

Washington Rotary Club



September 19, 2023

The Washington Rotary Club met today at the Center on Strawberry in downtown Washington.

In the absence of **President Dorothy Tecklenburg**, **President Elect Kathy Sabol** presided over the meeting. The invocation was delivered by **Secretary Susan Price**. Nineteen members were present along with guests **Judge Katherine Emery**, our speaker. **Bob Wicker** had as his guest, **Patrick Cumpton**.

HAPPY \$\$\$\$ OR DOG \$\$\$\$

- **Dawn Haber** announced her daughter got engaged (could a wedding be soon??). Congratulations to Dawn and her daughter.
- **Kelly Swift** happy for the support given to CASA on the "WCCF Day of Giving" as funds a much needed.
- **John Tecklenburg** happy to report Dorothy remains positive following her issues at Burning Man. Her movements are restricted not only physically but wheelchair issues.
- **Fern Sibert** is happy with the collection of bottle caps and asking for help at her home on Thursday from 11:00 to 1:00. If you can help, please call...work to be done on the porch!
- **Joe Piszczor** happy to support **Brandi Miller's** Scholar's Bowl fundraiser; happy for WCCF "Day of Giving" and the \$1.6 million dollars; happy for **Kathy Sabol** and her "team" for the success of Constitution Day and the many activities coordinated.
- **Kathy Sabol** happy for a great Constitution Day at the courthouse, the Rotarians for helping with the reading, the five (5) school districts who participated.
- **John Hopper** thanks to **Kathy Sabol** and the Bar Association Foundation for a great day and for the 20 persons from 17 countries who became U.S. Citizens.
- **Bill Allison** happy the Bradford House had a good day with the WCCF Day of Giving

- **John Tecklenburg** happy for a 2nd time today to remind us he was happy to have tutored prospective candidates for citizenship.
- **Patrick Crumpton** (guest) happy his son, a drummer, for his successful participation in his first public event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Return of Toilet Paper Man, **Dave Hart** dressed as Robin Hood, kicking off his T.P. collection for the Community Circle Food Pantry. Rolls needed or \$\$ for him to purchase. Dave is reach and the need is great. Reminder: last year we contributed 2,200 rolls. Can we top this? Dave says YES.

2. **Amy Gough** needs volunteers and there are several opportunities:

- The dictionary project,
- Trolley Museum,
- See-Saw Marathon to benefit the Common Ground Teen Center (make checks out to Washington Health System Foundation).
- See-Saw Marathon is Friday October 20 from 4:00 PM to Saturday, October 21, 4:00PM at the Center on Main Street.



3. **Brian Gorman's** program on PA's Clean Slate legislation and the "Pardon Me" documentary being screened at W&J at the Burnett Center Conference Room. All are welcome for the viewing and discussion of the program.

4. Washington Festival Chorale will be with us on December 5 thanks to **Susan Priest**.

5. Glass recycling on October 7 volunteers **Park Burroughs** and **Angela Barnhart**.

6. Thank you to **Susan Price, John Hopper** and **Bill Price** for reading of the Constitution on Friday, **Joe Piszczor** for his camera work, **Susan Priest** for arranging to have the Festival Chorale to sing the National Anthem at the Court House.

7. The **Zonta Club** of Washington County celebrated the 38th Anniversary and Rose Day Celebration on Sunday September 17th. In attendance were Rotarians **John Hopper, Bill and Susan Price** and **Mike Sears. Cherie Sears** was honored for her Community Service Role in Education. We as a Club recognized Cherie for her roles as a member of the California Rotary Club and for serving as District Governor in District 7330.

Congratulations Cherie Sears
on your community service award!
You are a shining example of Rotary's motto,
"Service Above Self."

~ From your friends at the Washington Rotary Club.



PROGRAM: Judge Katherine Emery



Judge Emery from the Washington County Court of Common Pleas spoke on "What the Constitution Means to Me". The Judge gave a brief history of the founding of our country and the writing of the document to govern the country.

- James Madison is given most of the credit for this great document that has provided broad guidelines (guard rails) for the states to follow.
- The original had no Bill of Rights as this was added later.
- Articles I, II, III set the duties of each branch of government.
- Article III the Judiciary is the shortest of the Articles provides for our present-day system of courts.
- Judge Emery provided a general overview of the Constitution and reflected on individual rights that are granted within the framework of the document.
- She also noted that the Pennsylvania State Constitution is one of the oldest.

Supreme Court decisions were discussed as well as the number of judges to be appointed. The Supreme Court began with 6 judges and 9 currently serve life terms or until the judge decides to retire.

The membership appreciated **Judge Emery** being with us for this meeting, and it is certain that everyone learned a little something more about our Constitution.

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September
23rd



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October 1st



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October 1st



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October 9th