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Club Events

Pal-Mac Changeover Picnic
Jun 27, 2012

No Meeting
Jul 04, 2012

No Meeting
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A Ride With Matt



On June 13th, we were honored to welcome Palmyra natives Aaron Austin and Annaliese Austin Parker to our weekly lunch meeting. Aaron and his sister were with us to talk about A Ride With Matt, a documentary being produced to raise awareness of Huntington's Disease, a genetic brain disorder which affects muscle coordination and leads to cognitive degeneration and dementia.

The Austin family has dealt with Huntington's Disease for many years, over generations. Aaron and Annaliese talked about the struggle their father Earl had with the disease, and the worry he felt when he learned it was hereditary. The disease also claimed their uncle and their grandfather. Their brother Andy also had Huntington's. In 1996, having struggled with the disease for some time, he ended the battle. He left behind an estranged wife and two young sons, Michael and Matthew.

Now 21 years old, Matt never knew his father, but he knows how Huntington's afflicted him. He has been diagnosed with the disease. Before Huntington's takes over, he is embarking on a journey with his uncle, Aaron and Annaliese's brother Adam. Adam has worked in the film industry for many years, and is an avid cyclist. Adam and Matt will be bicycling from Palmyra to Massachusetts in June. In October, they will bike from San Francisco to Boulder, Colorado. Along the way, Adam will teach Matt about cycling, and about Andy, and his battle with Huntington's.

The film will document the trek, capturing the moments as they happen, with Adam teaching Matt about Andy and his struggle with Huntington's. Along the way, Adam and Matt will talk with professionals at medical and research institutions, and visit with other families coping with the disease. As Matt put it, there are "too many sad stories - I want this to inspire people."

For more information, please visit www.aridewithmatt.com



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June 13, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Jun 13, 2012

Guests: Speakers Aaron Austin and Annaliese Austin Parker, Carol Austin. Dave Morrell; Shirley Bassage; Members-in-Waiting Richard Searle and Wynette Searle; Katie Read; Iain Gellatly.

Students: Joey.

Missing in Action: Jim Bilotta, Margaret Brooks, Trevor Chapman, Kim Clement, Bob Culver, Bill Dean, Pam Dean, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Melinda Meyer, Dave Nagle, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Kim's father, who underwent surgery and has been in hospital for 2 weeks.

Birthdays / Anniversaries:

Gene and Shirley Bassage – 65 years on 6/14

Eric and Edie Chapman – 19 years.

Joan Shaffer, Katie Read, and Bob Surline had birthdays this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Cheryl Ford has a new granddaughter as of June 5.

- Bob Ike offered happy bucks: his son Nick graduated from Cornell; an emergency appendectomy on the 9th – in at 4 out at 7:30; and in honor of the Graduates of Distinction program, which this year honored Haley Weston Murphy, PHF Jim McGinnis, and Rotarian Lindsey Redmond.

- Anne Morrell spent 5 days with her grandson. Also, had expected to be asking for thought & prayers for Bob, but since he was here, happy buck for quick recovery!

- Mark Clement went to fishing camp, and also he & Kim bought a new ATV.

- Bob Yost was happy to see the Yankees in 1st place!

- Tom Breen offered a happy buck in honor of Peter Park coming through with the projector, in spite of his debilitating back injury.

- Peter offered a buck in thanks to the pharmaceutical industry.

- John Denniston's son graduated from Oswego; Maureen had successful surgery; and John was able to go to Mandolin Camp.

- Dianne Sloan's mother eloped!

- Gary Hopkins offered happy bucks for his daughter's and son's travelling Lacrosse teams.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Club's Changeover Picnic will take place on Wednesday, June 27, at Gravino Park in Macedon. Four members from our club are planning to attend.

- RL Concessions had a meeting Tuesday, June 12, where jobs were assigned to all shifts. The updated schedule has been e-mailed to all members.

- On August 1 our new District Governor, Gaven Hurley, will be making his official club visit. Obviously, we would encourage a strong turnout for his visit.

- There are a few spots open for the PM Rotary at the Ralph day, October 21. Contact Eric if you would like to be added.

Cortney won the 50/50, and donated her winnings to A Ride With Matt.
Next meeting: Noon, June 20 at the Palmyra American Legion.



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