

Rotary



Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

Speakers

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

James Logan
February 16th
Brian M. Kile
February 23rd
Michael J. Ozdinec
March 1st

Wedding Anniversaries

Teresa L Gadberry
March 4th

Club Leaders



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Bulletin - Club Meeting 2.5.2021

By Erica Anne Sabatini on Friday, February 5, 2021

Members in Attendance via Zoom: Karen Newpol, Erica Sabatini, Jerry Andree, Jack Cohen, Vic Conrad, Mike Patsy, Ron Gigler, Teresa Gadbury, Tim Hester, Michael Pologruto, Christine Ley, Nancy Iglesias, Shawn Firster, Matt Fiore, Kim Reuss, Michael Ozdinec, Carl Heinlein, Lori Zona, Mark Segar

Guests via Zoom: John Marshall, Dan Santoro

Happy Bucs:

- Everyone is happy on this chilly morning!

News:

- *Speakers:* Please make sure to find a speaker and notify Teresa or Ron.
- Student of the Month: February 25 at 8:00 am via Zoom. Once PJ gets the link, it will be sent out to members.
- *Food Drive:* Saturday March 13 from 10:00 - 1:00. Kim is ordering signs to put in neighborhoods again. No Flyers this year. Each member is asked to print out one (1) flyer and hand it around Cranberry. Please make sure to obtain permission before doing so. Jerry provided a traffic map. Thanks Jerry! Jack is handling post-event publicity. Michele is handling write-ups for the event. Way to go team! Additional volunteer slots have been added to the day of the event.
- *Scholarship Committee:* Applications are going out soon.
- *Service Committee:* This group had a meeting this week. March is the food drive. We are also working with Project Warm that will distribute coats to various organizations. The Dictionary Program will be soon. There is no specific service project for April at this time, but the committee is working on some ideas, which includes doing a walk-a-thon, sending letters to seniors, a cooking project, road cleanup, possibly working with Meals on Wheels. In May, we will be going back to the North County Trail to help clean up again! Thanks Erica! Finally, Saturday June 12, we will be heading back to the Lighthouse Foundation for Food Prep and cleanup.
- *Peace and Conflict Project:* Rotary is looking for schools to be adopted to help teach about peace and conflict resolution.
- *Rotary Works:* The next workshop is about creating your image.
- *RYLA:* Rotary is still trying to hold this event in person. ROVA is planned to be in-person at this time this upcoming May. However, RYLA is still TBD.
- *District Awards:* The form has been slightly modified and are due April 30.
- *PETS:* This will be coming up for the president-elect at the end of this month/beginning of March. The conference will be held via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in and listen if they are interested. This is an excellent way to learn more about Rotary and if you are interested in becoming president at any point, it is great to see what is going on.

Member Spotlight:

- Ron wants to congratulate Michael Ozdinec and Shawn Firster for receiving their Paul Harris Fellow Awards!

Presentation:

Dan Santoro is the new Township Manager for Cranberry. Congrats Dan! Dan brings a wealth of experience and education to the position. He started his career in California and Jerry stole him for here in the early 1990s. Dan has spent significant amounts of time in both the private and public sector for much of his career. Overall, he has a very long history with our great township.

Traffic is always a big topic with the township and its residents. The MSA thruway started last year and is still taking place. This project is on target and to be completed in June or July of this year. There is an additional project taking place on Freedom Road regarding lane additions to Haine School Road. Additionally, sidewalk access to the Township Building from Meeder Farms is underway.

A new flex office project has been approved for off of Unionville Road, which is a marker of how



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the market is still strong.

With the pandemic, the board created a comprehensive plan back in March. While they have no control over the distribution of the vaccine, they are trying to prepare and work with UPMC and the Butler Health System to offer the possibility of mass vaccination sites. This way, the township could provide the sites necessary for such an undertaking. The township is prepared and ready to assist when the health systems are ready to distribute.

In regards to the township, Dan anticipates some budget impacts as a result of the pandemic but the township is committed to not reduce services within the township. They are also looking at the ways the pandemic is impacting community events. Dan hopes to move forward with some of our bigger events; however, it will all depend on state restrictions at the applicable times.

Cranberry is lacking residents in the 25-40 age demographic. As such, the township is looking to provide some middle housing for this group of young professionals. An amendment is pending to offering this type of housing to enable such folks to call Cranberry Township home.

Fun Facts:

- The Earth's rotation is gradually slowing. This deceleration is happening almost imperceptibly, at the rate of roughly 17 milliseconds per hundred years, although the rate at which it occurs is not perfectly uniform. This has the effect of lengthening our days, but it happens so slowly that it could be as much as 140 million years before the length of a day will increase to 25 hours.
- On February 5, 1934 Henry Louis Aaron Jr., the baseball slugger who broke Babe Ruth's legendary record of 714 homers, is born in Mobile, Alabama. Aaron began his professional baseball career in 1952 and joined the Milwaukee Braves of the major league in 1954, eight (8) years after Jackie Robinson integrated baseball.