

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

May 2023

Acting President: Rebecca Shin
Secretary: Sarah Paiste
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
President Elect: Vonda Lacey
Directors: Tracy Straight, Troy Hamilton, Jim White and Meg Huebeck
Gear Post: Francine Johnston & Michelle White



Dates to Remember

Cookout and Potluck will be at the Heatwole's camp on **May 17th** (546 Inch Robinson Lane). Our family picnic is scheduled for **June 22nd** at the Elks Club pavilion.

April 13th



Updates from Parks and Rec

Dwayne Jones, who has been the director of Waynesboro Parks and Recreation for 29 years, brought us exciting news. Ground has been broken at Sunset Park with hopes of a September opening. The Greenway will be extended to Basic Park, adding another mile. Other projects include the Loth Springs Natural Area and trails that will connect to the popular Crozet Tunnel. The city has won over \$9 million in grants for these projects with very little cost to taxpayers.

April 20th



Tina Raybon, Brian Edwards and Rebecca Shin display their plaques

Vocational Service Awards

This year the Jean Harris Award went to Tina Raybon for her work with downtown revitalization and Magnolia Rose (for victims of sexual exploitation). The Non-Rotarian Service Award went to Brian Edwards who has worked for the police department and now teaches at WHS. The Rotarian Vocational Award went to Rebecca Shin who has been serving as acting president. This year the Waynesboro School Board was honored for their service. Present at the meeting to receive their plaques were Erika Smith, Elsa Silvestri, Debra Freeman-Belle, and Rick Wheeler. Not present were Amber Lipscomb and Diana Williams. Thanks to the selection committee chaired by Maggie Van Huss: Mary Ann Everly, Tracy Straight, Jim White, Tom Brown, Steve Howlett, and Vonda Lacey

April 27th



Ashly Lundy, Shakil McGuffin, Maverick Shiflett, Zachary Beach, and Mary McCoy

Scholarship Awards

Vonda Lacey presented \$1,000 checks to the scholarship award winners today and each had a chance to talk about themselves and their plans. Three students are from Waynesboro HS. Ashlynn Lundy will study nursing at Pensacola Christian College, Shakil McGuffin plans to study business at Bridgewater, and Maverick Shiflett will major in biology at JMU before pursuing a dentistry degree. Zachary Beach, from Stuarts Draft, HS plans to study engineering at Virginia Tech and Mary McCoy, from Wilson HS, is seeking a degree in neural science from UVA. Thanks to the selection committee headed by Vonda: Tom Brown, Mary Ann Everly, Lora Hamp, Chad Hatter, Anne Hudlow, Maggie Van Huss and Jim White.

May 4th



Blue Ridge Heritage Project

When Shenandoah National Park was established back in the late 20's hundreds of families were forced to leave their homes. Our speaker, Bill Henry, is founder of the Blue Ridge Heritage Project and wants to make sure their sacrifices are not forgotten. Monuments that take the shape of stone chimneys are being erected in the eight counties that share land with the park. Each monument is accompanied by signs that tell the story and list the names of the displaced families. The last monument, for Augusta County, will be built at Grand Caverns Park.



Service: South River Cleanup

Tim Quillen, Lowrie Tucker and Alan Grimes flexed their muscles in preparation for the South River Cleanup! Lowrie sees to it that we participate in this annual event and always brings along his family to help. Erica Sayers, Francine Johnston and Tom Brown also lent a hand. As usual, workers retrieved lots of plastic, paper, bottles and cans as well as shopping carts from along the banks and in the river.



Welcome New Member: Jan Kidd

Jan was born and raised in Hot Springs, VA and attended Bridgewater College. She has worked extensively in the customer service and retail management field and is currently a Branch Manager of City National Bank in Stuarts Draft. She was a member of the Front Royal Rotary Club and served as treasurer of the Woodstock Rotary Club. Jan currently lives with her husband Dusty and her son Preston in Waynesboro. They are glad to be back to the area. Hilary Quesenberry was her sponsor by transfer.

Proposed Member

Nominee: Scott Owens ***Classification:*** Realtor

Proposed by: Tracy Straight

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



Club Committees

Sign Up for Committees

If you have not signed up for committees, please do so promptly. Sign in at DACdb.com **1.** On the top bar of the *Home* page select "*My Club*". You will see a page full of icons. **2.** Click on the "*Club Committees*" icon. You will see a list of committees. **3.** Click on "*Committee Sign-Up*" on the left side. You should see directions, your name, a list of committees and the ones you are on. **4.** Select any to add or change.

Notes from the Board

The board continues to work on issues related to microphones, Zoom, and taping of the programs for our website. A board retreat is scheduled for June 3rd at 9:30 at the Wayne Theatre.