

# GEAR POST

Waynesboro  
Rotary Club  
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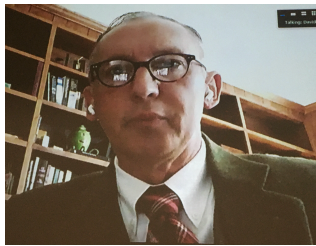
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## Save the Date

Our virtual District Conference will be held on Saturday **March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### January 14th



#### *Updates from our Commonwealth Attorney*

David Ledbetter visited us in May with information about the court systems during Covid-19 and he offered us updates today. Despite some setbacks, the courts are making good use of technology to change the way they do business. They have been able to hold hearings but not any jury trials. Middle River Jail is overcrowded and has reported many Covid cases but no deaths so far. Domestic violence cases and some sexual offenses have increased.

### January 21st



Doris Hulvey shares her experiences as the first woman admitted to the club in 1988

#### *Charter "Night" at Noon Meeting*

Len Poulin and his committee pulled off an informative hybrid celebration in lieu of our usual evening dinner to mark our 96<sup>th</sup> year. After an introduction by Nancy Whitlock, Doris Hulvey and Kin Yancy reflected on the admission of women to the club. We learned from Bill Watkins about how our foundation, which now stands at \$184,680, began with the sale of a Boy Scout hut. Maggie Van Huss reported on the way our service awards developed and recalled some of the recipients. Finally Len reviewed local and international service projects and work with young people as a reminder of our club's impact.

### January 28<sup>th</sup>



#### *Shenandoah Valley Arts Center*

Piper Grove, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Art Center, described the many ways they support arts in our community. The downtown center offers a chance to see changing exhibits and artists at work. They also offer classes to adults and children (in non-Covid times). Piper was excited about the addition they have bought next door that will offer more exhibit space, studios and an artist-in-residence. She encouraged us to come visit the exhibits and gift shop.

### February 4<sup>th</sup>



#### *Updates from Augusta Health*

CEO Mary Mannix and Dr Scott Just provided an informative and very reassuring program about how Augusta Health has responded to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mary shared charts that show how the number of cases has begun to fall and the steps taken to meet the demand for supplies, testing, and hospitalizations while maintaining the safety and wages of employees. Scott talked about the vaccines – how they were

developed so quickly and how effective and safe they will be in preventing the disease. We are lucky to have a topnotch area hospital!

## February 11th



### *New Member Talk: Kristi Williams and The United Way*

Kristi Williams joined our club back in the summer sponsored by Charlie Guggenhiemer. She grew up in California - the daughter of a Rotarian, majored in film studies at the University of Santa Barbara and worked in the film industry for a time. Seeking a more service-oriented life she moved east and earned a nursing degree at UVA. She now lives in Waynesboro with her husband Neil and two children. Kristi serves as the president and CEO of The United Way of Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro. In her talk, she highlighted the many ways that United Way supports health, education and financial stability in the community, especially in the pandemic. Right now, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is of particular interest and volunteers are needed to help out in a variety of way. Visit their website to learn more.



Finishing up the tree

### *Camp LIGHT Project Completed*

Cleaning and painting floors, doors and trim; installing cabinets; carving a giant tree from styrofoam and assembling animal cages were all part of our hands-on service project. The ribbon cutting on February 28<sup>th</sup> marked the official completion of two classrooms that will focus on nature study and greatly expand the number of campers served.



Mike Wilhelm runs the sander and Steve Curry adjusts cabinet doors



Rebecca Shin and Scott Balsley cut the ribbon



## Notes from the Board

The board approved a \$400 donation to sponsor a student to Boy's State. Last year's donation was returned due to event cancellation.