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LAST MEETING: 2-2-11

By: Dolores Nypaver

Linda Fischer called the meeting to order. Our invocation was provided by **John Chamberlin**, **Richard Dixon** and **Jim Hall** provided leadership for our song of the week—"The Battle Hymn of the Steelers." **Robin Zoufalik** stepped in as Secretary for the missing **Jim Ludwig**.

Phyllis Comer welcomed Tica Harris, guidance counselor at Westinghouse High School. Tica gave a glowing report of the activities of Student of Distinction Janell Colbert, who is part of the last class graduating from the existing Westinghouse High School.

Recently rejoined member **Dennis Gilfoyle**, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania (J.A.), gave his three minutes of fame. Dennis has had a 26-year career at J.A. The local agency is the thirteenth largest of 177 chapters across the country, teaching business skills to students. In addition to several Rotary members, J.A. counts Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Patrice King Brown among its former student entrepreneurs.

Stacy Riscoe provided a membership update. We currently have 113 members—we lost 20 and gained 14 new members this year. The focus of the membership committee has been on recruitment, retention, and follow-up with guests. Efforts have been made to involve new members according to their skills and interests, and to invite new members to speak for three minutes of fame. It takes the energies of many to maintain a strong membership and to keep the new members coming. Thanks to **Stacy** and her team for their vigilant efforts.

Robin Zoufalik introduced our speaker of the week—author and motivational speaker Rob Oliver. Rob shared his courageous story of addressing the challenges of life after sustaining a spinal cord injury while body surfing. At the tender age of 21, Rob faced the frightening reality that he may not survive. He is eternally grateful to his friend who rescued him when he couldn't move and was totally helpless under water. He soon realized his future would be filled with limitations, and he told his then-girlfriend that she was free to move on without him. When she told him she loved him for what he was on the inside, he realized what a special woman she was and he married her.

Rob and his wife are the parents of 9-year-old triplets. He fretted over not being able to build a tree house and run with them like other dads, until he realized that he could do for them what a father does best—to love them, to be there for them, and to teach them right from wrong.

Rob sees two kinds of issues in life—ones that he can change, and others that he can't. He doesn't waste his time on the ones that he can't change. He doesn't lose sleep wondering whether there will be a cure for his disability or not. He is comfortable with his life and doesn't feel as if he needs to be fixed.

Rob believes in meeting life's challenges head on. He does advocacy work for people with disabilities, getting them the services they deserve, and making sure they are safe from abuse.

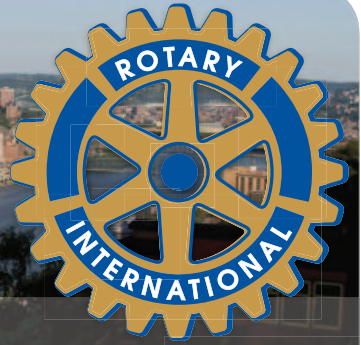
Rob's message is to love life and be thankful for what you have. His is a truly inspiring story, and makes us realize how blessed we are in so many ways.



NEXT MEETING

Date: February 9, 2011
Speaker: Larry Tamburri
Title: President
Organization: Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Topic: "The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Today"





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Event: Ethics Symposium Committee
 Date: February 11th
 Time: Noon
 Location: Rotary Office
- Event: New Citizens Reception
 Date: February 18th
 Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
 Location: Lawrence Welk Room
- Event: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date: February 23rd
 Time: 11 am
 Location: Third floor conference room

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH**
 Audrey Russo
 President
 Pittsburgh Technology Council
- WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD**
 Club Assembly

100% ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2011

Ray Amelio	Ben Luffey
Greg Boulos	Jeff Martin
Patty Cappelli	Bill Meyer
Phyllis Comer	Ethan Nicholas
Mary Jo Corsetti	Dolores Nypaver
Richard Dixon	Karl Ohrman
Andy Dlinn	Clarissa Prosser
Jim Droney	Sam Reich
Linda Fischer	Stacy Riscoe
Bob Fragasso	Lynne Scanga
Jim Hall	Jim Wood
Jim Ludwig	Robin Zoufalik

Club President Linda Fischer and Tica Harris recognize Janelle Colbert as a Student of Distinction

CLUB BIRTHDAYS
 P.K. Weston February 7th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES
 Anthony Benevento 1 year

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