

Date: August 18, 2022

Attendance

Carol Baker
Carol Keplar
Jame Thompson

James Beethman
Jeff Keplar
Jeremy Penrod

Kathy Boles
Matthew Gullion
Mike Springer

GUESTS

Jan Williams

PRAYER / INVOCATION

Carol Baker, after her prayer, Carol gave us each a laminated card of thoughts to remember taken from "God's Little Instruction Book"

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.
- Ossian First Baptist Church had their building dedication Sunday with people from all over Florida, Delaware, Kentucky and Indiana. It was a great day.
- 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.
- 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 United Methodist Church will have their semiannual garage sale August 25-27.
- Ossian Health Communities is having a local art show from 4:00 to 7:00, local artists can rent a booth for \$25 to display and sell their art. Food and drinks will be available.
- Ossian Health Communities Candy Drop – October 22nd – last year they dropped 400 pounds of candy.

MEMBER MINUTE

Jame Thompson



Jame shared her experience when visiting Geneva, New York, on a business trip, August 12th. She looked up the local Geneva Rotary Club and reached out to their members. She was able to arrange and meet with John Oughterson at the Historic Belhurst Winery. John's club is over 100 years old and Ossian Rotary just received their Charter earlier this year. Jame told us it was literally like meeting with an older, wiser brother. John has been in Rotary a long time. He presented Jame with a Geneva Rotary Club Flag. Jame shared how it was comforting knowing no matter where she is in the world, she has family she can reach out to, visit, and converse with, and know that person is generous and an outstanding member of society who she can trust.

OUR SPEAKER THIS WEEK

Erin Prible, Executive Director for the Wells County Chamber of Commerce



Erin has worked in the non-profit sector for over 20 years, including managing boards of directors, marketing, public awareness, volunteer recruitment, and special events. Erin has been the Executive Director for the Wells County Chamber for ten years and coordinates the Wells County Leadership Academy.

There are 432 Chamber members. As members of the Chamber, your name is published in the Chamber Directory, which goes out to approximately 7,000 households per year. Your business is listed on their website, which directly links to your social media and/or website page.

Erin discussed some of the upcoming events the Chamber has going on. Their Business After Hours events are booked up through end of September with some in October and November scheduled.

Erin also oversees the Wells County Leadership Academy. This is a unique leadership academy for Wells County and started in 2008, with a collaboration with Huntington University foundation's Center for Leadership Studies. The leadership academy goes over Habitudes, images that form leadership habits and attitudes. One specific habitude Erin discussed was "The Iceberg". Although, you can see the top of the iceberg (or a person), the iceberg goes deep under the water and you cannot see that part of the iceberg, just like a person will have a lot of past or hurt you cannot see on the top. Other topics included in the program are charter development, ethics, networking skills, team building, and coaching to name a few.

Erin said the Chamber has two fundraisers a year. Their chicken BBQ, they sell over 2700 chickens and their golf outing with 36 teams this past year.

We recited the 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

- August 25 – Kayleen Reusser, Local Author
- September 1 – Colin Andrews, Bluffton Attorney
- September 8 – Audry Dudley, Wells County Economic Development
- September 15 – Rhonda O'Reilly, Karing for Kids
- September 22 – Dillion Traynor, Matt Matters and Linens
- September 29 – Donald Steininger, Craigville Depot moving to Fort Wayne

Executives & Directors

President	Jeff Keplar
President Elect	Jeremy Penrod
Treasurer	Carol Keplar
Secretary	Paris Fetters
Assist Secretary	Beth McConn

Director	Kathy Boles
Director	Matthew Gullion
Rotary Foundation	Jeremy Penrod
Membership	Carol Keplar

Club Information

Meetings Thursdays at 7:30 am
First Baptist Church of Ossian
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