



PROGRAM: Hunchback of Notre Dame preview
SPEAKER: Michelle/Tim Benjamin & WGHS Students
HOST: Michelle Benjamin
GREETER: Judy Keough

FINGER LAKES BOATING MUSEUM

PRESENTED BY: ANDREW TOMPKINS

HOSTED BY: GLENDA GEPHART

Meeting Date: March 15, 2018 –

Club members may remember former Watkins-Montour Rotarian, Andrew Tompkins, who was the Schuyler County Historical Society director before accepting the position of Executive Director of Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Hammondsport three years ago. Andrew returned to share about the exhibits, programs, and learning opportunities at the boating museum.

The museum is located in the former Taylor Wine Company headquarters, a beautiful building on Pleasant Valley Road. The campus has 14 acres and 19 buildings. The Finger Lakes Boating Museum exists for the education and preservation of the boating activities and boat building heritage of the Finger Lakes. The museum has three floors with several exhibit spaces and a new wing as of 2015. Visitors can see canoes, rowboats, sailboats, and more. The museum has about 160 boats in storage and 40 boats on exhibit. The main building also contains an active boat shop where visitors are able to see restoration projects underway. Andrew showed a series of beautiful photos from the inside of the Museum, illustrating the variety of exhibits, beautiful rooms, one of which features a handpainted mural by Brett Steeves.

The Finger Lakes Boating Academy (FLBA) is the umbrella entity that covers all of FLBM's active educational activity offered to the public: courses, lectures, demonstrations, workshops, youth programs, on water programs, and special events. FLBA aims to become the primary educational institution around Finger Lakes boating by providing regularly scheduled and diverse program offerings and venues to the community. The Museum organizes an annual Boat Auction that will take place Saturday, September 22, 2018. Auction boats will be staged a few days prior to the auction in the parking lot across Pleasant Valley Road. All proceeds go to the museum's operational expenses.

If you haven't visited the museum lately, now is a great time to go. For more information, go to www.flbm.org.

NO LUNCH MEETING: MARCH 29

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEW MEMBER OPEN CALL EVENT AT WATKINS GLEN HARBOR HOTEL, 5:00 – 6:45 PM.

NO LUNCH MEETING: APRIL 5

DINNER MEETING AT UPPER DECK/ELKS LODGE AT 5 PM. DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM.

**MEETING THURSDAY, 12:10 PM AT WATKINS GLEN ELKS LODGE · WATKINS GLEN, NY
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CONGRATULATIONS WG SOTM: JOHN COATES

Odessa-Montour High School senior John Coates was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its O-M Student of the Month for March. The honoree was introduced by music teacher Jennifer Kraemer, who said she has taught Coates for years and finds he is someone "you can always rely on," and someone who is "happy to do whatever task needs to be done." She also said he is "a wonderful leader in our ensembles" -- for Coates' specialty is music. He is a member of the school Choir and Band, its Brass Quintet and Jazz Club, the Honor Choir, and the current and previous school musicals, in addition to belonging to Drama Club. Coates said the award was "a huge honor. I've never been Student of the Month or Student of Anything before." He will perform as Archibald Craven in this weekend's O-M spring musical, "The Secret Garden."

Credit: Charlie Haeffner, The Odessa File

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN KING

Judy Keough led the club in recognizing John King's recent birthday. John is mayor of Montour Falls and Past President of the Club. John's wife of 51 years, Lorna, attended to join the Club in wishing John a Happy Birthday. Thank you Terri for the cake!

NEWS FROM MARCH 15

GUESTS: Our Speaker, Andrew Tompkins, guest of Glenda Gephart; Rotary Student of the Month: John Coates; Presenter, Jenn Kramer; Lorna King, guest of John King; John Nguyen, guest of the Club

RAFFLE WINNER: John King

AUCTION: A honey themed kit donated by Judy Cherry was won by Carl Blowers. **APRIL:** Charlie Cole, Beth DeCaro, Tony Fraboni

FUNDRAISING:

NCAA RESULTS: Tony reported that the event broke the \$30k threshold. The club's net was about \$3,000. The event has doubled its net in 8 years. Tony thanked the team of volunteers that help make this event possible and those who donated food for the buffet. Thanks to Tony for leading this fundraiser for the Club!

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 2:30 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.

THOSE WE MISSED:

Jim Bacalles, Bruce Boughton, Steve Briggs, Beth DeCaro, Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Mike Learn, Nancy Loughlin, Debbie MacDonald, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Nancy Peters, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Kristine Somerville, Bridgette Stewart, Jennifer Sweet, Lindsay Wickham, Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

MAKEUPS:

NCAA: Tony Fraboni, Meredith Williams, Michel Ray, Jim Somerville, Don Stocum, Bill Phoenix, Dena Carrigan, Rich Greenberger, Dominick Franzese, John King, Matt Hayden, Bridgette Stewart, Jim Howell, Glenda Gephart, Terri Orbin

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Glenda Gephart: Missed meeting, Welcome new members, Mark and Emily

Bill Phoenix: Missed meeting

Judy Cherry: Missed meeting, for the program, Ken Bell

John King: Thank you for the birthday wishes

Jim Howell: Student of the Month

Don Stocum: Thanks to all who will be volunteering at the Antique Show; Thanks to Tony for work on NCAA

Judy Keough: Happy Birthday John King

Dena Carrigan: Student of the Month

Nan Woodworth: Missed meeting

Emily Peckham: SOTM, Great to see Finger Lakes Boating Museum in old Taylor Wine Cellars

JC Argetsinger: Missed meeting

Michel Ray: Happy Birthday John

WORLD ROUNDUP

FROM APRIL 2018 ISSUE OF ROTARIAN MAGAZINE

CANADA: The Rotary Club of Chatham in New Brunswick delivered a little extra warmth by giving new pajamas to disadvantaged residents during the Christmas season. Enlisting 10 car dealerships as collection points, the club amassed nearly 1,200 pairs. Club members draped vehicles in pajamas to get the project off the ground. Automobile shoppers and dealership staff got into the spirit, stuffing the vehicles with pajamas, which were turned over to groups including the Salvation Army, First Nations communities, and Syrian immigrants. "It was heartwarming to know that we were helping so many people," says the project's creator, club member Paul Trueman.

SOUTH AFRICA: The Rotary Club of Dundee is using clothing to promote the protection of wildlife. Club member Peter Kuyler designed T-shirts and cycling jerseys bearing "Stop the Slaughter: War on Poaching" artwork to raise awareness of threats to rhinoceroses, targeted by hunters who harvest their horns. Club members have raised about \$1,000 from sales of the shirts. Proceeds were channeled to the Rhino Security Program of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, which buttresses the work of rangers in KwaZulu-Natal. "The program goal of the program is to ensure that one of the oldest genetic pools is southern Africa is secured for breeding purposes," Kuyler said.

