



The Monroetarian



The Rotary Club of Monroeville, PA, meets from 12:15 to 1:15 pm Thursdays at the Holiday Inn, Mosside Blvd.

Last week's program

John Mulgrave introduced photojournalist Maranie Staab, who travels around the world with humanitarian organizations, in addition to working in the Pittsburgh area. Meranie showed some great photos from her time in Jordan at a Syrian refugee camp and in northern Iraq with Doctors Without Borders. She likes to take pictures that put a face to the stories that we hear on the news. She also gave some details about the crowded conditions and how people do the best they can under the circumstances.

Do you know what a *fixer* is? That's the person who helps with driving, translating, and other details related to the local area.

Announcements

Remember that our meeting on May 19th will be at the Wooden Nickel. We will honor the top students at Gateway High School.

From now through June, Buffalo Wild Wings will make a donation to our club of 10% of your check total when you dine there and mention Team K. This includes gift cards, bar tabs, and take-out orders. Make sure your receipt shows that you have contributed to Team K.

The United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation Energy for Life Walkathon will be held June 10 at 10:00 am, North Shore Great Lawn, 400 North Shore Drive.

Please keep in your prayers: Ed and Brenda McCrady & Rickie Black-Zold, and Sue McCormick who is recovering from a recent foot surgery.

Last week's Meeting



We presented checks to this year's winners of our 3rd grade spelling bee. Winner Rylie Loghran received \$500 and her twin brother Ryan received \$300 for second place. They're students at North American Martyrs and their parents Susan and Brian were present. Abdulwasay Sayed got \$100 for third place. He's a student at Evergreen Elementary and was accompanied by his teacher Nancy Bendorf. Abdulwasay's grandfather has been a Rotarian in Pakistan since 1968.

Thanks to the teachers of all the 3rd grade classes in Monroeville and Pitcairn who held classroom spelling bees. Special thanks to Mr. Mike Matteo the principal of Evergreen Elementary, who organized and ran the spelling bee for 33 3rd grade students, and Mr. Joe DiLucente principal at Ramsey Elementary, who was the second pronouncer and judge. It was very exciting. Rylie will compete at our Rotary district spelling bee at Seven Springs on June 24.



We inducted three new members into our club: Lisa Balenciaga of Nerium International (Lisa@lisab.biz); James Crowder is the manager of McCormick & Schmick's in the South Side (JamesCrwdr77@gmail.com); Tomi Waters is associate dean of academic affairs at CCAC Boyce campus (tomiwaters@aol.com).



President Debbie presented a check to Sheep, Inc., represented by Eileen Andrews and Robin Beasley. They thanked us for our past support and the medical grade refrigerator we helped them purchase.



We also presented a check to Diane Radeshak, who was representing Dignity Robes, an organization founded by Arlene Segar, Bill's wife.

Virginia Finnegan filled in to run the 50/50 and the winner was Jack Finnegan. Bill Segar was the bailiff and Dustin Helm helped with the skillet.

Upcoming Speakers

May 18: Gateway Students join us for lunch in the Wooden Nickle backroom

May 25: Lizz Overfield – TBA

Calendar of Events

Jun 3: District Assembly, Crowne Plaza, Greentree 8AM – 12 Noon

Jun 5: District 7300 orientation #4

Jun 10-14: RI conference, Atlanta

Jun 21-24: District 7300 conference, Seven Springs

Jul 31: District 7300 Golf Outing, Wildwood Golf Club, Allison Park

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