

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

Dec 2021/Jan 2022

President: Leonard Poulin
President Elect: Barrett Owen
Secretaries: Sarah Paiste & Margaret Hersh
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
Immediate Past President: Rebecca Shin
Directors: Frank Carey, Celine Reid, Tracy Straight and Anne Hudlow
Gear Post: Francine Johnston



Happy New Year!

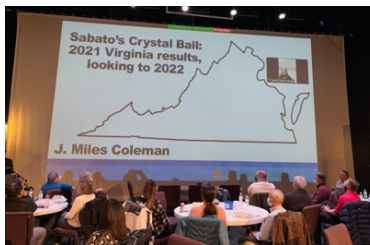
December 2nd



Club Assembly

This was an exciting day as we returned to the tables on the stage for lunch and welcomed a number of guests. At the halfway point of his presidency, Len Poulin reminded us of how much we have learned from our weekly speakers and reviewed the ways we have served the community. He challenged us to uphold the object of Rotary which is to “encourage and foster the ideals of service” and called for every member to get involved so we can “serve to change lives”.

December 9th



Voting Trends in Virginia

Miles Coleman from UVA’s Center for Politics showed us maps and charts that reviewed voting trends in Virginia over the last 20 years and talked about the recent state election that returned a Republican to the governorship. Mr. Coleman addressed what he called election myths, such as the idea that suburban white women and lack of enthusiasm by Democrats had a big effect. Instead, he identified high turnout in the Southwest corner of the state as a contributing factor. He predicts that the Senate races in 2022 will be very close.

December 16th



Lora Hamp and Rebecca Shin
on piano and violin

Christmas Cheer

Our holiday celebration featured the talents of our club hosted by Jeff Fife. Alan Melton played piano while we ate our lunch. Lora Hamp and Rebecca Shin gave us two duets and Thea Jordan sang *Ave Maria*. Then Tracey Straight directed a reading of *A Cajun Christmas* followed by a quick visit from Santa Claus (Mike Meadows). Money was collected to give to our caterer Rick Truslow and theater technician Chris Wrey.



Thea Jordan

Election Results

Our annual election was held on December 16th. Vonda Lacy is our new President-Elect and Meg Huebeck and Jim White will join the Board of Directors. Sarah Paiste and Laurie Landes will return as Executive

Secretary and Treasurer. Troy Hamilton will fill the vacated board seat of Celine Reid. Congratulations and thanks to all of those who agreed to serve and thanks also to the Nominating Committee of Rebecca Shin, Lowrie Tucker and Thea Jordan. A Cub Secretary is still needed.



Lora Hamp rings with her daughter Emily

Service for the Salvation Army

Thirty members of our club spent 79 hours over two weekends at Walmart ringing the bell by the red kettle and raised **\$6,483!** (That's an average of \$82 an hour.) This year the kettle drive raised a total of \$59,239 for the Salvation Army, falling short of the \$75,000 goal. This is a service project we have done for many years, starting in about 1991. Thanks to our organizer Kirk Quillen.



Tom Brown covered 4 shifts!



L to R: JJ Redifer, Hannah Eastman, Chanya Cardoza, Tara Pesic, Molly Finch, Kailyn Roberson and Jonathon Steck

Waynesboro High School Interact Club

The officers of the Interact Club at WHS visited our club on Dec 2nd along with their faculty sponsor Jonathon Steck. The club has been busy! They helped out at the drive-through Trunk or Treat at Zeus, filled 40 Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes, painted the blacktop at Wenonah Elem School, volunteered at the Waynesboro Children's Museum and rang for the Salvation Army. In addition, three members, chaperoned by Andy Matherly, attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) on December 4th at Mountain Lake 4H Center.

Notes from the Board

The board awarded \$400 to support Boys State and \$100 to help pay for the Rotary Rose Bowl float.



New Member: John Boswell

Welcome to John Boswell sponsored by Kristi Williams. John has been the Vice President for Human Resources at Augusta Health for 2 years. He was born in upstate NY and after living in Baltimore, Cleveland and Columbus OH, he now resides in Crozet with wife Beth and an English Springer puppy named Lucy. They have two sons: Alex who is a UVA alumnus now living in Austin and Jack who is currently attending UVA. John says that they are all about family, travel, good restaurants, UVA and the outdoors. He views each day as an opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.



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