

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP NOON ROTARY



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April 12th, 2016 Regular Meeting

12:00 Call to order by President Richard Dunmire, followed by Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, 4 Way Test, Song. 12:05 Lunch,

12:20 Business Meeting, 12:40 Speaker and guests: 1:00 Adjournment.

Guests: Craig Walkins & Tom Klingensmith

Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk:

The bulk of our meeting was to focus on our upcoming event; "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk." Shavonne and John detailed where we are currently with sponsors as well as walkers and that **EVERYONE** needs to get involved with spreading the word to this great cause. We are currently at 16 walkers as well as \$430 in donations to the event. Rich M. detailed that our Facebook campaign has reached around 7,000 Facebook users in our area with about 70 clicks to the event. Jerry mentioned that his wife saw the event on Facebook so at least we know that it is reaching people in the area. Rich's sister Jess, of Active Minds Organization, has also joined a concerted effort to spread awareness of the event by sending emails to various school districts to them involved. Part of the proceeds will go to the organization that she is president of for their involvement in this event. We need everyone to spread the word and get people involved in the walk, whether that be from getting more sponsors involved or getting more walkers. I have attached a flyer that Jess made for everyone to pass around and distribute to the appropriate channels.

Guest Speaker:

Craig Walkins, relative to John and Shavonne, shared a heavy story about his personal experience with Suicide and how it not only affects immediate members of the family, but everyone involved. His personal story touched everyone that attended the meeting today and gave perspective on how important it is to spread awareness of mental health and the dangers and possible consequences if we don't provide the necessary support. Craig mentioned that our current turnout on walkers is disheartening and we need to do more to get more people involved. Craig is a welcomed guest at our club and hope to see him at the event.

New Member:

Dave Hilliard formally inducted Curt Whipple to our group today. We look forward to all the Curt can offer our group and the community and are excited to see what our club has for the future! Keep up the good work everyone!

Interact/Foundation:

Dan N. briefly went over our Foundation Board and noted that since our club has reached a certain threshold of members, that our goal for Polio Plus is now \$500 while we are currently at \$395. He offered that each member bring \$5 with them to the next meeting so that we can quickly get this off of our agenda to focus on more pressing tasks at hand.

Cranberry Fire Department:

Bill Hewko had the honor to present a check for \$750 to Tom Klingensmith and the Cranberry Township Fire Department today. It was with great pleasure to help donate what we can to this great group of people and thank them for their involvement in our most recent "ball drop" event. Tom mentioned that he has also been affected by Suicide and that he will try and get the Cranberry Fire Department involved in the event and help spread the word.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 8th, 2016 (Sunday) – Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk 7:00 AM

August 22nd (Monday) - 2016 Annual Golf Outing, Olde Stonewall

Speaker Schedule

2015

December 22nd	Jennifer Cunningham
December 29th	Mark H. Pappas
January 5th	Daniel Novakovich
January 19th	Jennifer Gohn
January 26th	Speaker
February 2nd	Damon Pierce
February 9th	Shavonne Ayres
February 16th	Bill Hewko
March 1st	NO MEETING
March 15th	Bill Hewko
March 22nd	Jennifer C. & Kristy G.
March 29th	Denny Mason
April 12th	Board Meeting
April 19th	Bill Hewko
April 26th	Richard T Morrison III
May 3rd	Jim Sandherr
May 17th	Ken Sinagra
May 24th	Linda Andreassi
May 31st	Greg Van Hoose
June 1st	TBD

Respectfully submitted by Richard T Morrison III, Secretary.