



**Smoke Signals
Rotary Club of West Seneca
September 16, 2020**

Our Community Service project scheduled for September is coming up. We will be holding a “Sandwich Saturday” on this Saturday, September 26th at 8:30 AM at the home of Joan Lillis (**25 Leocrest Court, West Seneca**) We will be making sandwiches and delivering them to St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy. St. Luke’s serves meals to those in need on Walden Avenue in the city of Buffalo. Our sandwiches will be given out to the clients as a second meal of the day.

We need 15 volunteers to help make and pack 300 sandwiches. They will then be delivered to the Mission. We will be preparing the sandwiches outside and in the garage of Rotarian Joan Lillis, 25 Leocrest Court, West Seneca! If you are able to join us, please come with a mask. Please **email Lisa (lbreiden@verison.net) if you will be volunteering!** Donated cold cuts would be helpful. Refer to President Lisa’s e-mail of September 20.

Shred-it's event sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Seneca took place on **Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 AM until Noon.** Thank You to Dave Rosner, Event Chair, and the 18 other West Seneca Rotarians who made this the most successful Shred-it Event ever held by the Club.

Chicken Barbeque - The next Chicken Barbecue event will be held on Thursday October 15, 2020 at Dunn Tire from noon until 6:00 PM. Over 3,300 dinners sold the last four events. A big Thank You to Secretary Joan Lillis, Weider’s Catering and Dunn Tire for making this event a financial success. Rotary signs by Jack Jensen and tent by Scott Sainsbury being present helped keep Rotary in the minds of the community.

Calendar Raffle for the month of October, 2020. The daily prizes, valued at \$50 or over, and Gift Certificates and/or surprises. **Karen Sawicz and Sam Roman** are heading up the project with others to be confirmed. Encourage friends and relatives to buy a calendar **Daily Drawing on Facebook.** The last day for buying Calendars is Monday, September 29. Facebook or www.WestSenecaRotary.org.

Football Raffle Books - NFL season has started and with all books sold, weekly payout will be to lucky book holder.

Service Projects - Take some of your time to contribute service to the WNY Community. Next service project is at the Family Promise warehouse in West Seneca postponed. Kelli Cavo is organizing a furniture inventory and cataloging on Monday or Sunday. Give Kelli an e-mail with date and time you will give some precious service opportunity time. Kelli.cavo@gmail.com

Special NGO Donation The West Seneca Rotary Club members (matched by Ken Kellner) raised \$400 for the Rural Outreach Center in East Aurora, serving the needy in rural areas nearby. Thank you to the Club members who contributed to this effort. Recently, the ROC has helped 3 families who were evicted from their homes and are living in tents. Service Above Self works.

OUR TOP PRIORITY

Take action on World Polio Day

Join up for World Polio Day on 24 October, as global health experts and our partners discuss the progress we've made toward eradicating polio. Our Club is looking to join District Governor Frank Adamson's Pedals for Polio. More information to follow.



Meeting schedule:

September is education and literacy month

September 23, 2020 - Club Meeting

- Invocation - Mary Derk Weiss

Program - To be announced

Birthday: Matt Bystrak, Scott Sainsbury (Sept 21st)

September 30, 2020 - Club Meeting

- Invocation - Gary Dickson

Program - To be Announced

Birthday: Not until October

October 7, 2020 - Club Meeting

- Invocation - Mike Fabian

Program - To be announced

Birthday: No One

West Seneca Rotary Club Constitution

Article 14 Community, National, and International Affairs

Section 1 — *Proper Subjects.* Any public question involving the welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a proper subject of fair and informed discussion at a club meeting. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

Section 2 — *No Endorsements.* This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

Section 3 — *Non-Political.*

(a) *Resolutions and Opinions.* This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) *Appeals.* This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

The general guideline is that Rotary is a service organization which wants to attract and keep members from all political persuasions as well as to work with government agencies where needed to execute its humanitarian projects.

A question which sometimes comes up among Rotarians when selecting speakers for their meetings is, "Shouldn't Rotary stay out of politics?" The answer is a firm yes...and no. While it is true that the Standard Club Constitution of every club states that it cannot endorse candidates, public measures or initiatives, it also states that Rotary clubs can allow study, information and discussion of political matters.

Thought for the Week: Each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity."-- Marie Curie, physicist and chemist