



Rotary Roundup

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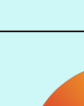
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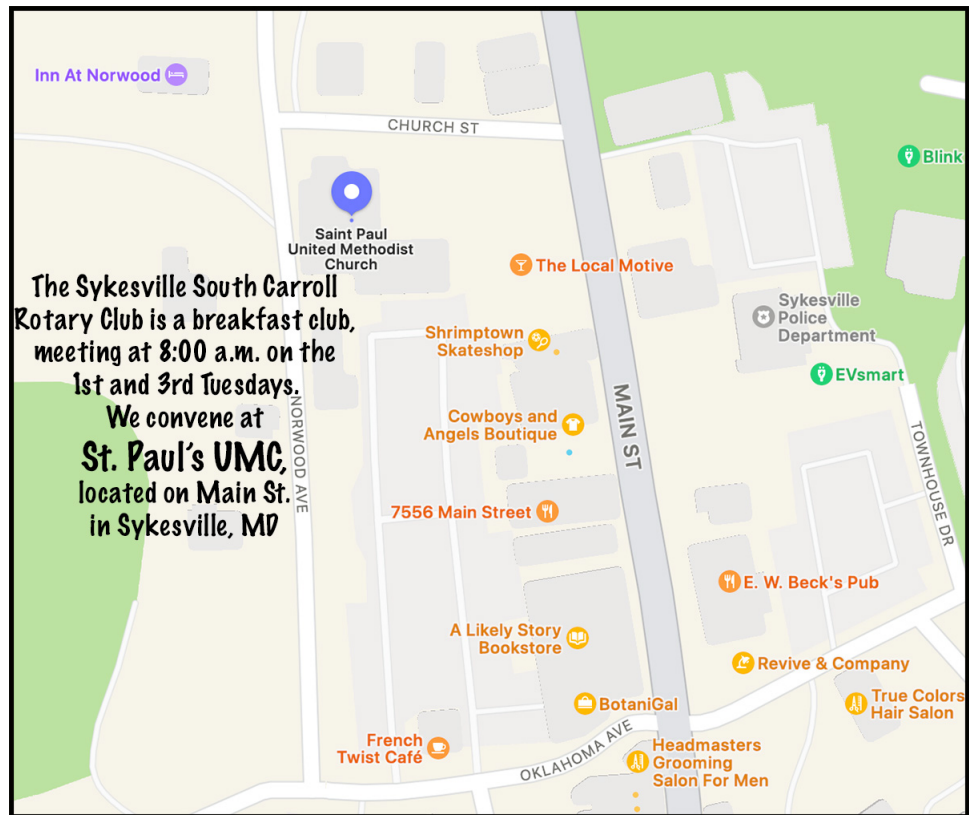
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Rotary Roundup for April, 2024

Where We Meet



Dates to Remember

April 2 – Regular Meeting – St. Paul’s UMC (8 a.m.)

April 9 – No regular meeting

April 13 – Service Project – Food Pantry needs help (9:30 a.m.)

April 16 – Regular Meeting – St. Paul’s UMC (8 a.m.).

April 27 – Food Pantry needs help (9:30 a.m.) and donations.

Service Opportunities

Continue to support the Food Pantry on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays with a donation or send a check to the Sykesville Freedom Rotary Foundation and say it is for the Sykesville Food Pantry. Community needs have continued to increase. Money and help are always needed and appreciated. The Maryland Food Bank especially needs cereal, jelly, canned fruit, pasta, rice, and cash.

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

March 5, 2024

The following announcements were made:

- Virginia had NONE !!!!
- Dawn – Welcomed guests. She likes the new space at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. She recently attended Chesapeake training, which was very worthwhile and enlightening. She reminded all about the Social next Wednesday and the Food Pantry this Saturday.
- Dave announced the scholarship process is underway.

unusual way.

Speaker: Joe diMonda was present with his wife, Amanda.



He comes from an insurance family. His mother was an early mover-shaker in the insurance industry and became the first female agent in Nationwide Insurance in the original office in New York. She established the Maryland office, which ended up with the NY office being run from MD. His mother retired, and he bought the business and shut down the NY office. He sells all lines of insurance and sells from Vermont to Florida.

Joe lives in Marriottsville. His office is on Liberty Road and is moving to a new location at 1514 Liberty Road and will be having a grand opening.

Amanda is involved with dog rescues and is associated with Canine Humane Network, a small, private shelter based in Highland. They have both puppies and older dogs and do "unicorn" fostering. Adopters need pre-approval, and the cost to adopt is \$300-\$400 for a puppy and may be less or free for older dogs. Dan suggested they put signage up at the local Dog Walk. The puppies and maybe some dogs will be at Joe's grand opening event from 1-3 pm. After their presentations, Dawn and others gave them the rundown about all things Rotary.

Richard secured the 50/50 prize. Happy dollars were received all around and the meeting concluded with the 4-Way Test.

March 13, 2024

An amazing Social was held at the Rincon Italian Grill located at 577 Johnsville Road, Sykesville. The dinner was excellent, and about 30 people attended which included lots of guests.





Susan Haight, Virginia Harrison, and Bob Nickel were Paul Harris awardees and received much-deserved recognition.



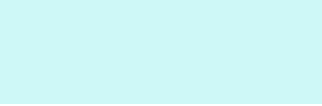
Club President, Cindy, presenting Paul Harris Awarded certificates to (l. to r.) Susan, Virginia, and Bob. Congratulations!

March 19, 2024

The following announcements were made:

- Virginia discussed the renovations at the new Hampstead Boys and Girls Club. The official opening is scheduled for April 9.
- What to do about the Eldersburg library remains under discussion.
- Dave mentioned that the annual Battle of the Books will be held in nine separate locations and runs from March 22 for the first one through May 3rd for the last one. Our Club is again one of the sponsors.
- Dawn and Cindy will be away for the next meeting, so Amy will be in charge.
- In the meeting on April 16th, there will be a discussion of what fund-raiser(s) should be put in place to replace Oktoberfest that has worn out its welcome after ten years.
- The District Conference will be held in Cambridge, April 19-22.

The program consisted of each person present telling what they have done really well, what they have done not so well, and what is their hobby. The responses were most interesting. The meeting adjourned after the usual



closing exercises so those involved could attend the Foundation Board Meeting.