



Rotary Roundup

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Rotary Roundup for August, 2020

Join Us! - Where We Meet

Our breakfast club gathers at the Acts Fairhaven Retirement Community (7200 Third Avenue, Sykesville), on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th (on those certain months) Tuesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. For further details, please call Dawn at 443-244-7799.

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Dates to Remember

August 4 Regular Meeting (8:00 a.m.) at Stratosphere (ZOOM will start at 8:20.)

August 11 Board Meeting (8:00 a.m.)

August 18 Regular Meeting (8:00 a.m.) ZOOM at 8:20. A volunteer is needed to run the meeting.

August 25 Regular Meeting at Cindy Pehl s. Brian DeLeonardo, State s Attorney for Carroll County will be the speaker.

Meeting Notes

July 7, 2020

The following announcements were made:

- Pat and Ray were thanked for hosting the meeting.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

- Another 2700 KN95 masks were recently delivered to Carroll Hospital Center. That is a total of 6500 KN95 Masks, 5000 3 ply surgical mask and 37 face shields.
- The next meeting, on Tuesday, Bastille Day, at 8:00 AM, is at Charles Reese's: 1475 Coventry Meadows Drive Sykesville, MD, 21784.
- We are looking at different options for future meetings. Hopefully, we will get some consistency soon! The meeting on the 21st will be at Stratosphere.

The meeting was held at Pat and Ray's home. There were technical problems so for those of us connecting electronically we missed most of the meeting. Either the sound was inaudible or unclear and the picture froze repeatedly. Pat presented the program which was a history of their house. She has done a lot of research to discover the story of the house's evolution. They know someone lived here as early as 1732 and that the property appeared on the tax rolls in 1780. The house has had many additions and name changes through the years. There have been mysterious sounds and apparitions from time to time. There were nine in attendance plus four on Zoom with Richard Bagby's dog making a cameo appearance!

July 14, 2020

The meeting was held at the home of Charles Reese who was thanked for his hospitality.

The following announcements were made:

- Due to the COVID-19 restrictions at Fairhaven, the Club is searching for another place to meet and is considering St. Paul's as a possibility.
- Next week the meeting will be held at Stratosphere.

The program consisted of presentations of mini classification talks by those present in person plus four attending by ZOOM. Highlights were as follows:

Charles Reese welcomed all and is a financial advisor and his wife is in the mortgage business.

Buzz Baker has been involved with geriatric medicine for 30 years and is still working full time from home for the Hospice of Washington County as its Chief Medical Officer.

Ellen Baker is a retired social studies teacher having taught 30 years, most of which was at Francis Scott Key High School near Union Bridge. She is heavily involved with the Fairhaven Residents' Association.

Richard Bagby has been involved in the insurance business since the 80's and works in Towson. His agency merged with AL Howes in Sykesville.

Virginia Harrison is a dress maker and before that worked for the FBI. She is involved with the School Board and multiple community activities.

Nancy Parker is in the real estate business and is also working with some of her father's business endeavors.

Todd Brown has been in the banking business since 1961 with various banks such as Maryland

National, Sykesville State Bank, and Carroll Community Bank. His late wife, Norma, was a public-school music teacher for many years.

Ray Greenwald is a scientist and is associated with Virginia Tech. He has built radar systems, gives presentations, attends conferences, and travels a lot. (Pat goes with him.)

Pat Greenwald has been involved in education for many years in N.H., Germany. and Howard County She has worked as a reading specialist and in gifted and talented programs. She is involved with restoring old schoolhouses, the local Homework Club, and many other activities.

Lewis Wimmer was in the Army Signal Corps and then in accounting. He retired in 1990 and drives school buses.

Richard Howes grew up on a farm and is a house painter. He has had perfect Rotary attendance for over 50 years.

Bob Nickel was in manufacturing working for Bell and Howell producing movies and photographic equipment. He retired seven and a half years ago and is now working on his golf game.

Dawn Wittfelt came from Pennsylvania in 1985. She started in banking and then moved to restaurant management, got married, had four kids, and then got her insurance license and has a travel business.

Cindy Pehl was a bank regulator and worked in risk management. She now runs MidLantic Financial Services and has 14 employees.

July21, 2020

The meeting was held at Stratosphere and the

following announcements were made:

- Virginia reported on a huge Book Club breakfast in Baltimore attended by 700 representing book clubs from all over Maryland.
- The Boys and Girls summer Camp is now open, and they are providing laptops to kids.
- The Pop-up pantry is still functioning and filling a vital need in the community.

Amy ran the meeting and explained that members are now to take responsibility for organizing and running all future meetings.

Amy introduced Bryan Zuber, the owner of Stratosphere Social, and some of his staff members. She explained to them how the Club operates and whom we financially support. Breakfast was served and enjoyed by those present.

Bryan began his talk by explaining that Stratosphere Social, located at 1332 Londontown Blvd, began as Trampoline Park in 2014 for small kids to get them more active. It was closed for six months for remodeling and was set to reopen as a community, social, and family entertainment center, but the day it was to open it was shut down by the Pandemic. As a result, 83 staff members were laid off. It has now reopened, and all the safety and COVID-19 protective measures were explained. It is a hospitality-based operation and advertised as a 🏠 home away from home. 🏠 They offer happy hours, birthday parties, Christmas parties, WiFi, charging stations, and welcome hosting other events. They serve lunch and dinner, opening at 11 a.m. From Monday through Thursday, they are open until 9, Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m., and on Sunday they

close early. They occupy 23,000 square feet. The dining area is huge and normally has capacity for 500 people which is now reduced to 200. (I think those numbers refer to dining capacity as it is sometimes hard to understand on ZOOM,) All food service is full service, not buffet, and they do not accept reservations for dining. They hold fundraisers for organizations, have bowling parties, and have six giant TVs for watching sporting events. The Club members were taken on a tour that was also shared on Zoom. There is a bowling alley with 8 lanes, currently operating on four because of physical distancing, a full bar with lots of TVs which also seemed to be everywhere you looked. They have four different zones for music and many smaller rooms for conferences or private parties. They have Hologate, a virtual reality activity, and a huge arcade filled with games. The XO Theater dome shows 3D movies, each lasting between five and fifteen minutes. They still have trampoline volleyball. The tour ended up on the mezzanine which has a view of the whole place. The meeting ended with the 50/50, happy dollars, a joke from Larry, and the Four-Way Test. There were, I think, seven members present and four more attending by ZOOM.

July 28, 2020

The meeting was held at Stratosphere and will be held there next week as well, with Dave in charge. There were about ten members present and three more on ZOOM. In the future, ZOOM will begin at 8:20.

The following announcements were made:

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since Oktoberfest is canceled for this year. Suggestions were a 50-50 or a raffle with gift cards. (Mt. Airy is having a rubber ducky race.) A fundraiser at Stratosphere was also suggested.

- The popup pantry at St. Paul's will continue through August. Fairhaven residents are continuing to contribute produce to residents living on Schoolhouse Road.

The meeting ended at 8:45 with the 50/50, happy dollars, a joke from Larry, and the Four-Way Test.