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LAST MEETING: 10/26/11

By: Lou Walsh

Prophet **Andy** brought the prayer meeting to order with a clang of the bell and a great Amen. He reminded us that our theme for the year is "We've Only Just Begun".

Patty DeMarco gave the invocation and told us of our responsibility for the earth's welfare and our need to use its resources and wealth wisely.

The pledge and singing was led by **Dolores Nypaver's** beautiful alto voice with **James "Bandito" Hall** on the piano. We did a stirring rendition of Silver Shivers.

President Andy thanked all of the members who worked on the New Citizens Reception last Friday despite the wind and rain. This committee needs help so volunteer and have a good time doing it.

Andy said that corporate memberships are on the horizon so get ready.

Good news from the floor was very interesting, as usual, but you had to be there to enjoy it. We did honor **Ray Amelio** for his work with veterans and it was well deserved.

Secretary Margaret DeLeeuw did her usual great job and gave us the club news. She did say that she is now into Yoga and loves it.

Those providing Club service were: Badge Board -**Bob Fragasso & Marc Haney**; Registration - **Alan McIvor**; Cashier - **Caitlin Wykoff**; 50/50 Raffle - **Mark Uebele**.

Mike Smith, Chair of the Chuck Tanner Fundraiser Event; announced that Pirates Manager Clint Hurdle would be on hand to present the Manager of the Year Award to Tigers Manager Jim Leyland. Mike then made an appeal for all members to get involved in the event. The gala is in about three weeks and we need all the help we can get. Pleeceeeeeeease!

Gentleman Jim Wood had the privilege and honor of introducing our speaker for the day. He did his usual great job and we appreciate it.

Our speaker was Michael Lamb, Controllor for the City of Pittsburgh. He began by describing his office as the City's accounting department. The City's Annual Financial Report is the culmination of his office's efforts.

The majority of the City's revenue comes from Real Estate Taxes and Earned Income Taxes. One of their problems is that the City's population continues to decline. Also 40 percent of the taxable property in the city is exempt. The largest expense is the cost of public safety which includes police, firemen and EMTS. The biggest issue is the pension plan for these same individuals. The plan is underfunded and the demand from safety personnel is great.

The City's infrastructure issues are the next big expense. Sewer, Water, Streets, etc. are all old and in need of repair or replacement.

The City is now looking for ways to save money or cut expenses. They have turned to the business community for ideas as to how this could be accomplished.

So put on your thinking caps and see if you can help.



NEXT MEETING

Date: November 2, 2011
Speaker: Cindy Sakala
Title: Chair of the Paul Harris Society and Past District Governor
Organization: Rotary International
Topic: Rotary International Foundation





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

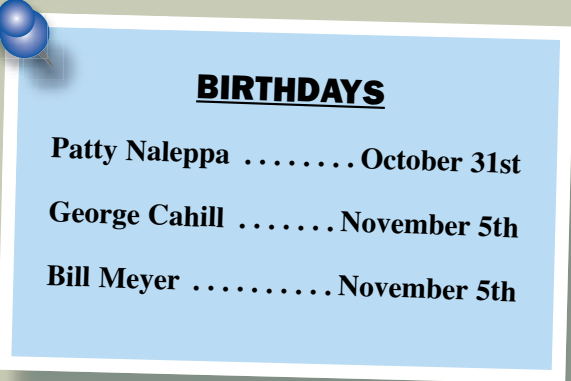
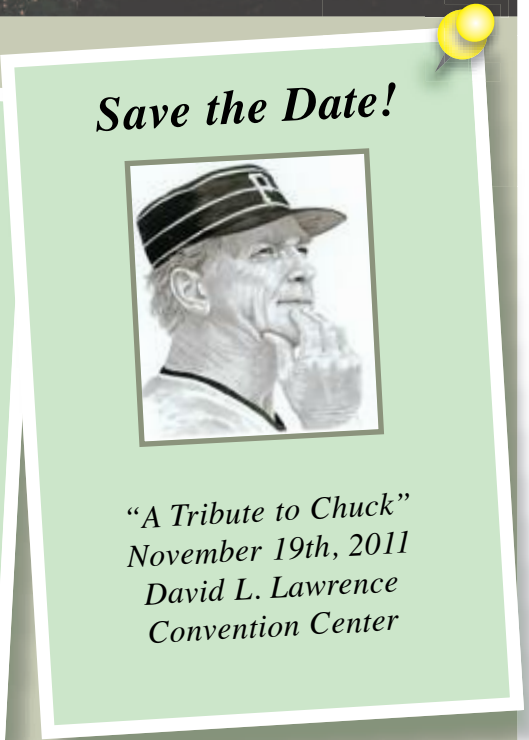
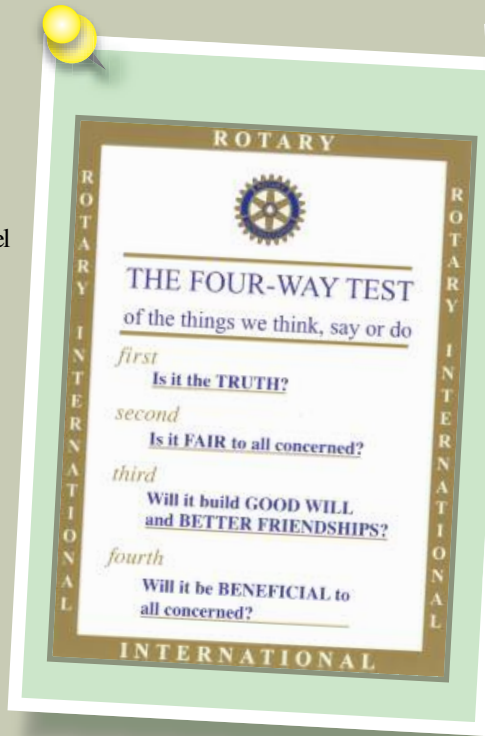
- Event: New Member Orientation
 Date: November 2nd
 Time: 11:00 am
 Location: Andy's office, suite 317 of the hotel
- Event: Caring Habits
 Date: November 15th
 Time: 9:00 am
 Location: South Hills Middle School
- Event: Board of Directors Meeting
 Date: November 17th
 Time: 5:30 pm
 Location: To Be Determined

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH
 Jon Delano- KDKA Political Analyst

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
 Raul Valdes-Perez
 Chairman - Vivisimo

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD
 Meager Meal
 Meeting Offsite - Urban Pathways Charter School



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