



Rotary Roundup

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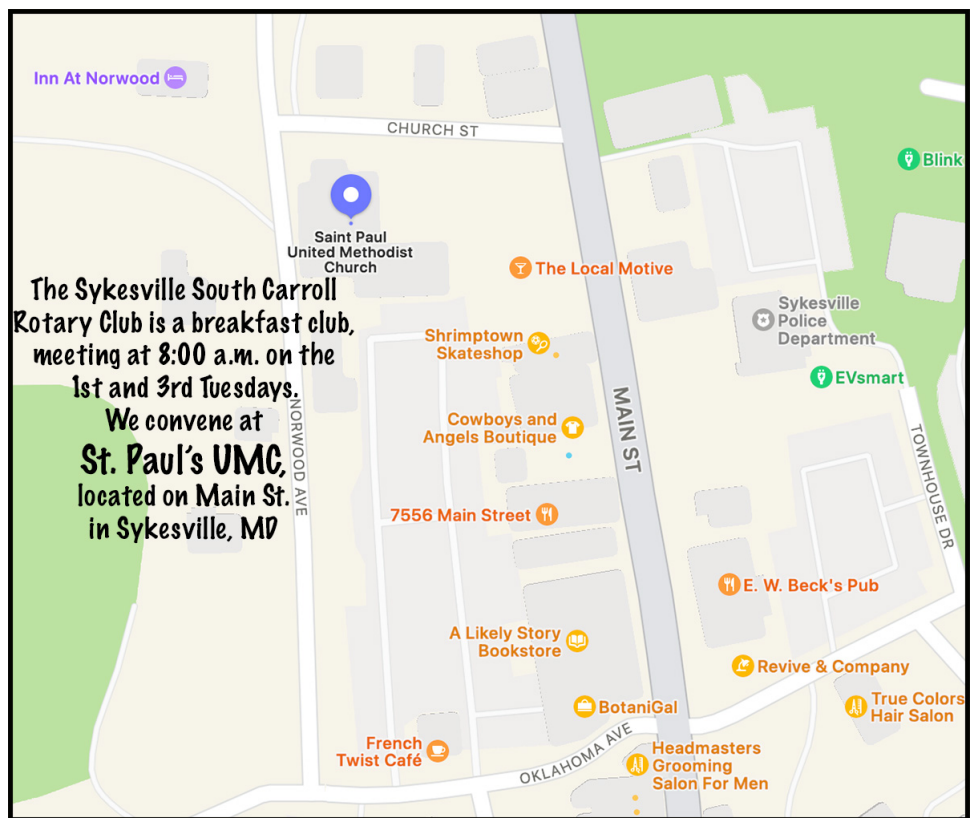


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Rotary Roundup for September, 2024

Where We Meet



Dates to Remember

September 3 â€” Regular Meeting â€” St. Paulâ€™s UMC (8 a.m.)

September 14 â€” Service Project â€” Food Pantry needs help (9:30 a.m.)

September 10 â€” No Regular meeting

September 11 â€” Social at X-Golf (5:30-7:30.)

September 17 â€” Regular Meeting â€” St. Paulâ€™s UMC (8 a.m.).

September 28 â€” 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 continue 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 Foundationâ€™s official channel for relief funds: The Disaster Relief Fund.

Meeting Notes

August 6, 2024

The following announcements were made:

- Rusty introduced a prospective member, his grandson, Lyndon Johnson
- Cindy distributed the latest Rotary pins and reminded all that the food pantry is Saturday.
- Raffle drawing will be at the September 3 meeting. Bob announced that the raffle has a top prize of \$1,000. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00

TICKETS FOR \$10.00.

- The Homework Club kids are keeping journals, so Virginia is still collecting small journals for them.

Catherine Piek, one of the Scholarship winners, was in attendance and thanked the Club for her award. She has worked as a waiter in the dining room at Fairhaven for the last three years and is now working as a nursing assistant at Fairhaven. She plans to become an ER nurse. She has started at CCC and plans to transfer to Stevenson University or the University of Delaware.

