

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

March/April 2020

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Hope you and your family are healthy and safe

February 27



Fighting Chronic Malnutrition in Guatemala

Dr Deborah Walters, Former DG for Maine/Quebec and Rotary Global Woman of Action in 2015, talked briefly about her 2,503 - mile kayak fundraiser completed in 2017. Then she focused upon her current work with BPD ("BAY-PAY-DAY" or ALDEA) and efforts to win district and global Rotary grants to work with Mayan villages where as many as 90% of children suffer long term effects from chronic malnutrition. Grant projects include building stoves, latrines, and water systems, and working with communities to develop health awareness and empower local women. More information at aldeaguatemala.org.

March 5



Debra chats with Jim White

Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry – WARM

Debra Freeman Bell, the director for the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry makes sure that WARM meets state and federal benchmarks and works to build and maintain partnerships with local government, churches and other service agencies. Debra reflected on her first visit to our club 4 or 5 years ago and how much of what they now do seemed an impossible dream at that time. Homeless adults are given overnight accommodations during the winter months at area churches while women with children have transitional housing at Ruth's WARM house. Lowrie presented Debra with a check for \$500.

March 12

Corvid-19 Discussion

Our meeting today was devoted to a discussion about the COVID-19 virus and how we might respond to the increasing threat. Jeff Cassell talked about the closing of the public schools and the impact it would have upon the meals students get at school.

March 19, 26

Future Meetings Cancelled, Lowrie goes Digital from Home

Beginning March 19th, all face to face meetings were cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Lowrie Tucker (along with his sidekick son in the signature Tucker bowtie) has kept us up to date and entertained with brief meetings each week. If you are not on Facebook look for these and previous

meetings at our website www.waynesbororotary.org. Click on the Weekly Program Schedule tab, then Video Archive.



Mary and Len with Nancy at the Friday night banquet

District Conference Cut Short

Concerns about the spread of the Covid-19 virus kept many people from attending the annual conference at the Homestead in Hot Springs beginning on March 13th. For those who did attend (Nancy Whitlock, Laurie Landes, Len and Mary Poulin, Vonda Lacey, Margaret Hersch, Francine Johnston, and Thea Jorden) the conference was cut short after just one day. Thea represented our area singing in the Karaoke fundraiser Friday night. On Saturday morning our club was responsible for loading up all the conference paraphernalia to store until next year when we will be hosting the conference. Thanks to Jeff Fife and Rebecca Shin who drove down to help out.



Tutoring at William Perry

After-school tutoring in math and reading started at William Perry on February 26th but was discontinued when schools closed. Tutoring this year were Jim Mahoney, Steve Howlett, Jim Hyson, Harold Cook and Justin Key. This is the third year members of our club have participated in this program and Jim M., Steve and Harold have tutored all three years!

Paul Harris Fellow

On March 5th Nancy Whitlock presented Susan Welk with a Paul Harris Fellow Award for both personal reasons and service recognition. Although not a member of our club, Susan has been a volunteer for hands-on projects and our annual fundraiser.

Notes from the Board

On March 9th the board approved a \$100 donation to Stuarts Draft HS for their after-prom party and a \$400 donation to WWRC to pay for four students to take horseback riding lessons in a program designed to enhance self-esteem called Ride With Pride.