

Washington Rotary Club



October 1, 2024

Kathy Sabol opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, Kelley Swift offered the invocation.

Get to know a Rotarian: Angeline East

Rotary President asked Angeline to tell the Club something she likes to do for fun and something that is always in her refrigerator. Angeline said she likes to dance for fun and always has ketchup in her refrigerator for hot dogs.

Happy Dollars:

- Joe P is glad for being in his new location and the ribbon cutting ceremony at his office.
- Joe also warned the club that his social media account has been compromised and he requested any members that see posts by the phony Joe P account report that profile to Facebook. He is working on remedying the hack.
- Megan H. is happy to have attended the last meeting which we held at the courthouse for Constitution Day, and she attended the Naturalization ceremony following and found both to be inspiring.
- Mike Sears: Happy he has a dollar to contribute.
- Tom D.: Happy to have had a trip to the beach even if it rained the whole time.
- Bill P: This is my last dollar. Susan is recovering, still dealing with some discomfort with her knee replacement.
- Fern: Happy her children were spared serious damage in Hurricane Helene in the South. They are dealing with downed trees near their home.
- John T: Happy that the grass is green again after the recent rain, perhaps one of the few good things about the recent hurricane.
- Colleen: Happy to have traveled to Washington D.C. for a service at Statutory Hall and a white house tour with family.
- Bracken: Happy dollars, the Bradford House is good.
- Kathy: Happy the Moores are back today

Congratulations!

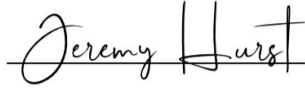
ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

MAP AWARD

YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE GROWTH

Congratulations for continuing to grow your impact in your community, your World, and your members.

Turtle Creek	THREE YEARS
Indiana-Midday	THREE YEARS
Bridgeville-South Fayette	THREE YEARS
Pittsburgh	TWO YEARS
Washington	TWO YEARS
Monroeville	TWO YEARS
Ambridge	TWO YEARS
Highlands Area (Tarentum-Brackenridge)	TWO YEARS



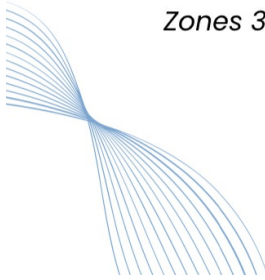
Jeremy Hurst

Zones 33/34 Director



Patrick Eakes

MAP Committee Chair



Your club has received the 2023-24 PLATINUM CLUB AWARD. The Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan (MAP) team gives this award to clubs that grow two or more years in a row. Platinum Clubs are the epitome of Rotary's Vision Statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change" across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

We encourage you to continue growing your impact this coming year so you can extend your status as a Platinum Club in 2024-25!

The certificate lists all the clubs in your district with Platinum status so you can share ideas and grow Rotary together.

Thanks for all you do,

Jeremy Hurst

2023-24 RI Director

Patrick Eakes

2023-24 MAP Chair

Announcements

- Announcement from Park about upcoming Glass recycling days where we are in need of a club member to volunteer. At the last Saturday Glass recycling session they had 25-35 cars stop with recycling. We are need of a helper for Brad Montgomery at the recycling

Cars stop with recycling. We are in need of a helper for Brad Montgomery at the recycling receptacle at the Washington Park this Saturday and an additional volunteer for 10/19 with John Hopper.

- Fern provided an update on the cap recycling project. They are up to 72 benches and 5 picnic benches. One more trip on the schedule. There are cup cleaning volunteer opportunities upcoming. Please be on the lookout for emails about upcoming events where our Rotary Club can volunteer.
- Kathy also mentioned that our club will be in need of donations of candy to be passed out at upcoming trunk or treat events which we will be a part of. We will be having a table at the Trolley Museum Trick or Treat event.
- Kathy Sabol detailed that our One World application was accepted and we will be getting a team from the Ukraine of 6 (5 and 1 translator) from 3/7-3/15/25. We will need 5 members to serve as hosts families. This team will be working with a focus on peace building and conflict resolution. While they are here, we are hoping to erect a Peace Pole at the pavilion at the Farmers Market pavilion. Kathy is working to obtain an official Peace Pole through Rotary International.

Upcoming meeting adjustments:

- Our meeting on 11/5 will be canceled, so individuals can go Vote!
- The 12/3 meeting will be moved to 12/4 for the upcoming District President meeting hosted by Canonsburg Rotary Club. Time and Location still TBD.
- Our 12/17 meeting will not be during the day, but will be held in the evening for our holiday party. Time and location TBD.

New Member Induction: Mike Skubovious.

Tom D. provided a historical introduction to Rotary. Highlighted the goal of Rotary to work towards eradication of polio and details of Chuck Keller and his efforts while Rotary international president in 1987 to raise 1 ¼ million funding. By the end of that year, Rotary had raised over 260 Million in funds to end polio. The current worldwide rate of polio is now less than 1% of what it was in 1987. Tom highlighted that Rotarians are a special group of individuals who have a similar world view, serving our fellow man.

