative site for the plant, and select a project manager – Rick Weakland. An alternative site for the joint plant has been selected – south of the Community Center between the two villages (outlined in yellow photo right). The project will be completed in phases.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 22

PROGRAM: Hunchback of Notre Dame Preview

SPEAKER: WGHS Drama Club

HOST: Michell Benjamin

GREETER: Judy Keough



Early in the project, a pair of eagles were found nesting in the new site. Local officials built a new nest for the eagles and agreed not to do any construction work at the plant site during the eagle breeding season. Developers also bought a private 20-acre parcel south of Owasco Lake. After these steps, the DEC awarded the proposed treatment plant the necessary permits to continue the project. Permits and funding are in place and the project is on schedule and on budget.

The \$30 million project, one of the biggest capital projects in the area in many years is being financed by state grants and loans. The modernization of the sewage plant is expected to improve the water quality at the south end of Seneca Lake. Another goal is to keep cost for residents at no more than \$600/year.



NEWS FROM MARCH 8

GUESTS: Inbound Youth Exchange Student, Arnaz

RAFFLE WINNER: Arnaz!

AUCTION: MARCH: Dena Carrigan, Rebekah Carroll, and Judy Cherry

FUNDRAISING:

ANTIQUÉ SHOW: Sunday, March 18, 9 AM – 3 PM at the Community Center. Volunteers needed for admission table, set up, and clean up. Feel free to bring friends and family to help.

DREAM RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: The raffle basket is assembled and includes a great list of items valued at over \$750. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Members are encouraged to sell tickets. They can also be purchased at the Watkins Glen and Montour Falls Chemung Canal branches and Watkins Sporting Goods. Winning ticket will be drawn at Ribs & Reisling event on May 24 at Seneca Lodge.

EVENTS:

SENECA VIEW VISIT: Seneca View Visiting Program is on April 5 at 2 PM.

OPEN CALL EVENT: March 29 at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel. Our Open Call event starts at 5 PM with a cocktail social hour. Half-price cocktails and appetizers. An intro to Rotary program at 6 PM for our guests. Bring a friend!

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY: District Training Assembly is on Saturday, April 14th.

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE: The District 7120 Conference is being held in Saratoga Springs May 4 – 6. Visit the District Conference website for registration and schedule details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING DATES:

No lunch meeting on March 29. Please attend our Open Call event and bring a friend!

No lunch meeting on April 5 due to schedule at Upper Deck. Instead, a dinner meeting will be held at 5:30 PM.

THOSE WE MISSED:

JC Argetsinger, Jim Bacalles, Bruce Boughton, Steven Briggs, Beth DeCaro, Dominick Franzese, Glenda Gephart, Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Jim Howell, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Nancy Loughlin, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Judy Phillips, Bill Phoenix, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kirstine Somerville, Bridgette Stewart, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Ken Bell, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Gifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS:

MARK RONDINARO is a Watkins Glen native, co-owner of Lakewood Vineyards, and a Schuyler County legislator. Mark is sponsored by Judy Cherry who describes Mark as a friend to businesses, animals, and the lake in Schuyler County.

EMILY PECKHAM of SCUDD was born in Schuyler County and graduated from Dundee Central. She has a strong background in social work. She is an avid volunteer with her church and is mother to an 18-month old daughter.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

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ROTARACT: RI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS (ARTICLE FROM ROTARY.ORG)



Three Rotary women were recognized on 7 March at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., USA, for their commitment to improving lives through innovative humanitarian projects. The celebration, hosted by the World Bank Group Staff Association, and sponsored by Rotary International and investment firm Oppenheimer & Co., was one of many events held this week to mark International Women's Day, which is on 8 March each year. It highlighted the positive changes women make around the world. Annette Dixon, vice president of the World Bank for South Asia, moderated the event. Dr. Geetha Jayaram, a member of the Rotary Club of Howard West, Maryland, USA, addresses mental health issues for poor women in developing countries. Danielle De La Fuente, a member of the Rotary Club of Coronado Binacional, California, USA, shares how her organization, The Amal Alliance, empowers refugee children around the world.

Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, past PolioPlus chair for Côte d'Ivoire, talks about the strides Africa has made toward becoming polio free. Dr. Geetha Jayaram, a member of the Rotary Club of Howard West, Maryland, USA, addresses mental health issues for poor women in developing countries. Speaking to more than 300 people, with thousands watching the livestream, Dr. Geetha Jayaram, Marie-Irène Richmond Ahoua, and Danielle De La Fuente, all Rotarians, told their stories and explained how their work helped poor women in India gain access to mental health care, vaccinate hundreds of thousands against polio in West Africa, and empower refugee children around the world.

Here are their stories. Read more on www.rotary.org.