

Attendance

Beth McConn
Carol Baker

Carol Keplar
Casey Robbins

Jame Thompson
Jeff Keplar

Jeremy Penrod
Matthew Gullion

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carol has been working hard on Ossian Rotary's updated website. Check it out at ossianrotary.org.
- The Old Ossian Cemetery grant has been approved to be used to help refurbish the gravestones.
- We have been invited to co-sponsor an International grant for heart surgeries in India again this year with Dr. Kollipara of Fort Wayne.
- For Ossian Days we have donated to the event and will 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. A Porkchop dinner sign-up sheet was passed around for people to sign-up to work.
- October 1st the Y is having a Fall Festival from 1-4pm.
- October 8th the Y is having an art exhibit opening from 4-4:30pm.
- Paris is unable to continue as secretary at this time due to her health and will be stepping down for now.

OUR SPEAKER THIS WEEK

Kayleen Reusser, author



Kayleen apologized for missing the prior meeting she was scheduled for and said to make up for it she would give us each a free book and autograph it for us.

She has written 10 books on WWII and interviewed over 260 WWII veterans for those books. She and her husband have also toured many WWII sites and museums. Many of her books include stories of people from Wells County.

One of her books is called *It Was Our War Too* and focuses on the youth during the war times and their

stories. One of the stories included in that book was about Bernice Stoppenhagen (from Wells County) and how she and her two sisters were put on a train out of London and taken to the countryside looking for someone to take them in so they could escape the bombings happening in London.

Another book is *Born to be Soldiers* which focuses on women veterans including Elizabeth (Betty) White who was from Ossian and was a pilot in WWII. She was also an officer, which means she was college educated, which is unusual for that time period.

One of Kayleen's other books is *Captured* which highlights WWII POWs. One of the men in the book is Grant Workman, whose daughter Judy is from Bluffton. Grant was captured by Japan at age 16 and put into forced labor until he was 19. He later married and had a family here in Wells County, working at National Oil.

Kayleen also has two coloring books she has created with stories of some of the veterans she has met. One features women and one features men.

Next month she will be releasing her first book about Vietnam veterans. The book launch is October 22nd at the Bluffton Library, and she hopes to have some veterans from the book there to sign copies of the book as well.

All of her books are available on Amazon.

Next Week's Assignments – September 1st

Greeter: Casey Robbins
Prayer / Welcome Thought: Paris Feters
Member / Rotary Minute: Kathy Boles
Wrap-up: Carol Keplar

Upcoming Speakers

- September 1 – Colin Andrews, Bluffton Attorney and Wells County Deputy Prosecutor
- September 8 – Audry Dudley, Wells County Economic Development
- September 15 – Karing for Kids, Rhonda O'Reilly
- September 22 – Dillion Traynor, Matt Matters and Linens
- September 29 – Donald Steininger, Craigville Depot

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Club Information

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