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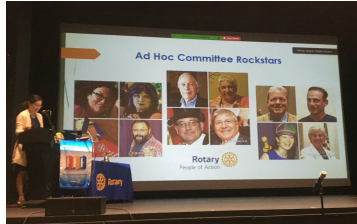
Waynesboro  
Rotary Club  
5780

May/June 2021

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**May 6<sup>th</sup>**



## ***5-Year Strategic Plan***

President Rebecca Shin thanked the committee “Rockstars” and gave an overview of the Strategic Plan they developed. The process began in August with a survey of members and has culminated in four priorities to guide us in the next five years: maximize effective membership and community representation, review club organization and structure, promote public image, and build and sustain international connections. The plan was approved with few questions.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**



**Recipients were introduced and answered questions from Barrett**



**Wyatt, Sydney, Carter, Addison, Ashley, Rebecca, Camille, Kelsey, Samantha, and Selah**

## ***Ten \$1000 Scholarships Awarded***

Barrett Owen, chairman of the scholarship committee displayed a surprising knowledge of action heroes as he introduced each of 10 students who will be getting \$1000 as they head off to college. Recipients this year include Wyatt Aldhizer (SDHS), Ashley Morani (Wilson MHS), Kelsey Snider (Wilson MHS) and Samantha Upson (WHS) who will all be attending The University of Virginia. Addison Midriff (WHS) and Selah Wanger (Wilson MHS) will be attending Virginia Tech. Carter Bussey (SDHS) will attend Mary Washington and Camille Sanders (Wilson MHS) will attend Brigham Young. Sydney Bowles (WHS) and Rebecca Patton (WHS class of 1983) will be attending Blue Ridge Community College. Rebecca currently works as childcare director at the YMCA but wants to complete her degree. Information about each recipient, answers to questions, and a photo were displayed on the big screen and each responded to questions from Barrett as they passed a microphone around on stage. Congratulations to the recipients and thanks to the scholarship committee who reviewed the applications.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**



## ***Habitat for Humanity***

Lance Barton shared some of the personal experiences that led to his current job as executive director for the local Habitat for Humanity. He emphasized how he is in the business of empowering people. Any recipient of a house has to put in 200 hours of volunteer service and gets an affordable mortgage. One of the biggest changes in the future program is that homes will be factory built, making them more efficient and affordable and upping the number built each year from 1-2 to 8-10. Habitat for Humanity for SAW is in need of financial support and board members from Waynesboro

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**



Jennifer Lewis and Jeff Cassell



Waynesboro School Administrators

### ***Annual Vocational Awards***

Maggie Van Huss hosted our annual awards ceremony today. The Non-Rotarian Vocational Award went to Jennifer Lewis who has been a community organizer and strong advocate for mental health. Jeff Cassell was awarded the Rotarian Vocational Service Award for his efforts as superintendent of schools to protect the safety of students and teachers and provide food for families. Instead of the usual Student Choice Teacher Awards, this year we are recognizing the entire Waynesboro Public Schools staff from bus drivers and custodians to teachers and central office personnel. Maggie lauded their dedication, flexibility, hard work and compassion as they have met the challenges posed by the pandemic. Principals or representatives from each school received a plaque in appreciation. Thanks to the award committee of Tom Brown, Steve Howlett, Mary Ann Everly and Vonda Lacy.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Nancy addresses the club on the stage at the Wayne Theatre



### ***Lots to Celebrate!***

For the first time in a long time, we were able to sit down together at tables for lunch. Ruth Arnold, who has been our Area Governor for three years, presented a banner to former president Lowrie Tucker in recognition of our status as a “100% Foundation Giving Club” for the 2019/2020 year and Certificate of Appreciation for Polio Plus Giving. Ruth also gave us a patch for the District’s First Place Award for Club Service and acknowledged Rebecca’s role in applying for it. Our own Nancy Whitlock then reflected upon her year as District Governor. Nancy expressed pride in our club’s ability to meet the challenges of the recent 14 months. New innovations have been needed, especially the virtual district conference in March, and some may become lasting improvements such as virtual Club Team Training. While Nancy’s year as DG was not what she was trained for or expected, she is able to see it as a positive experience and an opportunity to do some district “housekeeping.” She reported on how contacts made during two Group Study Exchange programs several years ago made it easier to send desperately needed materials to India and we will be hearing more about the new Youth and Peace in Action initiative in the coming year. We are so proud of you Nancy! Thank you for a job well done.



### ***Service at the WARM House***

Kathleen Heatwole, Charlie Guggenheimer and Francine Johnston tackled the weeds and mulched the garden in front of the WARM shelter after the noon meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. More help will be needed on June 12th to finish this project.