

Rotary



Club of Washington

Thursday, April 8, 2021

April 6, 2021

The Rotary Club of Washington met by Zoom

Present were: **Brad Montgomery, Tom Drewitz, Dave and Shirley Moore, Dave Hart, Dorothy and John Tecklenburg, Andy Goudy, Kathy Sabol, Angeline East, Mary Jo and Rich Podgurski, John Hopper, Ken Baker, Bill and Susan Price, John Quayle, Joe Piszczor, and Susan Priest** and our guest speaker: **Tracie Liberatore**

Pre-Meeting

- As this writer entered, **Mary Jo Podgurski** was saying that this is National Library Week, and today is set aside to honor library support staff. **Susan Priest** said that most people do not interact with ♦Librarians♦, that is, Master♦s Degree holders. They think of the people they do interact with as ♦librarians♦ and they are right to do so, since support staff are the true heroes of library work. Susan shared the story of one of them, who was asked for the phone number for the body parts store. It took much questioning to find out that the asker really wanted the number for the transplant center.
- **Susan** also mentioned that her brother called her ♦cheap♦ but that she preferred the term ♦frugal♦. **Mary Jo** then told the story of one of her grandfathers, who got the reputation of being ♦stingy♦ (although the word used was Italian). His wife once wanted to buy a new hat for Easter, and he said that her old Easter hat was still good enough to use. At which she took the hat and stomped on it, declaring that it wasn♦t good enough anymore.
- There was a mirror directly behind **Rich Podgurski**, which someone said made it look like he had a halo. To which **Mary Jo** replied that indeed he deserved one.
- **Susan Priest** noticed a poster in the background of **Tracie Liberatore♦s** room. It read: My best friends have 4 paws, a sentiment that many of us agreed with. Tracie explained that when she will be zooming, she does so from home, using her absent daughter♦s room to keep out other children. Someone remarked that they knew a teacher who zoomed from a closet to keep her children out. **Tracie** said that in fact teenagers were worse for interruptions than grade school kids.

Getting Started

At this point, **President Brad** rang the bell,

- and **Dave Hart** gave the invocation.
- **Bill Price** held up a small flag,
- and we all gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Brad then asked **Dorothy Tecklenburg** to give the results of the NCAA pool.

She said that up until the final game **Dave Moore** had been leading all the way, but at the very last **John Tecklenburg** nosed him out by 1 point. She asked the people who had participated in the pool to send a check for \$20, made out to the foundation, to **Dave Moore**. As the winner, **John Tecklenburg** donated his winnings to the foundation. This \$120 (there were only 6 competitors) will put us over the top for the district requirement, and will mean we can apply for a district grant in the coming Rotary year.

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Overall Standings Completed Brackets: 14

RANK	CHAMPIONS	BRACKET NAME	PTS	MAX	CPK	R01	R02	S16	E8	FF
1	(155)	John Tecklenburg 3	116	116	37	22	14	16	16	16
2	(165)	David Moore 3	115	115	40	21	18	20	24	32
3	(155)	John Tecklenburg	84	84	36	22	14	16	16	16
4	(148)	John Tecklenburg 2	84	84	36	22	14	16	16	16
5	(138)	Thomas Uram	82	82	33	18	16	16	16	16
6	(144)	Joe Piszczor	79	79	32	19	12	16	16	16
7	(163)	David Moore	75	75	34	21	14	16	8	16
8	(163)	David Moore 2	74	74	30	18	12	12	16	16
9	(160)	dorothy tecklenburg	72	72	34	22	14	12	8	16
9	(160)	dorothy tecklenburg 2	72	72	34	22	14	12	8	16
11	(175)	dorothy tecklenburg 3	64	64	30	20	12	8	8	16
12	(144)	Joe Piszczor 3	55	55	30	19	12	16	8	0

- **Greenhouse**

- As for the greenhouse, the district has released the matching funds, \$3125, and the official doing so added that he loved the project. He suggested that the club plan a Rotary Wine Tour Day when Covid restrictions ease, and **Dorothy** said that we should be thinking about potential members who we could invite.

