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LAST MEETING: 10/03/12

By: Mike Madden



I was honored to be asked by President Ray to take the notes for this week's meeting. As a very new member, I will try to follow in the footsteps of what have been very entertaining and informative newsletters by seasoned Rotarians. Here goes.

It was a lively crowd, peppered with guests and honorees that sat down to enjoy a Pittsburgh-centric meal of kielbasa, sauerkraut and pierogies. As the bell sounded, P.K. Weston, standing in for Ray Amelio called the meeting to order. Ron Garrett delivered a beautiful invocation to open the day's affairs. Next, Kelli Robbins presided over the pledge of allegiance and the song "Vive Le Rotary", accompanied by Jim Hall on the piano. While I personally struggled with the song, I felt as though I was surrounded by a trained chorus as the attendees belted out the melodic and lilting tune.

In the spirit of the election year, P.K. decided to take a vote to decide whether the club wanted to extend themselves by participating in the Salvation Army's "Treasure for Children" program this year. I was proud to be a part of a club that resoundingly answered the call: 26 years - 0 nays.

Whoever coined the phrase, "No news is good news", has never been to the Omni-William Penn on a Wednesday afternoon. To wit:

- Mike Smith opened by appealing to those gathered, to put forth an effort to contributing to the Chuck Tanner Awards Banquet, which looms large. Of primary concern is attendance at the event. There are still (too) many seats and tables available. Secondly, he asked that items, whether big or small, be donated for auction. As a tertiary measure, it was mentioned that booze (unopened, please) be donated to this most worthy and only major annual fundraiser held by the Pittsburgh Rotary Club.
- Ben Luffey announced a kick-off meeting for the Ethics Symposium
- Sally Mizerak invited any interested party to a November 5th showing of "Warhorse", starting with dinner at 6 before the show at 8PM.
- Patty Naleppa is hosting an after-hours party at her branch across the street between 5 and 8PM on December 11th.
- Wynne Fedele got her two dollars worth by announcing that today is the Pittsburgh Gives Day of Giving and also that her 23 year old son proved that he can, make it there, by landing a gig with the Broadway National Tour of "White Christmas", shortly after moving to NYC.
- Ethan Nicholas had some hot news about the Atlanta Falcons reserving 250 luxury box seats for the PSE on an October 14th tilt against the Oakland Raiders.
- Coincidentally, Al Wells announced that Rotarians Karl Ohrman and Richard Dixon were already in Atlanta, as guests of the military to observe operations.

Whew!

Secretary Kirk Chambers finally had his chance, but kept it short and sweet. He thanked Ray Amelio in absentia for not only presiding last week as usual, but also

doing double duty as the reporter. (I'm halfway done here, and I have no idea how he managed that.) He then asked for guests and visitors to be introduced.

Phyllis Comer started the Student of Distinction ceremony by presenting Brett Slider, Principal at Urban Pathways Charter School, who would in turn introduce and commend his student and winner of the Student of Distinction Award, Tiffany Bolton. After Principal Slider touted his ace student's achievements, including earning the highest cumulative GPA in the school and a preponderance of community involvement, it was her turn to stand. She spoke smoothly and eloquently of humility and faith in God. She recognized the crucial value of her family and educators. She humbly thanked the Rotarians for bestowing such an honor upon her. I don't think I was the only one wowed by her poise.

Finally, Don Arnheim, Past District Governor and Past Club President introduced the today's speaker, Rotary District 7300 Governor, Tom Fallon. Before the meeting commenced, Tom introduced himself to everyone individually and handed out a 'Peace Through Service' pin.

Tom talked of his earliest days as a wayward youth, without direction and associating with the wrong crowd. He recalled a turning point in his life when a Boy Scout troop leader visited him at home, and beckoned him to try the Scouts again. He had been taunted and ridiculed by his gang of 'friends' after an initial Scout meeting. Courageously, he did go back...and then never looked back. He pinpointed a moment that propelled him forward and then segued to his memory of joining another group, the Rotary Club. As he has become District 7300 Governor, it probably does not bear asking how that worked out for him.

Tom implored us to not forget that we are leaders and believes we do not use the word 'Leadership' enough when describing what our mission is or what we bring to the table. He reminded us that Rotary is the largest humanitarian organization in the world.

He also spoke of change. The change that has occurred in the last ten to fifteen years, and the change that is coming. Rotary must adjust it's notion that all districts are the same and should be treated the same. The new focus will be on membership and membership retention by district. Though the North American District, which includes Canada, initiates 44,000 members a year, it in turn loses 51,000 a year. Bella Kennelly has been appointed Chairperson of Retention. Look for initiatives in the coming months.

Finally, he announced that this year's District Conference will be held right here in Pittsburgh, effecting a whoop of approval from somewhere across the room. On the schedule will be a golf outing at Schenley Golf Course, which will incorporate a partnership with 1st Tee to teach leadership through the game of golf. There will also be a scavenger hunt, with details to follow.

With Mr. Fallon's presentation completed, the 50/50 was held and Sally Mizerak was victorious. The membership was informed that next weeks speaker would be J.R. Justus from the Shell Oil Company. I would be remiss if I forgot to re-remind everyone that the format has been altered slightly and the speaker will present between 12:35 and 1:00.

NEXT MEETING

Date: October 10, 2012

Speaker: J. R. Justus

Title: General Manager

Organization: Shell Oil Co.

Topic: "Marcellus Shale Development"





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

Event: Chuck Tanner Committee Meeting
 Date: October 11th
 Time: 11:00 am
 Location: Rivers Club

Event: New Citizens Reception
 Date: October 19th
 Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
 Location: Lawrence Welk Room

FUTURE PROGRAMS

(subject to change)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17TH

Craig Davis
 President & CEO
 VisitPittsburgh

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24TH

Michelle Wright
 News Anchor
 WTAE-TV

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST

Mark Patrick Flaherty



Acting Club President PK Weston and UPCS Principal Brett Slider recognize Tiffany Bolton as a "Student of Distinction"

Saturday November 17, 2012 at
 The Rivers Club

Cocktail Reception at 5:30 pm
 Dinner and Banquet at 7:00 pm
 Silent and Live Auctions
 Commemorative Lithograph Print
 by Artist Kevin-John

Master of Ceremonies: Paul Alexander
 Auctioneer: James Roddey
 Featuring a Roast of Manny Sanguillen
 Contact the Rotary Office for more info

BIRTHDAYS

John Tosatto.....October 9th
 Ed NazarethOctober 13th

ANNIVERSARIES

John Kunkle54 years
 Lou Walsh.....26 years
 P.K. Weston.....9 years
 Linda Clautti9 years
 Kelli Robbins.....4 years

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