

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
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February 2022

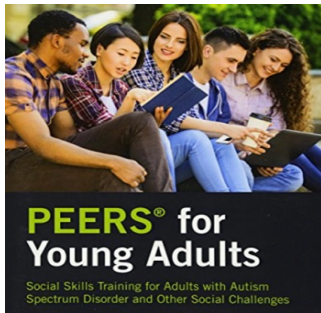
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Dates to Remember

The District Conference will be at the Hotel Roanoke **April 1-3** and registration is now open at www.rotary7570conference.com

January 6th



PEERS for Young Adults Program Offered at WWRC

Lynn Harris introduced her colleague at Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center, Ginger Shifflett. Over the last few years, the disabilities of most clientele at Wilson have shifted from physical to cognitive or social impairments (such as autism) while the focus on preparing young adults for the world of work has not. The PEERS program is designed to develop the social and communication skills needed in addition to job training. A group of 12 students will take part in the initial 8-week program starting in January led by WWRC staff.

January 13th



What it Means to be a Surveyor

Steven P. Douty from Green Forest Surveys of Rockbridge County described a career in surveying as part of Workforce Month. While George Washington could have managed his job 30-40 years ago; surveying has become a highly technical field these days that requires a 4-year degree and additional training to pass the tests for licensure. We were reminded of the important role surveyors play in our society and warned of a looming shortage. Mr. Douty sees the 4-way test question "Is it the truth" as a guiding principle for surveyors.

January 20th



LIFEworks Project

A.J. and Adrienne Young have created a nonprofit known as LIFEworks, inspired by Reverend Barber of the Poor Peoples' Campaign. They provide microgrants to people in need and are working to expand the local food distribution program and community partnerships to improve health care and housing. We have already participated in their drives to collect blankets and coats for WARM. A.J. and Adrienne epitomize *service above self!* Get in touch to volunteer or contribute.

January 27th



Blue Ridge Area Foodbank Update

Michael McKee, CEO of the Blue Ridge Area Foodbank, joined us today to review some statistics about the foodbank and describe the challenges created by the pandemic. He reported that 1 in 12 people can be at risk of "food insecurity" yet many are employed. The

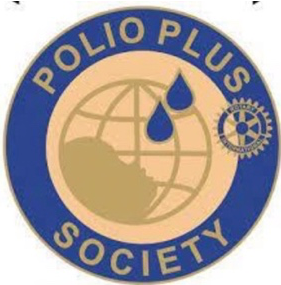
foodbank serves 25 counties with headquarters in Verona and three distribution centers. Much of the food is handed out in over 200 food pantries but mobile units (Such as those developed by LIFEworks) are growing in use. Our club presented Michael with a check for \$794 raised with member contributions.

February 3rd



Midlife Career Changes

Two of our members reported on their recent career changes. Lora Hamp has left her position as a lawyer with Allen and Carwile P.C. to work for The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge as Director of Nonprofit Relations. She sees her new job as “connecting people who care to a cause that matters”. Michael Wilhelm was almost ready to retire as chief of the Waynesboro Police Department, but he saw possibilities in an offer to move to the role of Assistant Manager of Public Safety with the city. He is looking forward to serving the community in a less stressful position. Best wishes to both of you!



Polio Plus Society

Become a charter member of the District 7570 Polio Plus Society by committing \$100 a year in the fight to eradicate polio. The donation can be made during the Pints for Polio event, contributions at the District Conference or just a cash donation to Polio Plus. You may already make donations of this amount or more but now is the time to sign up for the Polio Plus Society and receive a pin. You can donate online at www.rotary.org/donate.

Proposed Member

Nominee: Michelle W. White **Employed by:** Dupont Community C. U.
Classification: Banking and Financial Manager **Proposed by:** Jeff Fife

If there are no objections submitted, in writing, to the Board within ten days of this notice, this individual shall be duly qualified for membership in the Rotary Club of Waynesboro.



New Member: Erica Deluhery

Welcome to Erica Deluhery who joins us by transfer from the Staunton Augusta Club. Erica describes herself as a Navy brat who lived a lot of places, including Iceland. She moved to Waynesboro in 4th grade, graduated from Riverheads HS, and then Liberty University. She currently works at Frontier Community Bank as Senior Vice President of Lending. Her 6-year old son Zach keeps her busy and she is engaged to her best friend Bryan Sayers. Erica enjoys hiking, running 5ks, riding on her Peloton, and reading a good book. She has been an active Rotarian since May of 2019 and enjoys participating in local service projects and volunteering wherever she may be needed. She is looking forward to meeting lots of new friends in our club.