## Kiwanis Klarion –January 30, 2025



Meetings are 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at noon, 2nd Thursday at 5:30pm At the Clarion Inn, Elmira

#### Next Meeting - Feb 6- Linda Forrest - DMV & Real Id Requirements

Welcome Table: John Keenan Invocation: Mark Wayne

### **Program**

Today's program was Mark Margeson from the LECOM Event Center/IDA. Mark gave an update on happenings at the Event Center. The IDA has spent \$1.4 million dollars on improvement to the event center after it was left in major disarray before the IDA took over. Previously the hockey programs managed the arena but did not take care of the facility. The IDA created a management company to control the building and finances. They are trying to make it more of a community facility & one of the first things was changing the practice rink to a turf field which makes it much more versatile. They have been leasing it out to various groups. There are several upcoming events Scotty McCreery concert on Feb 16, FLX Fest – March 22, Bored Teachers Comedy Tour - April 4, there will be an Alive After Five Event. Mark also talked about the IDA's roll in attracting business to the area. A new Incubator Works was started in Elmira. Incubators help entrepreneurs start businesses in a lot of different ways. From technology to research and development, the Elmira facility turns a ground-level idea into a small business. The organization offers a 12-week co-starter accelerator program that helps an entrepreneur with their ideas, writing a business plan, and creating a cohort model. Mark also mentioned that an Aviation Company has leased the former Sikorsky Building at 17 Aviation Dr in Big Flats which has stood vacant for more than 15 years!



#### Officers 2024-2025

President – Mary Schuehler
President Elect- Steve Seaberg
Vice President – Mark Wayne
Secretary – Alison Mandel
Treasurer – Joe Klaiber
Immediate Past President – Sue Mower

#### **Upcoming Programs:**

Feb 6 – Linda Forrest – Chemung Co DMV
Feb 13 – 5:30pm – TBD
Feb 20 – Sally Deane-Mosher- Career Devel.
Council
Feb 27- TBD

# Here's What else you Missed Today.....

#### 50-50:

Mary Schuehler won the 50/50 of \$6. Pot is at \$230. She didn't draw the King, so the pot continues to grow!

#### **Rays Pay Day:**

Steve Hoffmann would have won \$10. Next week it will be \$15.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Foundation Pancake Breakfast on Sunday at Applebee's. We served 64 breakfasts, and we took in \$1275. We paid Applebee's \$192 for breakfast and tipped the cook, dishwasher and manager on duty \$20 each which netted us \$1023. Great job by all! Volunteers were Sue & Steve Mower, Mike Wayne, Mark Wayne, Susan Crabtree, Gordy Schuehler, Ron Allison, TJ Malone and Alison Mandel.

Have requested the same weekend in 2026.

#### **Happy Dollars**

Mark Wayne – for the program. Also a dollar from Mike Wayne for Missy's shoulder surgery which went well. "St Michael" is handling the nursing duties although he had some help from Missy's sister Ann and Mark's wife MaryBeth who brought dinner! Wishing Missy a speedy recovery.

Mary Schuehler – for the program & for being at the meeting today.

**TJ Malone** – For the very interesting program & for Mark Wayne who has gotten some very interesting programs. Also, it was nice standing on the turf field during the Winter Carnival!

**Ron Allison** – for the great program.

**Steve Seaberg** – for some missed meetings. He is enjoying his retirement.

Mark Margeson – has some thank you dollars for the club members who volunteer at the Event Center for hockey games and other events!

Ticket Scanning -

February 7 – Team 4 – Gordy Schuehler

February 8 – Team 5 – Steve Hoffmann

February 11 -Make up game

February 16 – Scotty McCreery Concert – 7:30pm

Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference is February 14-16 at the Doubletree in Binghamton.

Mark your calendars for a Chemung Division Meeting at Tanino's – hosted by Horseheads on Tuesday March 11 – 6:30pm – Buffet - \$25.

Community Kitchen – Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Past President's Team – Captained by Mike Wayne! Team was TJ Malone, Paul Hart, Steve Forrest, Tom Bruner and Alison Mandel.

We also had a cake for Tom Bruner's Birthday!





