

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

Dec 2022/Jan 2023

Acting President: Rebecca Shin
Secretary: Sarah Paiste
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
President Elect: Vonda Lacey
Directors: Tracy Straight, Troy Hamilton, Jim White and Meg Huebeck
Gear Post: Francine Johnston & Michelle White



Dates to Remember

District conference **March 3-5** at the Salem Convention Center. Newcomers will have expenses covered by the club! Beginning in February our weekly meetings will be held at Orchard Creek.

December 8th



Erica Sayers and Mary Ann Everly

Membership and Foundation Updates

Former President Dick Shilling led the meeting. Erica Sayers began by talking about how much she enjoyed attending the RYLA meeting with 15 area students. She then shared membership statistics and asked for help in recruiting and retaining new members. We need about 14 new members next year to meet our goals. Mary Ann Everly then talked about the Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris awards. She reminded us of how our donations benefit our projects and asked that everyone try to contribute at least \$100 each year.

December 15th

Meeting canceled due to winter weather.

January 5th



RYLA participants: Cam Strickland, Nathan Ryan, Sean Ross, and Jacob Hostetter

Club Assembly and Visitors

With acting president Rebecca Shin officiating at the Wayne Theatre, our meeting began with AG Kim Snyder presenting us with a Gold Club Award. This is given to clubs who meet their goals in things such as membership and service during the previous year. Next, Andy Matherly presented certificates to students from Waynesboro High School and Fishburne Military School who had attended the RYLA conference in December. Each of them talked a bit about themselves and the impact of the leadership conference. Rebecca then gave us a review of club accomplishments during the first half of the Rotary year.

January 12th



Venue Poll and Presentation by Neely Dahl

At our January 12 meeting we recognized the hard work of the Venue Taskforce and conducted a poll for member preferences. Neely Dahl, Tobacco Treatment Specialist at University of Virginia Health Comprehensive Cancer Center, joined via Zoom to deliver a message on the dangers of tobacco use. Dahl reported to the group that there are 7,000 chemicals in a cigarette and 70 of those cause cancer! She provided resources to help people quit smoking.

Election Results for 23/24

We held our yearly elections on January 5th. Lora Hamp is our new President-Elect, Jodi Tibbs is our new Treasurer and Erica Sayers will serve on the Board of Directors. Returning will be Sarah Paiste as

Secretary and Tracy Straight as a Board Member. Vonda Lacey is our rising President. Congratulations and thanks to all!

January 19th



RYLA participants Chay Cardoza and Amari Hall

More from RYLA

Tracy Straight was presented with a potted plant and given thanks for the use of the Wayne during the last two years as a meeting place during the pandemic. Erica Sayers introduced two more RYLA participants who came prepared with a slide show to give us a good idea of what their experience was like at the conference back in December. Chay Cardoza and Amari Hall, students at Waynesboro High School, spoke enthusiastically about making new friends, learning more about themselves and developing leadership skills.

January 26th



Rotarian Richard Adams and The Boogie Kings

Charter Night

We celebrated our 98th birthday with a buffet bash at Orchard Creek. Acting president Rebecca Shin and Nancy Whitlock both offered remarks and Nancy was awarded a Paul Harris Major Donor Award and a crystal piece. The Boogie Kings provided a rousing musical review. Thanks to Mary Anne's planning committee!



Jim White chats with the Clarks



New member: Alan Grimes

Welcome to Alan Grimes proposed by Nancy Whitlock and Harold Cook. Alan grew up in the Chicago area then moved to Atlanta where he worked a variety of jobs and completed barber school. He joined the Salvation Army in 2003, met his wife Kim, completed officer training in 2011 and is now the Corps Officer of the local chapter. He has one daughter at Wilson Memorial HS. Alan has a black belt in Taekwondo and enjoys bowling and weightlifting. He is looking forward to meeting people and getting involved in the community through Rotary.



Bill Watkins had a sunny shift

Salvation Army and HUGS

20+ members rang the bell to fill the red kettles for The Salvation Army back in December and raised \$3099 over four days. Special thanks to Kirk Quillen for organizing this every year. Frank Carey led the coat drive for LIFEworks again this year that was expanded to include HUGS (hats, underwear, gloves and socks). Members brought in both new and used items, including blankets to help folks stay warm this winter.

Proposed Member

Nominee: Jennifer Lewis **Employer:** Region Ten Community Services
Classification: Behavioral Health **Proposed by:** Frank Carey & Kristi Williams

Notes from the Board

Jeff Fife has offered space at the YMCA to store Rotary paraphernalia. Over the years, as we have changed venues and members have left or moved, we have lost track of many things. If you have anything in your basement, attic or garage belonging to the club please take it to Jeff.