

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

July 2022

President and Past President: Leonard Poulin
Secretary: Sarah Paiste
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
President Elect: Vonda Lacy
Directors: Tracy Straight, Troy Hamilton, Jim White and Meg Huebeck
Gear Post: Francine Johnston



Date to Remember

The Annual Fall Gala will be at Basic City Brewery on **August 19th** starting at 6 pm with dinner, music and a live auction. It is time to line up corporate sponsors! See Laurie or Hilary for information.

June 22nd



Youth in Rotary by Andy Matherly

The Interact Club at WHS has been a great success this year but Andy Matherly reported today that it is the only remaining youth club in Area 4. Andy would like to work with colleges or young adults in the community to create Rotaract clubs and would like to see some new initiatives to engage teenagers in afterschool activities. To learn more about the Rotary Youth Protection Policy (the scheduled talk) Andy recommends a video at the district 7570 website.

June 30th



Rotary International's Theme for 2022-2023 chosen by President Jennifer Jones

Club Assembly and the Start of a New Rotary Year

Len Poulin will lead our club for one more year due to the departure of our president-elect Barret Owens. Len began the Club Assembly with a quote from Napoleon Bonaparte: "A leader is a dealer in hope." He then highlighted our increase in community exposure through media outlets and the service projects we have delivered during the last year. We ended this year with a surplus in our budget and a balanced membership (gaining 8 new members while losing 10). Len thanked his board members, especially those who are leaving (Frank Carey, Anne Hudlow and Margaret Hersh) and also past presidents, Rebecca Shim and Lowrie Tucker, who helped out during Len's illness. Len then went on to talk about the goals and objectives for the coming year. Full details can be found in the Strategic Plan at DACdb under *My Club, Files, and Secure*. Past presidents, starting with Bill Watkins, will be running meetings during the coming year while Len manages other presidential tasks. Pins with the RI yearly theme were given out.



Collecting for the Salvation Army

Nancy Whitlock collected toiletries for the Salvation Army each week during June. There is always a tremendous need for things like toothpaste, soap, and shampoo but diapers are also in great demand. Nancy supplied us with a long list of items and club members stepped up to fill a box every week that she delivered to the Salvation Army to restock their "Pantry".

July 14th



Human Trafficking

Bill Watkins led our meeting today and shared tributes, along with other members, to Pete Rufe (see below). Jeff Fife introduced our speaker Anna Nalle of TFI (Transformative Freedom Initiative). Human trafficking victimizes more than 40 million people worldwide but it is also a local problem. Anna’s mission is to increase awareness of the problem and she works with a range of agencies and resources to help those who have been exploited for labor or sex.



In Memoria:

Charles P. “Pete” Ruff passed away July 5 at the age of 90. He was a Vietnam veteran and served in the army for 23 years before he returned to school to get his Masters degree in Library Science. Pete and his wife Joan came to Waynesboro in 1976 where he worked at the public library until he retired. He joined our club in 1981, was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and served as assistant secretary for many years. Pete will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to Joan. Our sympathies go out to his sons Philip and Chris and extended family.

Notes from the Board

A check for \$500 was given to Brian Edwards representing the WARM shelter. Ellen Schorsch has given \$2500 to Rotary in appreciation of the return of the ship model made by her husband Dan. If you have not done so, please sign in to *DACDb.com* to check and update your personal profile and to familiarize yourself with the database.

Proposed Members

Nominee: Catherine Keller ***Employed by:*** West Hills Real Estate
Classification: Real Estate Sales ***Proposed by:*** Dick Clark & Dick Shilling

Nominee: Joel Carter ***Employed by:*** Verdant Heights Global Consulting
Classification: Banker ***Proposed by:*** Len Poulin & Jeff Fife

If there are no objections submitted, in writing, to the Board within ten days of this notice, this individual shall be duly qualified for membership in the Rotary Club of Waynesboro.



New Member: Marcie Mader

Welcome to Marcie Mader, nominated by Lori Landes. Marcie was born and raised in Augusta County and graduated from Buffalo Gap High School. She has been in banking her entire life and is currently the Mortgage Loan Originator at Select Bank. She has also been a Realtor for 5yrs. She has 3 boys ages 14, 19, & 22 and a 3yr old nephew. Marcie loves spending time with her family, visiting the beach and working outside around the house. She enjoys kayaking, boating, 4-wheeling, hiking and meeting new people. Marcie is looking forward to helping out in the community.