

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
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Dates to Remember

Join us at 9 a.m. on **Saturday April 22nd** for our annual environmental hands-on event to clean up the South River. Valley Children's Advocacy Center will need volunteers on **April 17 and 18** from 10am to 4pm.

March 16th



Van der Linde Recycling & Container Rentals

Andrea Johnson, CEO, and Jessica Brown, Exec. Assistant, spoke about what services their company offers. They are located in Troy, near Zion Crossroads, and specialize in construction and demolition materials. A list of some items they take include: cardboard, carpet, mattresses, concrete, drywall, metal, shingles, etc. They harvest the recyclable items and convert some into useful products like mulch or gravel. They pick up in the Waynesboro area for a fee.

March 23rd



Youth Mentoring Youth in the Natural Sciences

Four local high school students from the Governors School are preparing to work with underserved students at Kate Collins Middle School and earn college credit from JMU. Analise Edmunds, Tyler Jenkins, Georgia Grandystate and Veronica John took turns describing the program that will provide mentoring and touchtone experiences. JMU professors Dr Tom Benzing and Dr Johnathon Miles, who are with the Center for Coldwater Restoration, initiated the program.

March 30th



On the Road Collaborative

Member Mike Gabel has taken on weekly music selection and is working his way through all 50 states. Today we sang "Under the Boardwalk" to honor New Jersey. Our speakers brought us updates on a program we first heard about last fall. Brent Hosinger reminded us of their goal to empower youth and help them meet their goals. Angela Mickens gave us examples of what she has been up to at Kate Collins Middle School. Students have been on field trips, written poetry, picked up trash, learned to cook, built Little Free Libraries, made friends, heard about possible careers and had a lot of fun!

April 6th

New Member Talks

Past President Doris Hulvey will be presiding over our April meetings. Today we enjoyed new member talks by Leslie Tate (featured in the last Gear Post) and Jennifer Lewis (featured below). Both talked about the importance of service in their lives and show great promise for leadership to Rotary in the coming years.



Club Members

We currently have 63 members - 32 men and 31 women. Nine have the R85 designation: Dick Clark, Paul Dana, Mary Anne Everly, Steve Howlett, Carl Kerby, Mitchell Lawrence, Dick Schilling, Jeff Ward and Kin Yancy. This means the total of their age and years of membership is at least 85 years. We may not see these folks as often because they are excused from attendance expectations. We also have one honorary member, Ed Lyman. This designation is given to members who have provided exceptional service and embody Rotary ideals.



In Memoria

John Baugher passed away on March 18th at the age of 85. He joined our club in 1981 and had perfect attendance for 30 years. He was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and served as president during the 2005/2006 year. John was owner of Baugher Chevrolet-Buick and served on many community boards including United Way and Blue Ridge Community College. He was president of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Waynesboro Jaycees. Our sympathies go to his wife Sandra, his children and grandchildren.



Welcome New Member Jennifer Lewis!

Jennifer grew up in upstate New York on a dairy farm. She has worked extensively in the mental health field for nearly 20 years and currently working with adults as a Hospital Liaison with Region Ten CSB. Jennifer received our vocational service award in 2021 and has served as a volunteer with many organizations. She has already represented our club as a volunteer at United Way and Serenity Garden. The home she shares with husband Ben includes one dog, several cats and foster kittens. Jennifer was sponsored by Frank Carey and Kristi Williams.



Welcome New Member Nina Gray!

Nina grew up on a ranch and farm outside of Amarillo Texas. She is well-traveled and lived for many years in Houston TX, Colorado and most recently over 11 years in London. She is a dual U.K./USA citizen and is the mother of 3 adult sons as well as 2 German American grandchildren who live in Berlin. Nina is an Executive Recruiter in her own boutique firm, Gray Legal Search, focusing on experienced lawyer searches. She was sponsored by husband, Mike Gabel, and Dick Clark.

Notes from the Board



Jeff Fife, who presided over meetings during the month of March, presented a check for \$500 To Nancy Whitlock for The Salvation Army at the March 16 meeting. Other recent donations include \$400 for Boys State and \$200 to the Winchester Rotary Club for their "Bed Project". Len Poulin has resigned and will be transferring his membership to The Rotary eClub of Innovation based in London with members from around the world. We wish Len well and thank him for his many years of service to our club.