

# District governor visits White Oak Rotary Club

DAILY NEWS

District Governor Herman Dieckman made his official visit to the Rotary Club of White Oak during a recent meeting. He met with officers, directors and committee chairs and heard what the group has done during the year.

Leading the White Oak group are president Matt Rigo; vice president, president elect and treasurer Kris Douglas;

secretary Jim Sikorsky; and sergeant-at-arms Jennifer Miele.

Board of directors are Craig Anlauf, Larry Anlauf, Dennis Diffenderfer, Douglas, Ken Johnson, Dan Kravetz, Dan Lyons, Ina Marton, Miele, Rigo, Sikorsky and Mark Squillace.

Heading the various committees are: membership, Craig Anlauf and Rigo; public/media relations, Marton and Sikorsky; club service, Craig Anlauf and Douglas; Rotary Foundation, Diffenderfer; golf/scholarship, Kravetz and Squillace; family of Rotary, Neal Warden; speaker/Rotary programs, Douglas and Dave Balmert; and new members, Miele.

Ongoing projects in White Oak include completion of the fifth charter year as White Oak Rotary; being ranked as one of District 7300's "Top Five Clubs" in 2013-14; taking part in the Memorial Day Parade, "Light Up Night," Community Day and the Salvation Army's Kettle Bell campaign; and joining the White Oak Business & Professional Association and the Mon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

New projects the club began in the borough include renovation in Heritage Hill Park, participation in recreation board events, monthly food donations to the Sampson's Mills Pantry and installation of six Rotary signs at entry



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Displaying the "Light Up Rotary" banner are (from left) White Oak Rotary president Matt Rigo, District Governor Herman Dieckman and secretary Jim Sikorsky.

points into the borough.

Ongoing projects in McKeesport include support of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Produce-to-People program. New projects include participation in Good Neighbor Day and the Patriotism Day Parade in Renziehausen Park.

Grants from Rotary International have been awarded for the Costa Rica school gymnasium, upgrades to the Breznay ball field in Lincoln and the YMCA project. An educational speakers program was developed and a membership brochure published. Four new members joined.

Members took on several

community and educational initiatives including providing 10 scholarships to local high school students and a fundraising golf outing for those awards, sponsoring participation of both schools in various Rotary programs, the dictionary project, and a spelling bee at George Washington Elementary and the District 7300 spelling bee.

Among the group's philanthropic activities are donating to White Oak Animal Safe Haven, White Oak Police Fund, White Oak Parks Department, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Intersection Inc. and the Carnegie Library of McKeesport/White Oak.