

# GEAR POST

Waynesboro  
Rotary Club  
5780

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## Dates to Remember

The evening of **June 16<sup>th</sup>** will be our annual picnic. Area 4 will host a field trip to the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville on Friday **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Transportation and lunch will be provided at no cost. Contact Hal Aaslestad at [haaslestad@gmail.com](mailto:haaslestad@gmail.com).

### April 21<sup>st</sup>



Erica Deluhery chats with Troy

#### *Troy Hamilton on Ukraine*

The invasion of Ukraine by the Soviet Union has shocked the world. Our own Troy Hamilton provided us with some background to help us understand that Ukraine has struggled for centuries to maintain its independence. Ukraine has rich soil and minerals making the area a target of conquest as well as being situated where powers collide between the west and east. Troy gave us a dynamic presentation and handouts of resources to learn more.

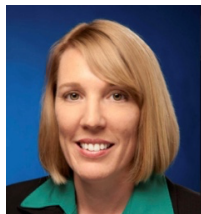
### April 28<sup>th</sup>



#### *Matt McMurry on Automobile Industry Slowdown*

Why is it so hard to find a new or used car these days? Matt McMurry gave us some ideas based on his extensive experience in the automobile industry. Inventory is down due to slow production during the pandemic and parts are also hard to find. In addition, he noted that problems with recruitment and retention of skilled technicians have driven up wages and reduced the workforce. Matt believes that trade schools should be promoted for HS students. He is also worried that the price someone might finance for a new car will not hold up in value in a few years. He predicts that things will stabilize by 2024.

### May 5<sup>th</sup>



#### *New Member / Old Member Talks*

Kerri Garrsion told us about growing up in a small town in the Hudson Valley of NY where her family instilled in her the importance of doing what you believe in and serving others. She moved to Waynesboro to help care for her mother who has Alzheimer's disease, and has gotten involved in the community as a volunteer Medicare counselor and ESL tutor. Rotary offers her a chance to meet people and to serve others. We are always interested in hearing from old members like President Len Poulin! He also grew up in the north near Boston but met his wife Mary when he was transferred south with Genicom. Luckily he settled in and has played a pivotal role in the development of downtown and South River fly fishing. Len has been a member for over 20 years.



AG Kim Synder and Andy Matherly

***Congratulations to Andy Matherly!***

Area 4 Governor Kim Synder was on hand April 21<sup>st</sup> to award Andy Matherly the District's 110% award for his work with the WHS Interact Club. Andy has gone above and beyond to revive the club as shown by the large group of students with faculty advisor Jennifer Rudolph who joined us for lunch.



AG Kim Snyder also awarded us a small banner for being a 100% Rotary Foundation Giving Club for the year 2020-2021. This means that 100% of our members have contributed an average of \$100 to the foundation to support all the work it does. Some of that money comes back to us as grants to support our service projects. Our club has good reason to be proud of this distinction! Our club's website also won second place in the district and a patch will be added to our banner.

**Notes from the Board**

A check for \$500 was given to Nancy Whitlock representing the Salvation Army. A check for \$11,000 was presented to Director Deadre Boyd for expenses related to the School of Practical Nursing project (\$5,000 from our club, \$5,000 matched from a district grant and \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Staunton).



***Service Continues at Valley Vo-Tech***

Club and family members gathered on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> to continue assembling equipment purchased for the nursing classroom. Jodi Tibbs was assisted by Kerri Garrison, Tim Quillen, Laurie and Rick Landes, Hilary and Tim Quesenberry and their son Wiley. Director Dea Boyd was also there to help out.



***New member: Michelle White***

Welcome to Michelle White, nominated by Jeff Fife. Michelle was born and raised in our area and graduated from Fort Defiance High School. She attended BRCC and finished up her degree at Eastern Mennonite University with a major in Photography and Digital Media Communications and a minor in journalism. Michelle works at DCCU as the Community Relations Coordinator and resides in Bridgewater with her husband, two cats and dog. She is excited to join Rotary and looking forward to making connections and impacting the community.