

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

May 2020

President: Lowrie Tucker
President Elect: Rebecca Shin
Secretary: Mary Ann Everly-Maupin
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
Immediate Past President: David Balsler
Directors: Dick Clark, Jim Hyson, Francine Johnston and Vonda Lacey,



Hope to see all of you soon!

Notes from the Board

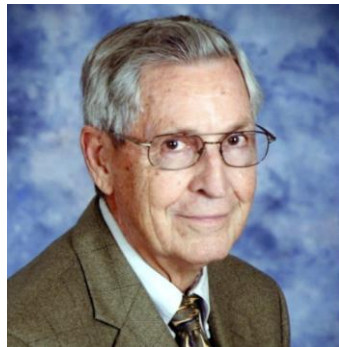


Children of essential workers in YMCA childcare pack lunches for the homeless

The board has been meeting virtually to carry on club business. In this unprecedented time board members, under Lowrie's leadership, wanted to make major contributions to local agencies meeting the needs of people impacted by the pandemic. With support from the Trustees the board approved these donations: \$5,000 each to Valley Pastoral Counseling Center, Valley Hope Counseling Center, Salvation Army, YMCA and WARM; \$1,000 to United Way and \$3,000 to Valley Program for Aging. This added up to a grand total of **\$29,000!**

Rebecca Shin applied for and won a special COVID-19 grant offered by District 7570. The **\$1400** will go toward the "Lunches for Locals Experiencing Homelessness" project. The YMCA has been providing lunches to approximately 37 folks housed at the Days Inn and this money will support that project. Children at the YMCA help to pack the lunches and Zeh's Plumbing has been delivering them.

The board has received notice that Norm Anderson, upon his death, left \$15,000 to the Waynesboro Rotary Foundation.



In Memoria

Forest Arehart, who was a member of our club for 40 years, passed away on April 4th. Forest was a native of Augusta County and founded Arehart Associates, a CPA firm here in Waynesboro. He was involved in a number of civic organizations and served on City Council. Forest helped organize the noon-time basketball group at the YMCA where he played until he was 70 years old. Forest lost his wife Betty in 2017. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.



Virtual Happy Dollars

While Lowrie has continued his weekly club meetings on Facebook, many members have participated in the Happy Dollar Zoom meeting that precedes it. Up to 25 people have joined in, giving everyone a chance to see and hear each other. Look for an email link prior to the meeting to join. Remember that Lowrie's updates can be found at our website as well as You Tube if you do not use Facebook.



Congratulations to Justin Key

Justin and his wife Stephanie welcomed their second daughter on February 10th. Kennedy Lynn Key weighed 6 lbs 4oz. and came with a full head of hair. The proud papa claims that she is the cutest baby in the world!



Kid of Action: McKinley Wine

Lowrie Tucker and Rebecca Shin observed social distancing to present a special certificate to McKinley Wine who responded to a request for face masks needed by the Waynesboro Public Schools. Her mother, Diondra Wine, explained that McKinley had sold some of her personal belongings at a yardsale to raise money to buy cloth masks and she donated 20 of them to the schools. What a wonderful example of “service above self” from someone we hope will be a future Rotarian!

Some Rotary History



Women in Rotary

Women were not allowed membership in Rotary until 1987 and even then, it did not come without a fight. After the Rotary Club of Duarte CA invited three women to become members in 1978, their charter was revoked and they filed a suit that went all the way to the US Supreme Court. The court ruled that since Rotary has a “business purpose” and is a public-type organization that such discrimination was unlawful. Doris Hulvey and Mary Ann Everly-Maupin were admitted to our club as the first women members in 1988. Kathleen Heatwole was our first woman president in 1994/95. You can read more about all three at the blog on our website. Currently we have 23 women in our club, accounting for about a third of the members.

Please let Francine Johnston know of any news that would be appropriate to share in the Gear Post. Her email is fjohnst@uncg.edu.