This Week’s Program:  
Mark Tierno, President of Cazenovia College  
One of “America’s Best Colleges”

... by U.S. News & World Report. Cazenovia College, located in Cazenovia, NY, is an old and storied institution. Founded in 1824, the College has operated at its original site in the Village of Cazenovia for over 188 years. In more recent years, Cazenovia College has seen persistent and meaningful change as it continues to establish itself as a leader in higher education. As an undergraduate baccalaureate college, Cazenovia College creates educational experiences that are individualized for students, matching skill sets with available programs and co-curricular offerings. This individualized approach to the educational experience is what sets Cazenovia College apart from others.

Throughout its long history, the College has embraced Student Success as its primary mission and will continue to be a community focused on learning, nourished by diversity, and strengthened by integrity.

Mark Tierno has been President of the college since 2000. Before that he was Campus Executive Officer/Campus Dean and Professor of History at University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan. He has numerous honors and distinctions from the likes of Harvard, Cambridge and Elmira College, just to name a few.

Mark's graduate studies were undertaken with the Department of History in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University. His master's degree focused on American urban history and his doctoral work investigated the impact of industrialization and urbanization upon American families, in general, and upon adolescent family members, in particular. He has also served as a Curriculum Research Associate in the University's nationally recognized Social Studies Curriculum Center (1972-75), where he worked together with several leading theorist/practitioners, including Edwin Fenton, Barry K. Beyer, and, in a joint Carnegie Mellon/Harvard research project, Lawrence Kohlberg.

These experiences prepared him to begin an academic career with strong preparation in both the discipline of history and the professional field of curriculum research and development.

UPCOMING ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

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Next Week’s Program:
Kelly Butters, Central New York Autism Society

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Both children and adults with autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. One should keep in mind however, that autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees - this is why early diagnosis is so crucial. By learning the signs, a child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention programs.

Autism is one of five disorders that falls under the umbrella of Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD), a category of neurological disorders characterized by “severe and pervasive impairment in several areas of development.”

Kelly Butters is from the East Area Family YMCA. She is the Senior Program Director of Youth and Teens as well as a CNY Autism Society Board Member.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced new autism prevalence rates. According to the CDC report, the prevalence rate for autism is now 1 in 68, which is an increase of over 30% since the 2008 CDC report.

The Autism Society continues to be concerned with these increasing rates, and the Autism Society and its 110 state and local affiliates are ready and willing to assist this growing population, now in the millions, of individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community. The Central New York Autism Society is holding a couple of special events this month in the community. The 9th annual “one piece at a time” Autism Awareness Walk is on Sunday, April 27 and the William Stillman Demystifying Autism Conference is on Tuesday, April 29.

A Symphor!a Concert
by Brad Strait, Activities Committe Chair

On April 26 Syphor!a will feature Beethoven’s 9th Symphony which may be his greatest composition. The performance includes the Syracuse Oratorio Society. Brad Strait says, “I’ve heard this performance by the SSO with the Oratorio Society before, and this should be a magnificent presentation”.

Tickets need to be ordered soon. The concert will be at 7:30 pm at the Crouse-Hinds Theater. There will be dinner for those who wish to get together earlier, probably at the ALFA restaurant (formerly Saratoga Steaks and Seafood).

Brad is also considering a Chiefs Baseball outing this spring. If you are interested in either the concert or the baseball game, please call Brad Strait at 585-905-0662 or see him at Rotary this Friday.

This & Next Week’s Birthdays

PAUL HARRIS
Birthday: April 19, 1868
Founder of Rotary
Died January 27, 1947

MARY LOU THOMPSON
Birthday: April 25
Joined: August 2002
Home Management

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