

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

September 2020

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Save the Dates

Area 4 Meeting with DG Nancy Whitlock on **Sept 17 at 7 pm** will be a virtual zoom meeting. Log-in information has been sent out in emails. There will also be a noon meeting that day.

The **Wild West Rotary Fundraiser** will be **September 25th** at Bottles. Doors will open at **5 pm** with a performance by the band *Road Less Traveled* followed by an auction. Admission tickets are \$25. Members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets and sponsorships.

August 13

Club Assembly

At Club Assembly Rebecca Shin talked about our 5-Year Strategic plan and Len Poulin reminded us that a survey was sent out to members to help in its construction. Charlie Guggenheimer praised the technology making it possible to meet live and via zoom but reminded us that it comes at a cost. A \$35 "broadcast" fee has been added to our dues. We have made a \$4000 district grant application to fund a project at Camp Light. Brett Hayes provided a \$50 gift card to Bottles and Harold Cook's name was drawn as the winner at the Aug 20th meeting.

August 20



Creative Collaboration Coalition for Children Care: C4

Jeff Fife described a local initiative to provide additional affordable childcare for working parents during the pandemic and introduced a panel of four speakers. Christina Casado from the Community Foundation talked about funding, Barrett Owen reported on the response of local churches with space to offer, Kristi Williams from United Way described how local agencies like Augusta Health and the YMCA are working together, and Diana Williams the program coordinator, urged members to get involved. Volunteers will be welcome and can contact her at childcare@unitedwaysaw.org.

August 27

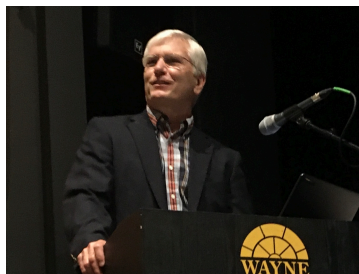


Waynesboro Chief of Police, Mike Wilhelm

Mike gave his new member talk with details about his background and family. (See August Gear Post for a short bio) After college he began looking for a job and Waynesboro was his first choice. He has served the police department in many different ways and as chief for 19 years. Mike also talked about the challenges he faces during these times of a pandemic and civil unrest. He has held a number of community meetings to facilitate communication and get ideas. Probably the biggest issue his officers face right now is the number of calls due to

mental health problems. Officers have gotten additional training in dealing with these cases.

September 3



Malawi Orthopedics Project

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in Africa and has a severe shortage of doctors and hospitals. Local surgeon, Dr. David Burgess, updated the club on the Malawi Orthopedic Project begun over 5 years ago and shared success stories from his time as Medical Director of a hospital there. Our club raised \$25,000 which was leveraged into \$400,000 worth of equipment and supplies with matching grants and partnerships. This project, spearheaded by Doris Hulvey and Kathleen Heatwole, supplied badly needed medical equipment but has also enabled the training of many local doctors, nurses and other medical workers. This project was the winner of the Districts' World Community Service Award in 2016.



Zoom Happy Hour for New Members

Three new members joined 11 sponsors and board members in a virtual happy hour hosted by Dick Clark. Old members shared their club experiences and what it means to be a Rotarian. Mary Ann Everly talked about the larger picture of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. New members briefly introduced themselves and were asked to share their hopes and wishes as they dive into membership. Look for future virtual happy hours.



Welcome to New Member: Meg Huebeck

Meg grew up in Baltimore but fell in love with Virginia when she attended Randolph-Macon College. She and her husband Jeff moved here over 15 years ago and have a son, Remmer, who attends Fishburne. Currently she works at UVA as an instructional designer for The Center for Politics where she runs a Youth Leadership Initiative and creates programs to increase civil engagement in youth. Meg is involved in a number of community organizations and is looking forward to making a difference here in the valley through Rotary.



Welcome to New Member: Angela Taylor

Angela is new to the Waynesboro area and lives here with her husband Michael and 22 month-old son Jackson. She grew up in Nelson County and got her undergrad degree from Radford University. Angela works as the Director of Marketing and Community Engagement for Magellan Complete Care of Virginia. She has a servant's heart and believes service to others is the way of life. Angela is excited about all of the exciting opportunities and relationship she hopes to build in Rotary and is looking forward to making Waynesboro her home.