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LAST MEETING: 3-2-11

By: *John Chamberlin*

From high-atop the HEAD TABLE, this is my report of the most recent meeting. Because I brought the speaker, I had the opportunity to sit at the “big kids’ table” and what a perspective. I now know that I need to cover my “friar tuck” bald spot and make sure my roots are done before I sit in the cheap seats again!

The thought for the day was “You can build a throne with bayonets but you can’t sit on it for long” – Boris Yeltsin

The invocation was given by **Richard Dixon** and he kept it SHORT! Which means EVERYONE ELSE’s prayers were answered! The song and pledge were lead by a PERFECT choice for song leader, **Wynne Fedele** of the Pittsburgh CLO and of course **Jim Hall** accompanied everyone’s singing by tickling the ivories. The song was “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah!” By the way, I was able to see how many people in the cheap seats were doing lip-syncing. I was also able to count how many people snuck out of the song by going to get desert!!

President Linda acknowledged the passing of former club member **Jim Slager**. She also announced that there would be no Caring Habits this month due to the PSSA testing in the schools.

Jim Ludwig, Secretary, made his announcements and had the guests introduced and welcomed. **Patty DeMarco** then filled in as the 3-Minutes of Fame speaker. Patty talked about her work at the Rachel Carson Institute.

For once the meeting was running early so we introduced our speaker at about 12:50. Dr. Joseph Aracri, President of the Pediatric Alliance was introduced along with a guest, the CEO of the Pediatric Alliance, James Troupe. Dr. Aracri’s presentation discussed the “entrepreneur side of medicine.”

- The Pediatric Alliance is the largest pediatric physician-owned practice in Western Pennsylvania
- The service sees approximately 60,000 patients per year
- They have 12 offices in the area
- Dr. Aracri grew up in the Greentree area, the same area in which he now practice
- The Pediatric Alliance is a for-profit organization owned by physician stakeholders – these physicians also practice in the organization
- There are 20 shareholder physicians and a total of 208 staff members
- The organization was started in the early 1990s with the combining of a few pediatric practices that did not want to be rolled up into the hospital systems
- Each of the 12 offices/divisions function under the centralized administrative office but have the flexibility to set their own hours, staffing schedules and whatever else the local market dictates
- Each division functions independently provided that it remains profitable but the administrative office lends support such as HR and IT administration
- Being a for-profit organization, has its drawbacks at times in that it is sometimes not eligible for grants, etc.
- Some of the drawbacks of the Pediatric Alliance administrative set up include issues with physician consensus and the physicians learning business practices in addition to their patient care skills
- Dr. Aracri tended to quite a few questions and we ended the meeting early! However, getting out early didn’t save anyone any money on parking!



NEXT MEETING

Date: March 9, 2011

Speaker: Regis Delmontagne

Topic: “Selling U.S. Products in an Ever Changing Global Economy, An Ex-Pittsburgher’s Recollection of Global Travels”





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Event: New Citizens Reception
Date: March 18th
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Location: Lawrence Welk Room

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16TH
Lourdes Sanchez Ridge
Thorp Reed & Armstrong/
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD
Kurt Rankin
Senior Economist
PNC Bank

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH
Jerry Whitaker
President
Eaton Corp. Electrical Sector


NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Julio Rivera

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Sponsor: Stacy Riscoe

SAVE THE DATE *May 11, 2011*

Ethics in the Age of Information and Social Networking
2011 Ethics Symposium for High School Students
A full morning program consisting of workshops, a keynote speaker, and lunch is planned for:
Wednesday May 11, 2011
at Duquesne University




Please hold the date. More details will follow.
This annual symposium is organized by Rotary to enable students from throughout the Pittsburgh area to discuss ethical issues which will affect their working and professional lives.
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Don Arnheim March 7th

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Linda Fischer 15 years
Lisa Blaney-Stewart . . . 1 year



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