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LAST MEETING: 8/29/12

By: *Lexie Wukich*



It's never a game of chance when it comes to our weekly Pittsburgh Rotary meetings – it's always a good day!

Dolores Nypaver provided the invocation. **Cherie Moshier** rolled the dice and led us in the pledge and the singing of "You've Got a Friend" accompanied by a pair of hearts: **Barbara Johnson** and her husband, **Richard**, on the mandolin.

President **Ray Amelio** returned from his trip to Arizona this week. He was welcomed by a full house of Rotarians and 550 emails. He thanked **P.K. Weston** for her winning performance as stand-in President last week. He also mentioned that our Rotary Club of Pittsburgh Day at PNC Park tickets are sold out. Thank you Pirates fans!

Lynne Scanga encouraged everyone to try their luck and purchase raffle tickets for the green amethyst and diamond ring from C & J Jewelers. Raffle ticket prices are 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10. The raffle will continue until the Chuck Tanner event on November 17, 2012.

Kirk Chambers then reminded us all of the value of Skype as a form of communicating locally and internationally and then went on to give the club updates, welcoming a number of guests, announcing club anniversaries and thanked the following four-of-a-kind for their club service: **Eric Giesecke, Ryan Gartrell, Dick Hodgdon** and **Stacy Hans**.

The club really hit the jackpot this week as it was presented with flags from two international clubs. Our wonderful Ally Farmer presented the club with a flag from her home club in Hervey Bay, Australia and Past

President **Karl Ohrman** then presented President **Ray Amelio** with a flag from the Rotary Club of Madhyapur in Nepal, which was brought to us courtesy of Karl's grandson. Karl then had the honor of introducing our new member **Mike Madden**. Mike Madden is the owner/operator of USA Insulation of Pittsburgh and we welcome him to the Pittsburgh Club.

Barbara Johnson then presented her 3-Minutes of Fame, which she generously devoted to the "Rotary Song." Barbara reminded us of the importance and value song in a variety of settings: nature, anthems and our weekly Rotary selection.

At that point, I, **Lexie Wukich**, took a break from taking notes and introduced our speaker Greg Fajt, Pennsylvania Gaming Control board Commissioner, and his guest, Doug Harbach, Director of Communications of the Gaming Control Board.

The presentation focused on the impact, positive and negative, of casino gambling has had on Pennsylvania since its legalization and implementation in October 2006. Many of us were shocked to learn that Pennsylvania casinos generate \$1.45 billion dollars a year in tax revenue – the largest of any state. Some of this revenue has benefited homeowners in the form of a reduction in property taxes known as the "homestead exclusion." He also addressed some of the problems that have arisen as a result of legalized gaming, including smoking, problem gambling and crime. Many questions followed the presentation, and both Greg Fajt and Doug Harbach graciously stayed after our meeting to address additional questions and to offer information on the application process to become a contracted service provider for Pennsylvania casinos.



NEXT MEETING

Date: September 5, 2012

Surprise Program





It's a Great Day for Rotary!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Event: RCP Day at PNC Park
Pirates vs. Cubs
Date: September 9th
Time: 1:35 pm

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



Welcome New Member Mike Madden

Job Title and Company:
Owner/Operator of USA Insulation of Pittsburgh.

Brief description of work responsibilities: In a single day, I can be found meeting with my sales team, repairing machinery, hiring installation technicians, unloading pallets of product on a forklift, working with my office manager, consulting with a homeowner and discussing advertising terms with a local radio personality

Family: Wife Anna, children William and Samuel.

Hobbies and Interests: Woodworking, motorcycling, baseball and golf.

Rotary Committees signed up for: Social & Networking, Public Relations, Scholarships, International, and Chuck Tanner Event.

Something about yourself that Rotarians don't know: I finished the Pittsburgh Marathon.



Exchange student Ally Farmer presents Club President Ray Amelio with a banner from her home town Rotary Club of Hervey Bay, Australia

FUTURE PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
To Be Determined

BIRTHDAYS

Betty BerkelySeptember 8th
Sam ReichSeptember 8th

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