



Rotary Roundup

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Where We Meet

The Sykesville South Carroll Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. We are a breakfast club, convening at **Stratosphere Social** located at 1332 Londontown Blvd., in Eldersburg, MD

Comics to Astonish Inc
Comic book store

The Cleaning Authority - Westminster

Londontown Blvd

Dates to Remember

October 1 & 2 Oktoberfest

October 4 – Regular Meeting - Stratosphere (8 a.m.)

October 11 – No Regular Meeting

October 12 – No Social

October 15 – No additional Service Project since October's was Oktoberfest

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October 18 – Regular Meeting - Stratosphere (8 a.m.) Speaker is Maria Myers, Recycling Manager at Carroll County Department of Public Works

October 25 – No Regular Meeting

Service Opportunities

Continue to support the Pop-Up Food Pantry with a donation or send a check to The Rotary Foundation and say it is for the Sykesville Pop-up Food Pantry. The pantry is desperately short of supplies, such as canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta, and sauce. Money is always needed.

Please continue to contribute to the district-wide service project to support Ukraine by contributing to Disaster Aid USA or to the Rotary Foundation's official channel for relief funds: The Disaster Relief Fund.

Meeting Notes

September 6, 2022 The following announcements were made:

- . Many guests were welcomed including Ed Rothstein, Tony, Donna, Jessica, and Patty
- . Next Tuesday there will be a Board meeting at Panera at 8 a.m.
- . There will be a Social at Tony's on the 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- . The September Service Project will be on September 17th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. to pick up trash behind Safeway.
- . Today there will be an Oktoberfest meeting at Vanessa's at 5:30.
- . Virginia announced that \$100 was collected for school supplies.
- . Dawn announced that for Oktoberfest, yard signs and flyers are available for distribution. Sponsors and vendors are still needed.
- . Orders for Rotary Shirts were taken.

The speaker was Carroll County Commissioner Ed Rothstein. He comes from a military background and was the Installation Commander at Ft. Meade. He began by talking about the impact of COVID and that this community was all about resilience. The County gave microloans to keep local businesses afloat and also secured State and Federal grants to help small businesses. As a result, Sykesville did not lose any businesses due to COVID. He sees his role as a resource manager and to build community. He participated in streamlining Carroll County government and reported that there have been no tax increases for the last ten years. He lauded our land preservation



program. The goal is to preserve 100,000 acres and "we are 78% there to reach the goal." He noted that EMS is being professionalized. Our roads are in good condition. Roads in the northern part of the County are not as good as in the southern sector. He said they are spending to meet the needs and requirements without raising

taxes. There is no money right now for turf fields because the number one priority by law is to maintain a balanced budget, and he feels there are difficult years ahead in order to maintain a balanced budget. On December 4, there will be four new commissioners due to the election. All decisions need a quorum, so three of them have to agree to get things passed. He discussed priorities in regard to road projects. They are routes 32, 26, and Main Street in Sykesville. He wants 32 to be first because of the three high schools and the high number of elder persons living in the area. He mentioned the second VA home in Maryland, to be built near Sykesville with no Carroll County money. The largest solar panel in the County will soon be built, and the largest comic book distribution center will be in the old Solo Cup place—a Random House project. Two residential housing developments are being developed nearby— one near Bupperts and the other near Progress Way. To build these, factors such as water, sewer, EMS, schools, and security all have to be figured in the plans for developments. As for schools: occupancy is lower county-wide, but schools are crowded in South Carroll. He then returned to the subject of turf fields which are all expensive, so it is planned to build a centrally located turf field. After Commissioner Rothstein answered some questions, and after the usual closing exercises, the meeting adjourned. There were twenty attendees.

September 14

An enjoyable Social was held at Tony's with twenty-one in attendance.

September 20

The following announcements were made:

- Hillary from Stratosphere is the latest new member of the Club. Other attendees were Liam, Tony, Donna , and Maddy.
- Saturday's service project was a success. Two big bags of trash were collected.
- The October Social is to be skipped as Dawn and Cindy will be away.
- The November Social will be held at Basta Pasta, which donated four \$50.00 gift cards for the Silent Auction.
- A speaker is needed for the October fourth meeting.
- Virginia said the Boys and Girls Club served 500 kids last year and sent 300 to camp last summer. Some of the kids will be helping with Oktoberfest.
- Dawn said over \$20,000 in sponsorship came from this Club, and they have over \$40,000 in sponsorships. She needs attendees and volunteers. She thanked Amy for producing the Oktoberfest booklet.
- So far, only two people from this Club have signed up to help at Oktoberfest
- It was announced that the Fallfest Parade is this Thursday, and we have a float and are #31 in the parade lineup.
- Set up for Oktoberfest is Friday from 9-5.
- There will be a 50/50 to raise money for a scholarship.
- A reminder was given as follows:
 - Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.
 - 2nd Wednesday is a Social (but not in October)
 - 3rd Saturday is for a Service project, (but not in October as there was Oktoberfest)
- Next meeting is October 4th.



After the usual closing exercises, the meeting adjourned. There were fifteen attendees.