

Seneca Falls Rotary



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5/17/2016—Montezuma Audubon -Chris Lajewski, Center Director

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Guests:

Emre Goksu

Visiting Rotarian:

Karen Macier

Larry Williamson

Junior Rotarians:

Catherine Porter

Valedictorian,

headed to SU for In-

ternational

Relations, music &

sports

Nick Shaffer-lacrosse,

SUNY Delhi

50/50-

Emre/Karen M

The Montezuma Audubon Center is the Conservation Hub for Habitat Restoration. In 1905 Rotary started, same year as Audubon. Their mission is to conserve and restore national ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, but we are all interconnected. Montezuma covers 200 acres - 10K Audubon covers across US with 50 centers and 1 million visitors each year.

In 1905 when founded in NYS, their goal was to conserve little parks like Vince's Park but as time went on realized that was too small. Now have sites throughout birds' lifecycle - North and South America including Caribbean. They follow five pillars - putting land to work, sharing seas & shores, saving important bird areas, shaping healthy climate & clean energy, creating bird friendly communities.

Montezuma Audubon - 1st and largest internationally. Not only do they work on the center property but within people's backyards, farmlands, and also through schools and churches.

Why did they choose Montezuma National Wildlife Reserve - they are northern center - thruway for birds traveling between Canada to South America. They cover wetlands 50,000 acres, 25 miles trails with recreational, educational and volunteer opportunities. With forests, wetlands, and water all together, it is quite a birding place.

March and April bring Canada geese and snow geese. Hundreds of thousands of them. Just 16 years ago only 250 geese.

First Bald Eagle Reintroduction Program started just a few years ago

when there were none in NYS. 1975 the last nesting pair throughout the state was tagged. Brought 23 pair in, and in just five years, the eagles were setting up their own nests. Now it is a daily sight there. 250 pairs throughout the state..

Montezuma covers 200 acres - 10K people go thru their educational programs. They support sportsman educations/activities. White tail deer have great deal of impact - lyme disease, eat our forests, our flowers and vegetables. Now they engage youth through their sportsman summer camp with a hunt in October. They also bring in owls, hawks, and others to expos. Bring in guest lecturers and have special tours.

Their greatest threats are invasive species. Volunteers come in and improve habitat at Montezuma (MARSH). Several work days coming up and everyone is fed lunch. Areas to restore are behind the gates where most people can't get to. They focus on tree planting, invasive species removal, take seeds from Seneca Meadows Wetlands and plant in Montezuma. 1000 acres at Seneca Meadows Wetland which is incredible. Audubon provides one full time staff at the Seneca Meadows Educational Center. He is proud of their relationship.

Audubon works to engage families with hands on, minds on environmental conservation. Better for all life.

Is there a sister org in Europe? Birdlife International, plus they started a bird count in Dominican Republic like we have here.

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Service Above Self

District Dates-

5/29-6/1—International
Convention, Seoul, Korea

Upcoming Programs:

May 24: Beating Loss of
Memory-Rev. Cynthia
Huling-Hummel
May 31: Club Assembly
June 7: Jr. Rotarians &
Interact
July 19—Karolyn Grimes-It's
A Wonderful Life at Age 70

Club Dates of Note:

- 5/23 Clean Up Stanton
Park, 3pm
- 6/3 BBQ Relay for Life
- 6/21 Changeover
Dinner/Meeting
- 8/9-8-11 Empire Farm
Days
- 9/11 Music Fest at
Goosewatch

www.senecafallsrotary.org

AND

www.rotarymusicfest.com

Announcements/Happy \$:

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- ⇒ Clean Up Stanton Park-May 23rd, sign up sheet. 3pm
- ⇒ Cooking hots and burgers at Relay for Life on June 3 evening
- ⇒ Change Over Dinner, June 21st at HI, no lunch just evening meeting. More info to come...
- ⇒ Dr. Tim passed out Foundation letters, let him know if you have not received yours.

Trips/Happy \$:

- ◇ Dr. Tim - does everyone have envelope at home? Fill it out tonight and mail it in. Hoping for 100% participation.
- ◇ Bob McK - added that Catherine is Valedictorian. HS Robotics Team recognized by FLSTEM Hub. Thank you for reading at reading week. Kids met goal so Principal, Teachers and Superintendent were dunked. Vote on School Budget
- ◇ Linda - husband home from hospital and back to work today
- ◇ Bert - He and Gloria went to Myrtle Beach for 4 days, then to Albany to first grandson's graduation SUNY Albany outside in ski jacket.
- ◇ Wendy - did not travel this week but 2 more coming up. 17th day of her daughter not being able to use ipad, ipod, no cartoons. Natasha is "very sorry she got caught."
- ◇ Dave M - re-introduced Larry, Sodus Club donated 3 pumps. Netti bought 70 more sacks of grain for students. We just sent \$1100 to sewing project. Note to Mr. McK - his grandson Conley had fun dunking the Super.
- ◇ Peter S - drove 4.5 hrs north and went trout fishing
- ◇ Dana - mowing and found fawn in lawn. Fantastic picture
- ◇ Susan B - Congrats to Grandma Josephine-Karen B. Thanks to Emre she traveled to Florida for 3 days last week for the opening of musical *Josephine* at Ringling Theatre. Great reviews. Broadway bound.
- ◇ Stephen - happy inducting Susie

