

Washington Rotary Club



March 7, 2023

The Washington Rotary Club met on March 7 at The Center on Strawberry in downtown Washington.

Guests: No guests, but **President John Hopper** welcomed back member **Brian Gorman** who we have not seen for a while.

The meeting began with an invocation by **Susan Priest** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **President John Hopper**



Announcements:

- **President John** began by saying that this meeting would be a busy one, as we will be talking about a lot of activities for this month and the rest of the spring. He began by asking **Kathy Sabol** for an update of the Trivia Contest on Friday.
- **Kathy** said that we have 37 teams registered, only three off from our all-time high of 40. She gave a shout-out to member **Bob Hollick**, who, besides being a \$500 sponsor, recruited two other sponsors at the \$250 level: Capellis and Krecny's. She has plenty of volunteers lined up to help at the event, including 8 students from Wash High who will help as runners. Anyone who would like to come at 3pm to help in set-up will be welcome.
- The wine pull can use a few more bottles and the **Prices** would welcome receiving bottles before Friday if possible, since each one needs to be bagged. **John Tecklenburg** offered to act as their local collection agent.
- **Amy Podgurski** and **Brandi Miller** are arranging the raffles and we should have a good selection.
- In the future, we would like to have copies of the Rotarian Magazine available in quantity at events like this, as the best way to introduce what Rotary is and does to new people. Just use a marker to black out your address and bring them to the club.
- **David Hart** spoke up to invite any Rotarian interested in another kind of trivia event to consider coming to First Methodist Church on Friday, March 24, where

they will have a fun cost-free time with trivia from 7pm to 9pm. Soft drinks and brownies offered as inducements. **Susan Price** decided this counted as a Happy Dollar and kicked one in for **Dave**.

More Happy Dollars then followed

- **Kathy Sabol** was happy that the Trivia Contest is almost here.
- **Rachel Lozosky** was happy to share that this year Law Day will be celebrating its 58th National celebration. Check out the info on Virtual Law Day on the ABA website.
- **Lisa Hannum** rose to offer 10 happy bucks, a bill which she had found in her path as she crossed the street this morning.
- **John Hopper** was very happy for two reasons: First, his and **Cheryl's** 13th grandchild was recently added to the family. Second: This latest grandchild is named in honor of him: Jack; and the twelfth was a granddaughter named after Cheryl: Charlie.
- **Brandi Miller** rose to give a happy dollar and a Save the Date announcement. The second Scholar's Bowl fundraiser Trivia Contest (the first was held in the fall of 2019, and was a lot of fun for this trivia buff). It will be held on Friday, October 13, at the Alpine. The cost per team will be \$200 for a team of up to 8 people, and teams will compete for \$4,000 in prizes.
- **Joe Piszczor** was \$3 happy for the past weekend, when he was 'driving Miss Dorothy' (President-Elect **Dorothy Tecklenburg**) to PETS. He was representing three levels of Rotary in presentations: Zone, District, and Local Club. During a presentation on Shelter Box, Dorothy read her "I am a box" piece, telling the story of a shelter box from the point of view of the box. Joe said that there was not a dry eye in the room. When it was over, a member of the audience stood up and challenged everyone to put some money in the center of their table. Over \$2,200 was raised. **Mike Sears** added that the tri-district area which cooperates on PETS has raised over \$50,000 for shelter box!
- **Susan Priest** was happy that another Rotary trivia event is coming up on April 1. The Bridgeville event, which a club team attended last year is coming up soon. She will be trying to organize a 10-member team. She already has two members, herself and her sister-in-law, who will be driving in from Harrisburg just to attend.
- **Bill Price** was happy that he and **Susan Price** attended the Bethel Park-Upper Saint Clair annual Pancake Breakfast, which served over 2000 breakfasts from 9 to 4 recently. This is the main fundraiser for the clubs and been going on for 58 years. They said the pancakes were delicious.
- **Dorothy Tecklenburg** was happy to share an experience she and John had recently when she went to the fourth grade at Trinity North to read to the students. Readers are asked to pick something which relates to their work, and she talked about being a writer. In passing she mentioned the book she wrote about time travel: *The Complete Time Traveler: a Tourist's Guide to the Fourth Dimension*. One of the students was very interested in the concept of time travel and he peppered Dorothy with questions, which showed his grasp of science. He ended up stumping her, and she told him: You have found your future work.

Brian Gorman was happy to be back and plans to leave every other Tuesday noon free, even though Legal Aid will be merging with another county's program.

- **Mike Sears** was \$10 happy that he has received two applications for our scholarship program, both from the Avella School District, but he hopes that more are coming from other districts. The deadline is March 25.

Joe Piszczor then rose to share our club's alliance with Clean and Tidy Our County and Washington County Watershed Alliance. The slogan: Join our County Wide Drive for a Cleaner Washington. From 8 to noon on three Saturdays this spring we will be working in partnership with people in the county who share our goal of a better and cleaner Washington County.

- March 25 is Ramps and Roads Day. People will gather at local roadsides, park and rides, etc. to pick up the litter which has accumulated over the winter.
- April 15 is Park and Playground Day, concentrating on local parks and playgrounds.
- May 27 is Waterway Wash-up. Last fall a small group from our club and the McMurray club worked along with the Watershed Alliance and made the front page of the O-R.

Members who are mobility challenged can help by staffing tables for the younger and more mobile participants.

Joe asked us to like and share the notice on our Facebook page and to register at the link below.

<https://www.wcwalliance.org/events/washington-spring-clean-2023-march-25th-2023-ramps-roads-day>

Dorothy Tecklenburg asked if they could bring their dog to the park clean-up.

Joe: Sure

Someone asked about the plastic bottle cap collection, where can they be dropped off? Citizens Library is one drop-off location. Just be sure that the caps are clean. They cannot be used if they have not been washed.

Next Week Club Fun Night

Upcoming: Wings Night on Thursday, March 30, at the Lone Pine Country Club. All you can eat wings for \$15.95. If wings aren't your thing, you can order off the grill menu, or if all-you-can-eat is intimidating, you can order 6 or 10 wings for a reduced price. Time: 5-7. Come hungry, leave happy.

The meeting ended with the Four-Way Test, led by **Joe Piszczor**

Speakers

March 21st
Mary Jo Podgurski
Douglas

March 25th
Clean up