

# GEAR POST

Waynesboro  
Rotary Club  
5780

June 2022

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## Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**



### *Diversity Director from WPS – Kendra Jones Carter*

Waynesboro Public Schools recently created a new office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Kendra Jones Carter serves as director. The overall goal is to create a culture of inclusion in schools by addressing gender identity, disabilities, race and other “differences”. Kendra provides resources and workshops for teachers and gets her message out there in many ways. For example, local Black alumni (such as recently elected Sheriff Christopher Johnson Jr.) have been featured on social media.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**



### *Service Awards*

Maggie VanHuss hosted our service awards day. Some of the awards have changed this year. From left to right, the Non-Rotarian Service Above Self Award went to Special Education teacher Nancy Martin. A Service Above Self-Support Staff award went to Amy Fox who is a nurse at WHS. The Service Above Self Educator award went to Daniel Woodard who will be the new Dean of Students at KCMS. The Jean Harris- Award went to Officer Becky Meeks of the Waynesboro Police Department. The Rotarian Service Above Self award went to a very deserving former club president and current treasurer Laurie Landes. Congratulations to all the winners for this year!

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**



### *State of the County by Tim Fitzgerald*

Augusta County Administrator Tim Fitzgerald brought us good news about improvements and new businesses in the county. Recent major projects include broadband service throughout the county, a new sidewalk in Verona, taking over management of the Shenandoah Animal Shelter and getting a referendum approved for a vote in November regarding the placement of the County Courthouse. A number of new businesses have come to the county including an Amazon warehouse near Expo and a food processing facility for the CAVA food chain. New business sites are under preparation and a Job Start program has been training new employees. Finally Tim shared a new publication designed to foster tourism.

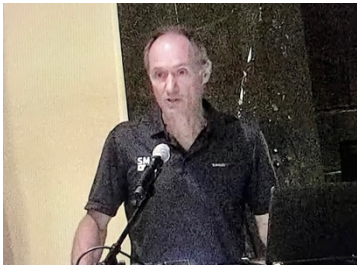
June 2<sup>nd</sup>



***“Recycle Your Life”***

This week we heard from Kevin Lyles, representative from LifeNet Health and a very active fellow Rotarian, who explained the process of organ donation and organ procurement in the state of Virginia. Up to 9 people can benefit from one organ donor and 150 people can benefit from one tissue donor. (Tissue donation includes corneas, ligaments, veins, bone and skin). A large pool of donors is needed since the donor must die in a hospital. Our own Len Poulin is with us today thanks to a donor. Kevin encouraged everyone to register with LifeNet.

June 9th



***SMAC Head Coach Rob Rule***

Back in March we heard from Olympian Remedy Rule and today we had a visit from her father Rob Rule who gave us an update on SMAC – an independent swim team drawing youth from Waynesboro and Crozet. While SMAC has been around since 1958, this year marks a major change when Rob transformed and expanded it into an LLC business to make sure it survived. Currently it has 130 swimmers and is offering swim lessons at the Waynesboro pool where it also supplies lifeguards and concession workers. Many members testified to the impact of SMAC on their children and families. Rob asked for volunteers to help at upcoming swim meets.

June 16th



***Rotary Picnic***

After two years we were able to once again enjoy the annual family picnic at the Elk’s Pavilion with food by Rick’s BBQ. A hot day was made bearable by a breeze on the hill for the 80 people who attended the event. It was nice to see some faces from the past as well as new members.



***A Ship Model Goes Home***

A model of the Civil War ship *The Harriet Lane* was crafted by former member Dan Schorsch and purchased by Tracy and Judy Aitcheson at a Rotary Auction. It went missing for a while, but at the picnic Ellen Schorsch was on hand to tell us about her husband Dan and the making of the model and Judy Aitcheson officially returned it to the Schorsch family to be exhibited at the Webb Institute in Glenn Cove, NY.

**Notes from the Board**

We will be hearing soon about the board retreat with retiring and new directors. An additional \$7,000 grant has been awarded to the School of Practical Nursing at Valley Vo-Tech thanks to the Truist Foundation, bringing the total donation through our club to \$18,000.

