



# Rotary Roundup

The Sykesville-South Carroll Rotary Club, Sykesville, MD  
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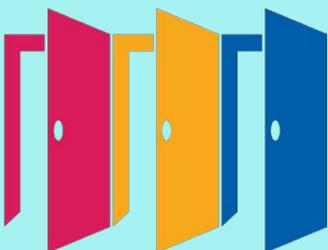


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## President's Logo



## Rotary Roundup for April, 2021

### Dates to Remember

April 6 ♦ Meeting - Stratosphere 8 a.m.

April 13 ♦ No Meeting

April 13 ♦ SSC Club and Foundation Board Meeting

April 20 ♦ Regular meeting - Stratosphere 8 a.m.

April 27 ♦ Regular Meeting - Stratosphere 8 a.m.

### Service Opportunities

Support the Pop-Up Food Pantry!

### Meeting Notes

#### March 2, 2021

The following announcements were made:

- The Club will be launching our Sykesville South Carroll Rotary Easter Basket Raffle. Included are Chocolate & Wine along with \$500.00 worth of MD scratch off lottery tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Buy 10 get one free!!! If you have some wine you are willing to donate please let Dave O♦Callaghan or Virginia Harrison know. Proceeds support local charities and our scholarship fund. Cindy Pehl was thanked for donating five bottles of wine.
- Ms. Durienne

Saum is a candidate to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student. She was selected and endorsed by the district committee last year but was delayed due to Covid-19. Pat Greenwald

volunteered to be a liaison between the club and Durienne while she is abroad.

- Dawn Wittfelt will soon be giving an update on the Wine Tasting which is to be held the first week in April.
- Dave will be sending out a survey to assess how to improve the meetings and to determine if and when members plan to return in person.
- The scholarship applications are now posted on the Web site.
- It was voted and approved to give \$300 to Carroll Community College to support the Book Fair.
- The Pop-Up Food Pantry will resume operation on March 13th at St. Paul's UMC.
- Pat would like to restart the Homework Club and will be checking the availability of tutors.

There were at least nine members physically present and seven on Zoom.

**March 16, 2021**

The following announcements were made:

- Since scholarships are now available, an article was sent to the Carroll County Times about the scholarships the Club is offering. Information was

Sykesville South Carroll Rotary Easter Basket Raffle

**Win!**

**\$500.00 Scratch Off Lottery Tickets  
Plus Wine & Chocolate!!!**

*all proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships*

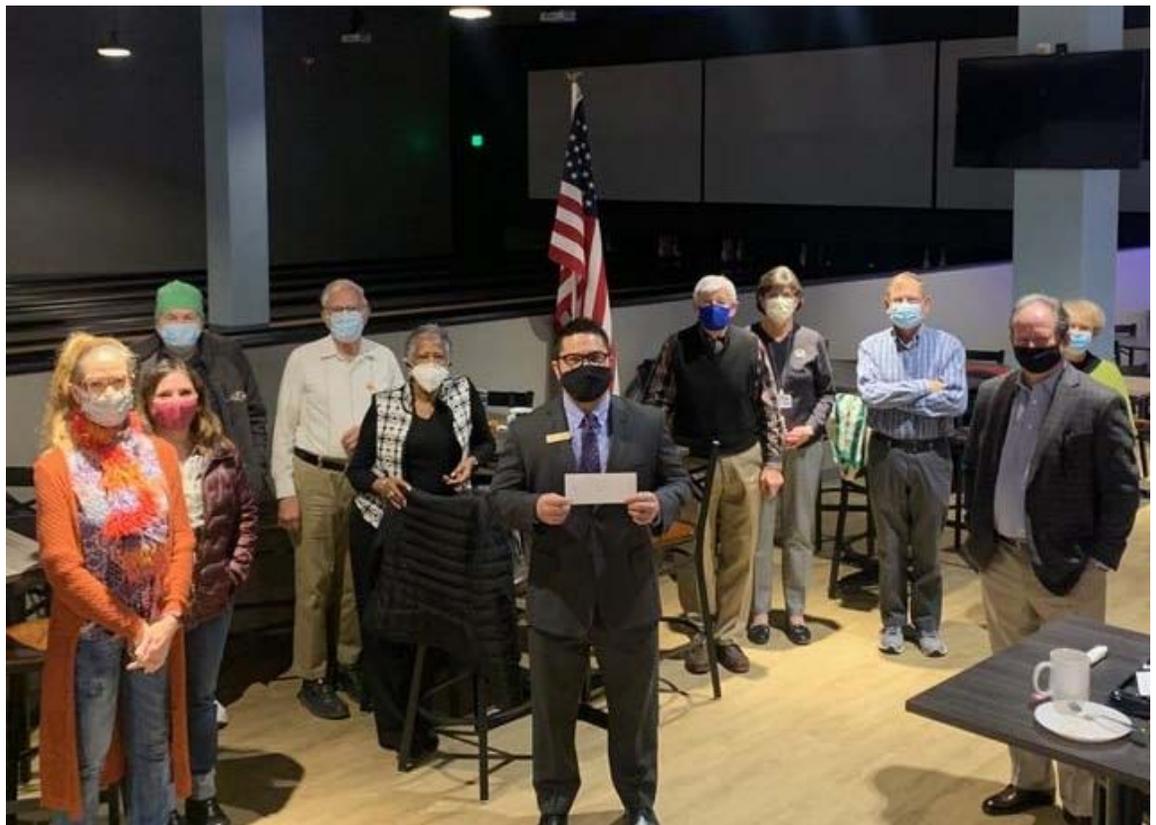


also sent to CCPS, the School Board, and to the various private schools. Applications are available at <http://sykesvillerotary.org/>.