- **President Brad** said the Dictionary Project was complete. Last Thursday Park Burroughs delivered the final dictionaries to Washington Park School. Bill Price said that he was sending **Angeline East** some of the letters which Burgettstown third-graders wrote in thanks for the dictionaries. **President Brad** gave kudos to **Angeline** for doing the hard work of arranging all of this. **Bill Price** said that he had great feedback on the letter which **Dorothy Tecklenburg** wrote for the teachers to use when the dictionaries were distributed.
- **President Brad** reminded us that the District Conference starts May 20, and the **Prices** are in charge of the House of Friendship. The wine cork pull will need bottles of wine, and while there are 82 clubs in the district, **President Brad** wanted our club to lead the way in contributions.
- **Kathy Sabol** reminded us of the Foundation Luncheon on April 18. Several members will be attending. Because the club contributed a basket, we will receive a Paul Harris fellowship to give to a person of our choice.
- **Mary Jo** put in a plug for the Washington Health System Virtual Charity Ball. It will be held at 8pm this Saturday. There is no cost, and the event will be 45 minutes long.
- Afternote from **Angeline**:

- Fellow Rotarians:
Sorry I cut out on the computer connection, but I did hear it all on my phone.
Brad, your kind words were much appreciated.

I had an announcement to make, and here it is: As we always do Spring cleaning, I had another idea for this year. We should consider joining the City of Washington's clean-up day which will occur on 24 April from 8 am - 2 pm. I know we've been doing one particular area for a long time, so would this be acceptable? It's just an idea which I urge you to think about.

Please let me know what you think so we may start organizing.

Sincerely,
Angeline

Program: Tracie Liberatore - Whiskey Rebellion Visitor's Center



President Brad then asked **Susan Priest** to introduce our speaker. Susan turned the duty over to the **Tecklenburgs**, since they were the ones who suggested a program on the new Whiskey Rebellion Visitors Center. **Dorothy Tecklenburg** was happy to introduce our speaker, Tracie Liberatore, the Executive Director of the David Bradford House and the Whiskey Rebellion Visitors Center. Dorothy said the addition of the new Visitors Center added great value to downtown Washington.

Tracie began by saying she had great respect for Rotarians. Many members of the club have been active on the board of the David Bradford House, and her favorite uncle is a Rotarian in Great Britain. She also thanked the board for our gift this fall of \$500 towards educational kits. They are being used in schools to teach 3rd and 4th graders about the 18th century, especially David Bradford and the Whiskey Rebellion.

The David Bradford House received a grant from PNC to provide for field trips for school children, then came Covid. The Education Committee put together packets for use with 3rd and 4th graders. The packets contained lesson plans for teachers, a whirligig toy, a quill pen, and a small log cabin. 1000 were given out, covering one-third of the eligible students. As teachers got the kits, the demand from other teachers spread like wildfire. The Bradford House plans to distribute kits again during the next school year, as they also plan for field trips in the future.

Tracie said that she has been the Executive Director for 10 years. Before that she worked for National City Bank as a project director. She loves what she does. There is so much history in downtown Washington, yet too often people walk right by the Bradford House on their way to lunch and don't realize this hidden gem. She asks us all to spread the word, and to talk about the new Visitors Center, a free attraction just across the street from the Bradford House. The center is brand new, and will open to the public this month from 10 to 4, Wednesdays through Saturdays. It also contains her office, which used to be up several flights of stairs in the attic of the Bradford House, which featured two seasons: too hot and too cold.

