

Rotary



Club of Fox Chapel Area

Club Meeting

Fox Chapel Area
Meets at Lauri Ann
West Community
Center
1220 Powers Run Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Time: Wednesday at
11:45 AM

Birthdays

Michael A Vetovich
November 29th
Brian H Baxter
December 9th
Jill E McConnell
December 10th
Harold F Guttman
December 11th
Wesley William
Posvar
December 11th
Marsha M Pomeroy-
Huff
December 12th
David Robert
DiBenedetto Sr.
December 14th
Bud Kahn
December 14th
Thomas P. Benic
December 14th
Dennis P Slevin
December 21st
H. James Michaels
December 21st
Howard A Voigt
December 21st
Vincent Beirne
December 24th
Edmond C. Watters
December 25th

It's a Full House for Our Dec. 4 Holiday Dinner

Our annual Holiday Dinner – and performance by the famed Madrigal Singers of Fox Chapel Area High -- December 4th at CORE in RIDC Park is Sold Out!

Bill Gordon has developed a Waitlist, however. Please email him at: bagordon2@comcast.net, specifying the number of attendees and your menu choice, to get on that Waitlist.

The festivities start with cocktails from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. followed by a performance by the Madrigal Singers at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow their performance.

The cost is \$65 per person and the meal choices include steak, salmon or vegetarian.

Payment – *CHECKS ONLY PLEASE* - can be made the night of the Holiday Dinner or by mailing it to Fox Chapel Rotary, P.O. Box 38452, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

Checks should be made payable to Fox Chapel Area Rotary Club with "Holiday Dinner" on the memo line.

DG Dougherty Greeted by Four Clubs at Fox Chapel Rotary



District Governor **Dan Dougherty** attracted quite a crowd at the Nov. 20 meeting of the Rotary Club of Fox Chapel Area as members and officers of four neighboring clubs accepted his invitation to attend.

DG Dougherty, pictured here with Fox Chapel Area President Lanny Seed, is a longtime member of the White Oak Rotary Club. He encouraged the assembled members and those attending via Zoom to work together -- and with the District -- to tackle the ever present civic and social issues that Rotary is rightly famous for addressing, locally and worldwide.

He encouraged attendance at District conferences, such as the annual conference in Seven Springs June 6-8,

and the 2025 Rotary International Annual Convention to be held in Calgary, Canada, June 21-25.

Please note that Fox Chapel Area Rotary will **NOT** meet this week in observance of Thanksgiving or next week, Dec. 4, as we hold our Holiday Party at CORE. **Our next weekly meeting is Dec. 11** at The Laurie Ann West Community Center, 1220 Powers Run Road in O'Hara Township. The meeting starts at 11:45 AM and all current, former and future members are invited. [Read More](#)

Dan Stern Speaks at Seton Hill University Conference



Dan Stern, president-elect of our Club, spoke Nov. 12 at Seton Hill University's four-day conference for educators that highlighted some of the best practices for teaching about the Holocaust, genocide and human rights.

Dan, whose parents escaped the Holocaust before and during WWII, presented and then commented on a 25-minute video produced by Seton Hill's National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education. The video summarized PowerPoint presentations Dan made to our club earlier this year.

Dr. James Paharik, Professor of Sociology and Director of the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education at Seton Hill, asked Dan to make the video after seeing, by Zoom, his presentations to our Club.

Here's a YouTube link to Dan's talk:
[The Eva Fleischner Oral History Project](#)

The four-day conference was titled: *Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference: Telling the Stories: Narrative in Holocaust and Genocide Education.*

Dan's mother, Freida Meyer, the first in her Jewish family to go to college, fled Germany in 1938 after Nazi Brown Shirt thugs literally threw her out of a University of Heidelberg pre-med classroom, pulling her by the hair and dumping her onto the street, while fellow students and faculty watched – and did nothing. She soon escaped to Lisbon, Portugal, found employment at the British Embassy and met Edward Stern, a young, bright, highly educated scholar who could speak four languages. Edward had just completed his Ph.D. in Economics at Budapest University but quickly realized that, as a Jew in 1939, his degree would be worthless in Hungary -- or anywhere in Europe -- under the quickly advancing rule of the Nazis. [Read More](#)

Rotary Raises \$150,000 Thanks to Ernie Siddons

Ernie Siddons, a member of our club since 2012, has enabled our Community Enrichment Fund to receive \$150,000 over the past decade from a foundation which is independent but associated with a local corporation where Ernie was president.



The Foundation, initially named Fair Oaks, recently changed its name to Ampco-Pittsburgh Charitable Foundation. Although the foundation is relatively small, it has come up big for Rotary, thanks to Ernie, who until a few years ago served as a trustee.

The foundation's mission is to fund 501(c)(3) entities involved in charitable, educational and similar activities located principally within Allegheny County.

Shortly after his appointment to our Grant Committee, Ernie realized we were unable to raise sufficient funds to meet the needs of our community. It struck him that it might be appropriate for Fair Oaks to grant monies through Rotary to support tax-approved charitable entities in the Fox Chapel area. His fellow trustees agreed and supported a donation of \$15,000. The check for the same amount received recently was number ten, bringing the total to \$150,000.

Ernie hopes that this annual support will continue but stated that there are no guarantees,

Rotary Volunteers Fill 1,400 Luminaria Bags



Thanks to everyone for helping with this Boy Scouts Camp Guyasuta service project! We filled more than 1,400 luminaria bags with sand in less than an hour -- on a THURSDAY morning, Nov. 14. WOW! What teamwork!

Here are the intrepid volunteers (from left to right): Ron Frank, Jodi Yingling, Fred Harchelroad, Lyndall Huggler, Richard Wolf, Ginny Merchant, Don Shaw, Jamie Uber, Ed McKenna, and Savannah River Davis.

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