

# GEAR POST

Waynesboro  
Rotary Club  
5780

July 2020

*President:* Rebecca Shin  
*President Elect:* Leonard Poulin  
*Secretary:* Mary Ann Everly-Maupin  
*Treasurer:* Laurie Landes  
*Immediate Past President:* Lowrie Tucker  
*Directors:* Dick Clark, Vonda Lacey,  
Charlie Guggenheimer, Frank Carey



## A New Rotary Year

June 11



### Club Assembly

President Elect Rebecca Shin led the club assembly with a series of power point slides (interspersed with trivia questions) that highlighted her goals and themes for the year (*Rotary Opens Opportunities* and *District 7570 Got Talent*). Len Poulin who will chair the program committee and has purchased equipment to live stream meetings more effectively. Each of the directors had a chance to talk about their own plans and goals. Probably our biggest challenge for the coming year is hosting the district conference in March.

June 18



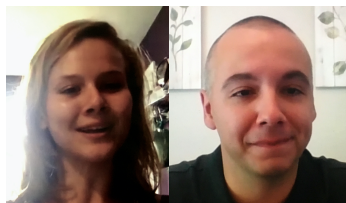
Debra  
Freeman-Belle

Ryan Barber



Tracy Straight

Dan Layman



Katilyn Shull

Brandon Shields

### Vocational Awards and Paul Harris Awards

Today was a day of recognition as Maggie Van Huss announced the vocational awards. The Jean Harris Award went to Debra Freeman-Belle for her work with the homeless. The Non-Rotarian Service Award went to Ryan Barber, Director of Student Service for Waynesboro Schools, for his work planning meal distribution for students. The Rotarian Vocational Award went to Tracy Straight, director of the Wayne Theater, for keeping the performing arts alive during the pandemic. A special Award for Exceptional Community Leadership was given to Dan Layman of the Community Foundation. The Student Choice Award for Teacher of the Year at Kate Collins Middle School went to Katilyn Schull and the WHS award went to Brandon Shields. Awards were delivered to the recipients. Lowrie Tucker presented the President's Service Above Self Award to Rebecca Shin for her outstanding leadership during the last year. Congratulations to everyone and thanks to the selection committee headed by Maggie: Tom Brown, Steve Howlett, Vonda Lacey and Mary Ann Maupin. More photos at our website.

Mary Ann Everly announced Paul Harris Awards for club members who contributed at least \$1000 to the Global Grant for the India water project which was finally approved in April. Pins by year will be awarded to Francine Johnston (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rebecca Shin (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jeff Ward (5<sup>th</sup>), Harold Cook (5<sup>th</sup>), Laurie Landes (6<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Scott (9<sup>th</sup>) and Bill Watkins

(9<sup>th</sup>). Brett Hayes, Doris Hulvey and Nancy Whitlock, who have exceeded the 10-year range for a pin, also contributed.

### June 25



#### **Passing the Gavel**

Today we had a live meeting for the first time since March 12<sup>th</sup> with about 17 members present at the Elks’ picnic shelter and more attending virtually. Paul Harris pins were awarded to the India water project contributors who were present, as well as to Vonda Lacy. Outgoing president Lowrie Tucker thanked his board of directors and handed off the gavel to our new president Rebecca Shin. Lowrie was awarded a Paul Harris award for his service. Thank you Lowrie for a job well done in an unprecedented time. More photos at our website.

### June 29



Nancy takes the oath via zoom

#### **New District Governor Installed – Our Own Nancy Whitlock**

Nancy Whitlock was installed as DG at the Historical Wayne Theatre via a live-stream broadcast with a “socially distanced” live audience. She is the 5th DG and the first woman DG in the 96-year history of our club. The event featured past presidents from our club as well as past DGs. Laurie Landes and Tracy Straight opened the ceremonies and Rebecca Shin rang the club bell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lowrie Tucker, Bill Watkins sang the *Star-Spangled Banner* and Maggie Van Huss offered the invocation. Special thanks to Len Poulin who managed the technical arrangements. More details and photos at our website.

### July 9



#### **New DG chats with “Her Family”**

Rebecca Shin called her first meeting to order at Brett Hayes’ new establishment known as *Bottles*. Nancy addressed the club informally, with the members who she regards as family. She reflected on becoming the DG, what she had already done as nominee and governor- elect, and the coming year with its challenges. Overall, Nancy said, she just wants to make us proud of her – something that will not be hard to do! Members were given a pin with this years’ logo as well as a set of wine glasses to commemorate Nancy’s role as DG.



#### **Notes from the Board**

Lowrie’s last task as president was to present a check for \$5,000 to the Boys and Girls Club to aide in their restoration following a kitchen fire back in May. A donation of \$500 was approved for the Salvation Army. Meetings through the end of July will be held at the Wayne Theatre with a box lunch. Members may also attend via Zoom and the meetings will be available to view at YouTube.

#### **Proposed member**

If there are no objections submitted, in writing, to the Board within ten (10) days of this notice, these individuals shall be duly qualified for membership in our club.

**Nominee:** Krista Williams **Employed by:** President CEO United Way

**Classification:** Non-Governmental Organization/Association Manager

**Proposed by:** Charlie Guggenheimer

