

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

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Save the dates

We are back at the Wayne with a hybrid format and boxed lunch.

February 18th



Juno can be programmed to simulate a variety of health conditions

Practical Nursing Program

Myra Hensley is the director of the Practical Nursing Program at Valley Career and Technical Center. It is a small, but vital, program that has been around since 1962 and faces many challenges. The call for LPN's has grown as the baby boomer generation has aged (Many LPN's work in nursing homes or provide home care.). However, funding is not available to purchase the up-to-date technology required for training and their students have not been able to do practicum hours at August Health because of Covid-19.

February 25th



District 7570 Virtual Conference Plans

This would have been our year to host District 7570's annual 3-day conference at the Homestead since our own Nancy Whitlock is the District Governor. Co-chairs Laurie Landes and Maggie Vanhuss, with co-treasurers Mary Ann Everly and Len Poulin, have been spent two years planning for this year's conference. They unveiled plans today for the first virtual district conference. The half day program on March 20th will be livestreamed from the Wayne Theatre. See more below.

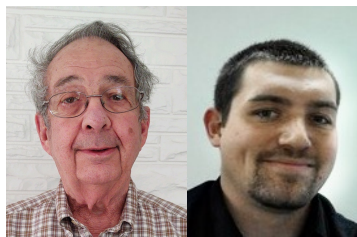
March 4th



Redistricting for Fair Elections

Brian Cannon was the former executive director of *OneVirginia2021* - a bipartisan committee organized to educate the public and work to eliminate gerrymandering. In 2020 voters approved an amendment to the state constitution to create an independent Redistricting Commission to take effect in 2021. A diverse group of representatives has been appointed but problems with the census data can delay implementation. Brian talked about other ways to create fair elections and better governance such as ranked choice voting.

March 11th



Old Member/ New Member Talks: Paul Dana and Justin Keys

Paul joined our club in 2002 (He is a 3rd generation Rotarian) and served as our treasurer for multiple years. He earned a Phd in chemical engineering from Iowa State and came to Waynesboro with Dupont. He and his wife Shirley have traveled a lot and Paul is a skilled cabinet maker. Justin joined about a year ago. He grew up in Augusta Country and earned a finance degree from Radford University. Justin was

recently promoted to branch manager at Lawrence Transfer where he has worked since high school. He and his wife Stephanie have two daughters (ages 3 and 1). He has been active in volunteer work since joining the club and is looking forward to more service opportunities.

March 18th



Fly Local at Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport

Greg Campbell has been the Executive Director at our local airport since 1982 and has seen a lot of changes in that time. 90% of their service is corporate and he emphasized how important air access is to encourage economic development in our area. Only 10% is passenger service but their partnership in 2018 with United Airlines promises to provide improved service to Dulles and Chicago. Greg also took time to describe the specialized equipment used for snow and ice removal.

**District Conference
March 20th**



Paul Harris makes a special appearance on the stage with Andy Van Hook and Nancy Whitlock

This year's virtual 7570 District Conference started off with music by the Boogie Kings and Richard Adams prepared some special Rotary lyrics. DG Nancy Whitlock and Andy Vanhook hosted the livestream production from the stage of the Wayne Theater along with a few cardboard guest appearances in the chair on the right. 34 district clubs prepared short videos to showcase their work and we heard from this year's 4-Way Test speech winner, Lydia Galbreath. Len Poulin provided ideas about how to successfully conduct hybrid meetings. Dr. Stephanie Urchick, Rotary International Director presented a virtual keynote address entitled "Surviving and Thriving During and Beyond the Pandemic" and Dr. Carol Pandak, Director of Polio Plus, talked about "How Polio Plus helped the World Fight COVID" (In short, it shows that vaccinations work!). Our club won the District Award for service. Hal Aaslestad from the Staunton Rotary Club won one of the 110% Awards for his work on the pavilion erected in Montgomery Hall Park in celebration of the club's 100th anniversary. Special thanks to Dick Clark who found sponsorships adding up to \$25,800 to support the production. The unconventional, but successful, virtual conference demonstrated that we are indeed surviving and thriving as an organization during this pandemic year! If you missed it you can view it on You Tube.

**Celebrate the
Women of Rotary!**

To celebrate Women's History Month, female members of our club were asked to answer questions about why they joined Rotary and their own experiences in the world of work. Participants have been featured on Face Book and our website.

Notes from the Board

The board approved the following contributions from the Foundation: \$1000 to Augusta Regional Dental Clinic, \$500 to the Valley Pastoral Counseling Center, and \$500 to WARM. If you are on Face Book please comment, "like" and share postings from our club to spread the word.