



Date: August 17, 2022

## Attendance

Beth McConn  
Carol Baker

Carol Keplar  
Jame Thompson

Jeff Keplar  
Jeremy Penrod

Kathy Boles  
Matthew Gullion

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carol will be getting with everyone to update the Rotary International Club Runner system to make sure everyone's info is current so we can make sure you receive all communications.
- Old Ossian Cemetery grant has been approved to be used to help refurbish the gravestones.
- We have been invited to sponsor an International grant for heart surgeries in India again this year with Dr. Kollipara.
- For Ossian Days we will not have a table this year but will make a donation to the event and have our name on the banners as a sponsor. We will also help Ossian Revitalization by serving at their Pork Chop Dinner the Thursday of Ossian Days.
- Ossian First Baptist Church will have their building dedication Sunday at 10:30.
- FBC will also be taking supplies to East Kentucky for the flood victims. Items needed include the following: Water bottles, non-perishable foods, work gloves, cleaning supplies, brooms, shovels, squeegees, rubber boots, diapers, shampoo, soap, deodorant, disinfectant wipes, Walmart gift cards, tooth paste, tooth brushes, Clorox bleach and monetary donations.
- OUMC has their semiannual garage sale August 25-27

## OUR SPEAKER THIS WEEK

### **Mike Springer, Superintendent of Northern Wells Community Schools**



Mike and his wife, Belle, have been in education for almost 30 years. Belle currently teaches at Ossian Elementary School. They have 4 children and their first grandchild on the way. Mike has been commuting from the Avon area while their youngest daughter finished high school but now he and Belle have moved to Wells County full time. This will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> year with NWCS.

2 Focus areas for NWCS currently are the Graduate Profile and growing enrolment.

For the graduate profile there are five main objectives:

- Articulating and communicating it
- Vertical progression
- Dual Credit courses and a weighted GPA
- Consistent data analysis for all grade levels
- Increasing career and technical education opportunities

The current enrollment is approximately 2400 students, and we are an open enrollment district, so we take kids from anywhere, not just within our district lines. Our education funding (to pay teachers) is based on a formula using the number of kids enrolled which currently is approximately \$6500 per student.

The two main objectives for increasing enrollment are:

- Increasing outreach and communication with prospective families
- Increasing alternative education programming

The district is looking for community involvement in the strategic plan and you can find out more on the NWCS website.

The new middle school construction is going well and is on schedule to open in August 2024.

Jame gave her opening prayer at the end of the meeting.

4-Way Test

### **Next Week's Assignments**

Greeter: Matthew Gullion  
Prayer / Welcome Thought: Beth McConn  
Member / Rotary Minute: Carol Keplar  
Wrap-up: James Beetham

### **Upcoming Speakers**

- o August 18 – Erin Preble, Wells County Chamber
- o August 25 – Kayleen Reusser, Local Author
- o September 1 – Colin Andrews, Bluffton Attorney
- o September 8 – Audry Dudley, Wells County Economic Development
- o September 15 – Karing for Kids, Rhonda O'Reilly

### **Executives & Directors**

President	Jeff Keplar	Director	Kathy Boles
President Elect	Jeremy Penrod	Director	Matthew Gullion
Treasurer	Carol Keplar	Rotary Foundation	Jeremy Penrod
Secretary	Paris Fetters	Membership	Carol Keplar
Assist Secretary	Beth McConn		

### **Club Information**

Meetings Thursdays at 7:30 am  
First Baptist Church of Ossian  
1001 Dehner Dr  
Ossian, IN 467777