Nancy announced that Brian has the flags, and she has ordered two kits to go with them. The flag holders could go into the ground at any time and can be mowed over. The flags will be placed at the Funeral Home and along Route 32 where the elves decorate the trees for Christmas. The flags will go up for 9/11 and will go up again for Veteransâ€™™ Day. Nancy wants to have a service at 10 A.M. outside at Haightâ€™™s and inside the Chapel if it rains. If there is a funeral scheduled, perhaps move it all to the American Legion. She would like to have two banners and needs sponsors to pay for them. Ads need to go in the CCTimes and the Sykesville newsletter. Charles and Bob announced that they will put the flag holders 12 inches into the ground, and Dawn will get it mowed where the â€™œChristmasâ€™ trees are located.

Catherine won the happy dollars! Since there was no more to discuss, the meeting adjourned after the usual closing exercises. There were thirteen in attendance.

August 19, 2024

The following announcements were made:

- Paul Mahata, Dick Wilcher, and Liam were welcomed. Liam is excited to enter first grade this year. Virginia reported the Boys and Girls Club is doing well this summer.
- Walmart and Staples have good deals on school supplies. Virginia is still collecting journals for kids. \$40.00 has been collected for school supplies. She also collected additional paper and notebooks and took all the supplies to the School Board.
- Cindy still has raffle tickets.

Nancy Parker again presented the plan for a fundraiser that calls for a display of Flags for Heroes. She has purchased 100 3x5 flags. Brian Haight has said they may be displayed in the area beside the funeral home. The flags will be displayed on September 11. Seventy-five will be displayed at Haight's and twenty-five at Fairhaven along Route 32.

Scouts will be needed to help with the display, and flyers and programs will be needed. Money is needed for banners and road signs. Flags are also to be displayed on

November 11. The cost to display a flag will be \$50.00. Tags will be provided to identify for whom the flag was placed. Charles Reese will pay the \$300.00 to purchase one hundred tags. Sponsors are needed to support the event. The American Legion may want to participate. Nancy is talking about having a program on November 11 at the Funeral Home with participation by the LHS band. However, the LHS Band Director is on maternity leave. A discussion was held about having lights on the flag display. Solar lights were considered.

Paul Mahata from the Mt. Airy Club was the speaker, and he was accompanied by Dick Wilcher, also from the Mt. Airy Club. Paul sent in advance this summary of his proposals:

We are planning on submitting two applications to The Rotary Foundation in the coming months dealing with:

1. *Program of Scale for rural India, focusing on water, sanitation, and hygiene among children of 1,000 schools; and*
2. *Wheelchairs for 100 Polio victims of Ghana*
Currently, we are seeking:
 - a. *Networking support from multiple clubs and multiple districts from three countries (USA, INDIA, AUSTRALIA) to move forward on the Program of*



Scale and to get commitment of \$0.5 million from external (non-Rotarian) sources; and

- b. *Participation from a dozen clubs in RID 7620 for the Global Grant: Wheelchairs of Ghana, hopefully each club contributing \$500 to \$2,000 for this project.*

This is the fourth global grant Paul has worked on, and he would like to obtain approval for it by the end of December. Daniel from the Mt. Airy Club competes in wheelchair races and started a Foundation called Wheels of Change along with his friend Raphael from Ghana. (Raphael and Daniel will be participating in the Paralympics on August 28.) The goal is to provide about one hundred wheelchairs to some Polio victims of Ghana so they will have mobility. It will cost about \$500.00 for one wheelchair. The wheelchairs come from China, and repair kits and shipping are included. It is hoped people will sell and repair wheelchairs and start a business doing so. Paul is working with Pauline from Ghana, who is a member of the Capitol Hill Club.

Paul also talked about the Program of Scale which has not been done before in the US, but has been done in Egypt, India and Nigeria. To do one of these projects, you have to have done something in the past related to this project, and having participated in clean water projects before qualifies. Half a million dollars are needed from corporations to do this, and then the Rotary Foundation will add funds. Paul thinks it will take a year to get half a million in commitments. He is counting on help from central Maryland and DC because he says this is the richest area in the whole world! After this most interesting presentation, Paul and Dick answered a few questions. Then the meeting adjourned after the usual closing exercises. There were sixteen in attendance.