Welcomed Mike S. to Rotary.

Joe P is Mike's sponsor.

Mike detailed that he wants to get through life as a net positive. He is a servant and wants to build a better community. He wants to be a resource to others and has the motto that if he can not help you, he will work to find 3 people who can. He has a young family and is glad to join Rotary.



Program: Washington Financial on Combatting Scams:

Doreen Dingle presented information to the club; she was accompanied by Sandra Semple.

Doreen works on fraud cases for Washington Financial Bank.

She discussed trending scams in our area and how we can protect ourselves.

Americans lost 10 Billion in funds to scams

Trending Scam: Impersonation Scam. The scammer poses as someone you trust to gain your trust and get individuals to share confidential information and release funds to them.

Jury Duty Scam: a text that you missed Jury Duty.

Amazon Scam: Scammer calls you phone posing as a representative of Amazon, details that your account needs to be refunded for a recent invoice. They over pay the refund and want you to send the excess back to them in gift cards. Any call asking you for gift cards is a scam.

How to protect yourself: never send gift cards to someone who has called or texted you. Delete their number, block the number, don't call them back.

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Grandparent Bond Scam: Call that grandchild has been in an accident or arrested and they need funds immediately for medical treatment or to get out of jail. Urgency in request. Do not send money, do not wire transfer money. Call someone related to that grandchild and verify where they are and that they are safe. Call other family members to verify.

Scam involving Uber drivers. Did you know an Uber driver can be hired to pick up packages as well. There was a scam where they sent a hired Uber driver to pick up an unknown package. Unbeknownst to this hired driver, they were picking up cash from someone who had been scammed. When the person who was being scammed tried to get their cash back from the Uber driver the Uber driver indicated they were hired to deliver the package and refused to return the package to the scammed individual. The scammed individual shot the Uber driver.

In Upper St. Clair an elderly individual was trying to get a large amount of money out of their account. The bank teller asked questions of this individual and called the local law enforcement. Homeland security even has been involved in the investigation. They were able to use the individual to engage in a sting operation and when the courier in that case (who was involved in the scamming) came to that individual's home to pick up the funds, Homeland Security was present to arrest and bring charges.

Banks have to question their customers to protect them. They will ask questions of individuals. They have created a sheet which has details asking if there are things they are being urgently asked to do, that they could be victim of a scam.

Scam: Elder Financial Exploitation is the most common form of elder abuse. Friends and family can be the abuser in this situation.

Tech Support Scam: Pop up on computer, text or phone from Microsoft or Anti Virus computer software claiming that their computer has a virus and then they have the scammed individual enter their financial information and transfer them to the "bank fraud" department of the bank.

Anyone who wants you to use a bit coin kiosk is scamming you. Washington Financial Bank is getting 3-5 calls a week with people trying to get funds out of their accounts to take to Bitcoin kiosks. This has happened in McMurray. If they are asking you to pay them from a bit coin kiosk, this is a scam.

Another scam: a Pop up on computer or call that there has been child porn found on an individual's computer and that they will erase that child porn for a large sum of money, sometimes \$25,000. This happened in our area to an elderly couple. They had to sort money, wrap it in foil and put it in a shoe box and UPS the payment to California. When these scammed individuals were asked why they did this they said they were "following instructions". They lost the money.

The scammers will tell individuals they need to keep what they are doing with the money as secret. They ask individuals to transfer money to an account or withdraw cash and take it to a bitcoin kiosk and transfer those bitcoins as payment.

There is an investment scam called "pig butchering" because they fatten their victim up with building trust. They take a lot of time to build trust with their intended victim playing a romantic interest or friend with lots of knowledge about investing. It starts with slow, small sum investments until they gain your trust and then they steal tens of thousands. They take their time building trust, creating fake profiles on social media or dating sites, they tell you about their investment expertise or special knowledge. They will send fake pictures, even meet you with someone acting to be them. They want you to help them with an investment or they say they want to help you with an investment. They may have the victim download an app where they show you fake gains and then they have you give access to your financial accounts and they delete and block your access to the app. These scams often start on social media or dating sites.

How to protect yourself: Do research on your own and with trusted people, known to you and to other people that you know. Do not take investment advice from people you have met on the internet. If anyone is pressuring you to act quickly for fast " it is a scam.

Do not download or use unknown apps.

Video chats can be fake.

Any unexpected content, emails or requests to be friends on social media should be viewed with suspicion. Do not respond. Stop. Contact the police. Keep records. Do not be afraid to file a report with the FBI. Go to IC3.gov.

It is nearly impossible to get your money back if you fall for this. Don't feel a sense of shame, any of us could fall for a scam. Tell someone you trust about it. You have to be known to your bank. All banks have training in spotting scamming. They should be asking you a lot of questions. They want to make sure you are not going to lose the money you are withdrawing.

Bill Price
Grand Marshall of the Burgettstown Homecoming
Parade
60 Years of Service



The meeting was closed with the 4 way test.

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Speakers

October 15th
Thomas Northrop
Pottery and me

Birthdays



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