



# Kiwanis Klarion

Elmira Kiwanis Club - Thursdays, 12:00  
Downtown Holiday Inn  
[www.elmirakiwanis.org](http://www.elmirakiwanis.org)



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February 22, 2018

Next meeting, Thursday, March 1 at noon – Watkins Glen International Update

**This Week: February 22, 2018**  
**Welcome Table: Sharon Decker**

**Next week: Invocation and Welcome table – Terri Allison**

## Today's Program

Laury is originally from Hershey. A friend suggested she visit the Finger Lakes, which she wound up doing several times because she fell in love with the area. In 2013 she accepted her current position. Five counties are in her jurisdiction, Tioga, Steuben, Yates, Chemung and Cayuga. She uses various means to advertise Wine Country, a magazine, website, and social media as well as e mails. The organization has the largest social media following, ½ million, in the world, not just wineries. She is trying to push the fact that the area is family friendly – not just wineries. She is very excited that the Travel Bloggers Exchange is having their North American convention here. There will be 500-600 international travel bloggers here for about 10 days. Opening night will be at CGI with a mini wine festival and closing will be a 2300 degree type event. CMOG will be the physical host for breakout sessions, etc. Some will stay at hotels, some at B & B's, some will camp. It is quite a coup to have them come here, She and Mike briefly discussed how to get young people who have left the area to come back and stay.

**She will be back in the future.**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

March 1 – Watkins Glen International spokesman

March 8 -evening meeting – Active Shooter demonstration

## HAPPY DOLLARS

\$T J Malone – just got back from Florida where all his siblings were together; .a rare occasion. Going to a wedding above Syracuse and expects everyone to be there then, too.

Meeting was not actually called to order; it was more like a round table. Those present were Mike Wayne, Ron Tunison, Chelsie Mitchell , T J Malone, Sharon Moore and Sharon Decker.

Since there was such a small attendance, we all sat at the same table as Finger Lakes Wine Country representative, Laury Poland. We introduced ourselves and told a little about who we were, our work life and where we had lived in the past, etc. Mike and TJ reminisced about ‘the old days of Kiwanis’ and we learned or relearned things about each other.

## Ray's Pay Day & 50/50

Ray's Pay Day: was won by Susan Husted so she gets a free lunch next week.

50/50 - \$3 was won by Ron Tunison but there were no cards so he draws first next week. Mike Wayne has the rest of the card money. \$6.