

Rotary



Club of Cranberry Township - Sunrise

Speakers

August 27, 2021

[Erica Sabatini](#)

Erica will be discussing the upcoming Restaurant Week event for Butler County.

August 28, 2021

[Flores, Brian](#)

September 03, 2021

[Dr. Sean McCarty](#)

Dr. McCarty will be discussing various happenings in Seneca Valley. He is a guest of Dan.

September 10, 2021

[Club Assembly Meeting](#)

There will be no speakers at the monthly Club Assembly Meeting. Likewise, please refrain from inviting guests to this meeting.

September 17, 2021

[Cranberry Township Traffic Control Center](#)

September 24, 2021

[Pittsburgh Hires Veterans](#)

Events

August 27th

[Cranberry Township Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

August 28th

[Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup by Allegheny Aquatic Alliance](#)

August 28th

[8/28 - 10-12pm - Moraine State Park Trail Clean Up](#)

September 24th

[Zombies of the Corn Parking Fundraiser](#)

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Timothy D O'Brien

August 29th

Jack Cohen

September 2nd

Mark W Segar

September 7th

Club Leaders

Bulletin - Club Meeting 8.27.2021

By Erica Anne Sabatini on Friday, August 27, 2021

Members in Attendance at the Marriott: Mark Segar, Michele Jurysta, Kim Reuss, Tom Norton, Erica Sabatini, Shawn Firster, Michael Ozdinec, Christine Ley, Ron Gigler, Jack Cohen, Carl Heinlein, Vic Conrad, Mike Patsy, Michael Pologruto, Lori Zona

Guests in Attendance at the Marriott: Andrew Wilson (2d time visiting - Welcome back!)

Members in Attendance via Zoom: Tim O'Brien, Tim Hester, Cynthia Maser, Karen Newpol, Nancy Iglesias

Happy Bucks:

- Jack was happy for having fun at the Afternoon Club's golf outing, which was a lot of fun and run very well.
- Carl Heinlein gave \$1 because it sounds like Jack wants to chair a Golf Outing for the Club and also going on vacation to Antigua!
- Vic Conrad is extra happy for the boys making JV Soccer team! Mikchael Pologruto's son made varsity! Finally, Vic's daughter has senior night tonight.
- Ron was happy for a good day of golf yesterday.
- Mike Patsy happy for participating in for the Blood Drive. Tim O. put on an awesome project. This was Mike's first time giving blood and is ready to give more. He also enjoyed the cookies from the event!
- Michael Pologruto is happy his daughter is settled in and doing well at WVU.
- Kim is happy for the last time hosting all of her husband's friends this past month. She is ready for a much needed break!
- Tim is virtually adding \$1 in to thank everyone who gave blood and supported the event.

Committee Reports:

- **Service Committee:** Tim informed the club that the Blood Drive went really well on Wednesday. Tim is waiting on the total amount donated. The estimate is that we are closer to 30 pints donated. Huge thank you to Mike Patsy, Mike Oz, Carl, Erica, Tim and Jack who donated blood! Mark would like to set up a blood drive three (3) times per year. Erica suggested a Halloween blood drive and Mike O. put on the record that he will dress up as a vampire for it!
 - The next project os tomorrow.
 - The Creek Cleanup that was set up through the Sunset Club has been **POSTPONED.**
 - The Moraine State Park Cleanup is still moving forward tomorrow.
 - This is from 10:00 - 12:00.
 - The park will be supplying materials needed to clean up the Sunken Garden Trail.
 - Kids 15+ are able to come up and participate too.
- **District Grants:** Ron submitted three (3) grants on behalf of the club. We are going to be planting trees at North Boundary Park, which could turn into an annual project for us. The second project is a bathroom renovation for a Living in Liberty. Ron noted that we will be very limited in attendance at the facility due to its confidentiality. The third project is a No Cost Shopping Room at Seneca Valley High School where students can obtain hygiene products and new or gentle used clothes that students in the district who are in need can get. Mark is very appreciative of Ron for spearheading this and getting the grant requests together! Ron is hoping that we can work with the Sunset Club to collect gently used items.
- **Foundation:** Kim informed us that Mark had a great meeting this week. Our Club's goal is to get everyone a Paul Harris Fellow for at least one (1) time in this year. According to Kim, we have an opportunity available to us - a wealthy individual will match up to \$500 toward your first Paul Harris!! This is across the district, which is amazing! We have 10 months to accomplish this so that is just \$50 per month!
 - Email Kim if you want in on this!
 - Mark went on to explain that the Club will find ways to give this back to members who give their time, service, or help throughout the year.
- **Open Business:**
 - **Football Tickets:** If you have not received them, come to a meeting so Mike can give



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Assistant Governor

them to you! Mike will email out the login info for the site for members to input ticket stub info. Tickets ARE NOT eligible to win unless the money has been accounted for. 10% of profits will go to the top sellers for Foundation donations.

- o *Outdoor / Cash Bash*: This is going to be amazing. The team is working hard! Thanks guys (& Erica)!
- o *Zombies of the Corn*: We are running it a bit differently this year and Mark will email the Club. There are two weeks to sign up and if you do not sign up within that time, you will be assigned a weekend! We need 8-9 volunteers per night versus 12. Reminder - First Friday, we get a pavilion for having fun! Jerry will be the boots on the ground for that evening.
 - If anyone has contacts at VOICe please reach out to them. The Club needs help from them. Karen is going to set up a meeting with them to get their help on the event.
- o Fantasy Football: Everyone will lose to Mark. *His words, not mine.*

Presentation:

Today, Club member Erica Sabatini talked about the current status of restaurants and the upcoming Restaurant Week event for Butler County.

The last year and one-half has been a major struggle for everyone and especially the restaurant industry. When the initial shutdown took place in March 2020, the industry had to adapt overnight. Many struggled with determining how to continue to turn a profit through delivery, takeout, or drive through. It is estimated that more than 110,000 restaurants across the country have closed their doors permanently as a result of COVID-19. In Pittsburgh alone, more than 40 restaurants have permanently closed.

The industry still faces challenges in the form of the new Delta variant ramping up, supply chain and pricing problems, and a labor shortage. As a result of these factors, service is not what it used to be, and it will take time for this to improve. However, the restaurants are so grateful of everyone's support throughout COVID-19, because we would not be here with our community helping us in this time of need.

With that being said, it is time to celebrate! The Tourism Bureau has been working tirelessly on putting on an inaugural Restaurant Week for the county! 30 different restaurants are participating. They along with their menus can be found here:

<https://www.visitbutlercounty.com/Restaurant-Week>. The event will run from September 13 through September 19. Participating restaurants will offer prix fixe menus showcasing house specialties or new dishes. Be sure to gather your friends and family and make sure to check a few out!

Raffle Winner: 281 - Shawn Firster won! He spun and hit **◆Loser◆** aka speaker for a week.

E◆s Fun Facts:

- The current world record holder for fastest climb is Pemba Dorje Sherpa with a time of 8 hours and 10 minutes.
- The world's largest Boston Cream Pie was created in 2010 by culinary students at Southern New Hampshire University. The pastry measured 10 feet wide and 1.5 feet high. It weighed over one (1) ton!!