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LAST MEETING: 11/14/12

By: *Bill Meyer*

The meeting was opened by President RAY AMELIO, who also gave the Invocation. The Pledge and Song were led by past president RICHARD DIXSON with Maestro JIM HALL at the piano.

RAY advised us that District Governor Tom Fallon started an initiative to help those persons devastated by Hurricane Sandy. The District is accepting donations to help in this effort.

RAY informed us that the South Hills Middle School, where our members participate in the Caring Habits Program, has been honored as one of the top 15% of the schools statewide in student character growth. School Principal Deborah Fox wanted us to know this because she feels that our Rotary Club has played a role in this honor through the Caring Habits Program. Volunteers are always needed to participate in this program. If you wish to do so, please contact AL WELLS.

A reminder that the "Meager Meal" will be held on November 21st at the Goodwill of Southwest Pennsylvania, which is located at 118 Fifty-Second Street in Lawrenceville. There will be no meeting at the hotel on that date.

This month's Student of Distinction, Dray Cottingham, a senior at City Charter High School, was then introduced. Dray carries a 3.7 grade point average, has received numerous awards such as the Mayor's Proclamation and is a National Honor Society member. He will be attending Temple University next year.

KELLI ROBBINS then introduced our speaker, Nancy Barylak, Manager of Public Relations for ALCOSAN. Nancy's job is to tell the public about what happens after you flush your toilet. ALCOSAN takes care of all of the sewage for 83 communities and the City of Pittsburgh in Western Pennsylvania. It has 314,000 residential, commercial, and industrial accounts and services a population of 836,600 people. Its service area covers 309 square miles. It operates over 90 miles of sewer lines

that convey wastewater from municipally-owned and operated systems to the ALCOSAN treatment plant. ALCOSAN treats up to 250 million gallons of wastewater daily. Prior to 1959, that waste flowed directly into our rivers. Its plant is located on the Ohio River at the lowest point of elevation in Allegheny County. Fortunately, that allows a natural flow of the sewage into the plant. It deposits 153 gallons a minute of treated water into the Ohio River.

Customers are responsible for their downspouts and the flow of sewage from their house to the municipal service line. Problems with these two areas are the homeowner's responsibility and when you sell your house the lines will be checked and many homeowners have found that they have had to replace their sewer line. The current ALCOSAN rates are based upon water consumption and will not be increased for 2013.

ALCOSAN was faced with a Consent Decree which forced it to remedy many of the storm system problems it faced and overflow from the storm drains and also the sewage drains. Pursuant to this Decree, a settlement was reached in 2012 forcing ALCOSAN to implement a plan of correction in 2013 and implement the same by 2026. It also calls for a complete design and construction of the plan within twenty years after its implementation. ALCOSAN had to work with all of the 83 different systems in order to have this plan implemented. The system will grow from the 250 million gallons presently to 650 million gallons in the future. If the plan is not implemented and constructed, the system will face heavy fines. The only way ALCOSAN can raise revenues is through billing its customers. Consequently, if fines are imposed upon the system, we as customers will end up paying for those fines. Should you have any questions concerning the system, Allegheny County Health Department has a Plumbing Service phone line which will answer those questions.

Remember that next Wednesday's meeting will be held not at the hotel, but in Lawrenceville at Goodwill Industries.



NEXT MEETING

Meager Meal at
Goodwill of SW PA
118 - 52nd Street
Lawrenceville, PA 15201





It's a Great Day for Rotary!



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Event: Caring Habits
 Date: November 14th
 Time: 9:00 am
 Location: South Hills Middle School

FUTURE PROGRAMS

(subject to change)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH
 Club Assembly

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5TH
 Joseph Luvara
 Litigation Specialist

MONDAY DECEMBER 10TH
 Holiday Party
 LeMont Restaurant

Save the Date
Holiday Party
December 10, 2012
Le Mont Restaurant
 More details soon

Club President Ray Amelio and City Charter High School Assistant Principal Patrice Johnson recognize Dray Cottingham as a student of Distinction

BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Gilfoyle.....November 20th
 Mike Madden.....November 20th
 Phyllis Comer.....November 21st

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Don Arnheim.....26 years
 Carole Horowitz.....25 years
 Mary Jo Corsetti.....5 years

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