At this point Tracie shared a brief video showing the transformation from the old storefront to the new Visitors Center. It featured one of the part-time docents for the Bradford House, **Dave Budinger**, who is editing a book on the house. The public will follow a horseshoe shaped trail through the center. If visitors read all the material, the tour takes about 45 minutes to complete. Highlights include a reproduction of an 18th century still, similar to the one George Washington had at Mount Vernon, and a full-size replication of an 1800's tavern/bar. So far there have been 16 private tours. When it opens to the public, they will be following all CDC guidelines.

<https://youtu.be/UUCq-5p9dV0>

Tracie is also the President of Destination Greater Pittsburgh, where she promotes the many features of Washington County. She opened the floor for questions or comments.

Dave Hart said that he had enjoyed the great article in the April/May *Living in Washington County* magazine.

John Tecklenburg mentioned the bars shown on the tavern/bar reproduction.

Tracie said that the bars existed to protect the liquor and the pewterware from being stolen when the proprietor was not there. She said that people need to know that taverns were the common meeting place for a variety of uses. For instance, business was usually conducted over the tables in a tavern. Before the creation of the Visitors Center, the tavern/bar was located on the first floor of the addition at the rear of the Bradford House. Now that floor will have a full-size gift shop. The second floor of the addition will feature rotating exhibits on local history, for example the National Road. She spoke of the mural which is on the side of the State Store, which is a draw, and told us that the owners of May^{or}s Inn are permitting them to add a mural on their wall. It is planned to have that mural depict 18th century living. She added that it would pay Rotarians to walk down the length of the current mural and notice who is depicted in the jail. Among others, she said that her husband and one of her children are there.

The Bradford House Association will be holding its annual History Symposium again this year, but not at Washington and Jefferson College, due to Covid restrictions. It will be held on May 14 at the Stone Pavilion at Washington Park, and they will need to control the number who can attend. The guest will be James Madison.

She took time to mention the Rotarians present who have been or are members of the board: Joe Piszczor, Bill Price, Rich Podgurski, and John and Dorothy Tecklenburg, and Tom Drewitz represents the house at the Boy Scout Workshops.

Bill Price spoke about being on the board when they decided that they needed an Executive Director, and prepared a job description. He said that the best decision that board every made was to look for someone, and that Tracie was a wonderful choice. She provided leadership and has a great love for the house, a love that Tracie said she caught from **Rachel Gladden**.

Rich Podgurski said when the board hired **Tracie**, he said to her that she was overqualified. Every year Tracie added more and more to the job. Tracie remarked that the original job description was a full page, single spaced.

Dorothy Tecklenburg urged members to be sure to make the Bradford House and Visitors Center stops for visiting friends and family. They are a must-see.

John Tecklenburg reminded us that this year there will be a scaled down Whiskey Rebellion Festival on July 10. If things go well, they hope to bring back the full festival after Covid.

Tracie said that after Covid, there are plans for more educational events, such as Parlor Talks and Day Camps.

The sole fund-raising event for the house is the annual Bradford House Dinner, which is now held in October. This year it will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on October 15. Other than that, they depend on grants and donations for funds. They receive no government funding.

They recently produced their first professional marketing video, which she played for us. She said that word of mouth can be the most effective form of marketing. The link is below, but please excuse the snow, as that is being removed in a newer version which will be available shortly.

<https://youtu.be/lzNwJENMCOg>

All thanked Tracie for a wonderful program, and for all she is doing for the city.

The meeting ended with the Four Way Test, led by President Brad.

More Good News About Eagles

https://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=america%E2%80%99s-bald-eagle-population-continues-to-soar&_ID=36871



Speakers

April 13th
Cherise Sandrock
Greater Washington County Food Bank
May 4th
Rea Andrew Redd
Abandoned Tracks: The Underground
Railroad in Washington County

April 20th
Drew Manko
Ross Farm Update

April 27th
Brad Montgomery
Club Assembly

Events

No Events found

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Club Meeting

Washington
Meets at W & J College, The Commons
60 S. Lincoln St.
Washington, PA 15301
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM