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LAST MEETING: 9/26/12

By: Ray Amelio



Well I presided over the meeting and now am reporting on what occurred. We had a good meeting with Sally Mizerak providing a very nice invocation and Ells Bowser, Past Club President leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of “Let There be Peace on Earth” accompanied by Jim Hall on the piano.

Caring Habits kicks off on October 9th at 9 AM at South Hills Middle School and I reminded members that AI is always looking for more volunteers for this program. The Carnegie-Colliers Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Women in Rotary Mixer on Friday, November 9th at the Club at Nevillewood.

After much good news from the floor including an update from Mike Smith regarding the upcoming Tanner event (need more tickets to be purchased, auction items to be contributed and the event is only 6 weeks away) stand in secretary Jim Ludwig made the announcements for the week thanking members for their club service, and introducing guests.

Linda Fischer, Past Club President introduced Patty DeMarco, Director of the Rachel Carson Institute School of Sustainability and Environment at Chatham University and presented her as a Paul Harris Fellow for the fourth time. We are proud of Patty for making this ongoing commitment to the Rotary Club. As a side note on Thursday there was a front page article on the 50th anniversary of Rachel Carson’s book *The Silent Spring* in the *Post Gazette* and Patty was quoted several times in that article.

We then moved to the announcement of the two new club projects that will be undertaken going forward. The Board decided that one international and one local project would be pursued to engage club members and attract new members to our club. I presented the local project The Entrepreneurship Center for Inner-City Youth that will be built at the Urban Pathways 6-12 Charter School. This will be an exciting project and ties very nicely to organizations run by two of the Club’s members, Urban Pathways Charter School, led by Linda Clautti and Entrepreneurship Youth, led by Jerry Cozewith. Once a committee is formed decisions will be made on how the club will become involved in this project. We are excited to be involved with this project.

PK Weston then introduced the International project which is Hekima Place a home in Kenya for girls orphaned primarily by HIV/AIDS. The organization has a Pittsburgh tie as the woman who founded it, Kate Fletcher, is from Mount Lebanon. The mission of this organization is to serve the needs of Kenyan girls who are orphaned, primarily by HIV/AIDS, by providing a safe, faith-based, loving home that supports excellence in education and empowerment for their futures. Again there is more to follow but it was important to introduce these projects to club members so they hear what we will be doing going forward.

I also announced that the Signature Project pursued for the past several years has been completed with success in McKees Rocks and Uptown while the Lincoln-Larimer portion never got off the ground.



NEXT MEETING

Date: October 3, 2012

Speaker: Tom Fallon

Title: Rotary District 7300 Governor

John Tosatto, Financial Representative with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network introduced our speaker Kevin Sweeney, an Employee Benefit Specialist with Northwestern Mutual who presented *Implementing Health Care Reform: an Overview of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. Mr. Sweeney said the act runs to 2700 pages and he would have to move quickly to cover the major points of the Act.

The Act was signed on March 23, 2010 and makes significant statutory changes affecting the regulation of and payment for many types of private health insurance. It will require almost all private sector employers to evaluate the health benefits they currently offer and consider whether they are compliant. It contains employer responsibility requirements for those companies with 50 or more employees and contains the individual mandate to purchase and maintain minimum coverage. The bulk of the reforms take effect in 2014 but there are still many aspects of the law employers need to be cognizant of between now and then.

Kevin reviewed the Supreme Court’s ruling against a challenge to the Health Reform Law that was brought by 26 states and the National Federation of Independent Business. There were four issues under consideration:

1. Whether the law’s “individual mandate” to purchase coverage is constitutional
2. Whether the required Medicaid expansion by the states is constitutional
3. If the federal Anti-Injunction Act, which establishes that entities can’t sue over a tax until it has actually been levied and paid, is applicable in this case
4. If the law’s lack of a “severability clause” means that the whole law is stuck down if one portion is found to be unconstitutional

Six hours of oral arguments were allotted to this case which is unprecedented and occurred from March 26 to 28.

Kevin then moved through a timeline for employers from 2010 to 2013 highlighting important provisions that are or will be taking effect and there have been and will be many more to come.

He made it clear that this is a complex piece of legislation that will have far reaching impact on all of us. I made the determination to keep this overview succinct but if anyone would like to have a copy of the power points that Kevin used you may request them from Terry or me.

With Mr. Sweeney’s presentation completed we conducted the 50/50 raffle, reminded the membership that next week’s speaker will be Tom Fallon, 2012 – 2013 Rotary District 7300 Governor, repeated the Four Way Test and then adjourned the meeting.





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

FUTURE PROGRAMS

(subject to change)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10TH
 J.R. Justus
 General Manager
 Shell Oil Co

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17TH
 Craig Davis
 President & CEO
 VisitPittsburgh

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24TH
 Michelle Wright
 News Anchor
 WTAE-TV

Local Firm Wins National Award

We are pleased to announce that Mascaro Construction Co., who won the Pittsburgh Business Ethics Award this past February for mid-size companies, has gone on to win the National American Business Ethics Award.

Pittsburgh Rotary will co-present the award along with the Society of Financial Service Professionals. An awards presentation will be held at the company on October 22 during a breakfast event from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. All are invited. 1720 Metropolitan Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



Club President Ray Amelio (l) and Past President Linda Fischer (r) recognize Patty DeMarco as a Paul Harris Fellow +3

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