- If raffle tickets are needed for the March 30th drawing, please see Amy, for there is still time to get your Chocolate, Wine & \$500.00 Scratch off raffle tickets. Special: \$10.00 each buy 5 get one free!!! If you have some wine, you are willing to donate please bring to a meeting or let Dave or Virginia know. Proceeds support local charities and our scholarship fund.
- Durienne Saum, the student we were to send abroad still cannot travel again this year due to COVID.
- The Wine Social is scheduled for April 8. Attendance can be in person at Amante's patio or virtually. You can select a small selection of wines with paring and there will be a virtual tasting with a wine rep via Zoom.
- Wine choices include a Pinot Gris (2019), Cabernet Sauvignon (2018) & Syrah (2017) from Boomtown by Dusted Valley located in Columbia Valley Washington. Order your wine choice by March 30th. (Must be ordered ahead.) Pick up wine and food by 6 pm, April 8. There will be a choice of two bottles of wine, and the meal will be two full pasta meals (serving two people), customized to go with the wine that was ordered. The cost will be \$60.00. Additional bottles may be purchased for only \$20.00 each.

The guest speaker was O'Ryan Case, Director of Development from The Arc Carroll County, who talked about The Arc's programs, including their virtual day program, as well as their Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Certification Program which will launch soon. The Arc Carroll County supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their individual pursuit of a fulfilling life. For those interested please note their Website: <https://arccarroll.org/on>. One hundred people

are in and out of Arc every day. He explained that many are on Zoom attending classes. Some of the classes offered are US History, American Sign Language, and Spanish. The public can join this Conversational Spanish class; if interested go to the Arc's Website for information. Socialization and the development of skills are emphasized. Their soon to be launched DSP program will support their jobs program where people can earn three levels of certification. Arc is currently raising money to support this new program. They currently have 80 employer partners. They provide massive amounts of transportation for CCPS. Forty vehicles are needed to get people to school or jobs. This includes some school busses. They also support eight homes in Westminster and Towson for clients to live. All together, there are 700 in their programs. At the conclusion of his very interesting talk, O'Ryan was presented with a check from the Club.



**March 23, 2021**

The following announcements were made:

- . A reminder was given about the April 8 Wine Tasting Social at Amante's. Please call Dawn or the

restaurant to order the wine. The social will be held on the patio.

- Next week the speaker will be Erin Bishop, and April 20th there is to be a speaker for the meeting. There was no speaker today. At least seven were present in person and three virtually.

## **March 30, 2021**

The following announcements were made:

- A reminder was given about the virtual wine tasting at 6:30 at Amante's on April 8.
- A thank you letter from the CEO at Springfield was received thanking members for the Christmas gifts and continuing support for Springfield.
- Pat Greenwald announced that the Homework Club is now open for business.
- Dawn announced that 79 families were served last week at the Pop-Up Food Pantry.
- A thank you was received from O'Ryan Case for the check last week.
- Dawn Wittfelt was the winner of the \$500.00 Scratch off Lottery tickets plus wine and chocolate basket in a drawing held during the meeting.  
**CONGRATULATIONS, DAWN!!**

Erin Bishop from the Boys and Girls Club was the speaker. The Club was closed from March through July of 2020 due to COVID. During that time, they tried to stay in touch with the families with food drives and car parades. 78 meals were served in Westminster and Taneytown. Summer camp had about 150 kids attending. The Club became a center for virtual learning for the kids. This was enabled because staff and more computers were added. They were fortunate in that they never did have a COVID outbreak. They were the only Boys and Girls Club to stay open and the only one in Maryland that had no cases of COVID. They were able to keep all the staff employed. They have served 283 kids since COVID began. Twenty to twenty-five teens

attend on Friday nights. She mentioned that drug use has skyrocketed, and that social and emotional problems have increased as isolation has taking its toll on kids. In September, they opened their after-school program for fifteen kids. For Christmas, they adopted seventy-eight families. She thanked the Club and the community for supporting that effort. In March they returned to their regular after school program.

Wednesdays are still virtual learning days for CCPS, so they are assisting kids with that. They are also still helping to care for the children of first responders. Their portal is open to any student in CCPS. The Club did not give her an additional check this time because a check for \$1500 has been already given that was a donation for three years.