

GEAR POST

**Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780**

Nov 2022

President and Past President: Leonard Poulin
Secretary: Sarah Paiste
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
President Elect: Vonda Lacey
Directors: Tracy Straight, Troy Hamilton, Jim White and Meg Huebeck
Gear Post: Francine Johnston



Dates to Remember

We will meet at Orchard Creek during November and December, but there will be no noon meeting **Nov 24th, Dec 1st, Dec 22nd or Dec 29th.**

October 27th



A Sweet Program from Hershey

Harold Cook, who helped start Hershey in Stuarts Draft 40 years ago, introduced the current Plant Manager, Mike Sever. Mike gave us some history of the company which prides itself on investing in community. Milton Hershey opened the first PA plant in 1905 and started an orphanage in 1909. The local plant donated over \$200,000 last year to organizations. They also offer scholarships and encourage workers to volunteer. Mike and Harold passed out candy samples that were much appreciated.

November 3rd



Rotary Youth Exchange

Charlotte Whitted, who serves as the chair of District 7570's Rotary Youth Exchange, joined us via zoom from Abington. She described how high school students live with families in other countries for either a short term (3-4 weeks) or long term (10-11 months) exchange and talked about the impact this can ultimately have on world peace as well as personal enrichment. After a two-year hiatus, the program is up and going again and host families will be needed for the coming year.

November 10th



Downtown Plans

Tim Quillen is leading our meetings at Orchard Creek during the month of November and shared some of the accomplishments from his year as president. When our scheduled speaker had to cancel, David Gauldin stepped up to the mic to tell us about projects he and Teresa have in the works for downtown Waynesboro. They now own the LB&B building, the abandoned General Wayne and Leggett store along with parking lots. He shared some architectural drawings but explained that there are many possibilities for development at this stage.

November 17th



Russell Museum

John Bonsall, president of the University of Science and Philosophy formerly housed at Swannanoa Palace, talked about his work with the organization over 47 years and their mission. The art of Walter Russell was stored for 20 years before they found a new home in downtown Waynesboro where it can be displayed to inspire and uplift the human spirit. John brought us reading materials and hopes that we will all take time to stop in.



New member: Joel Carter

Welcome to Joel O. Carter, nominated by Len Poulin and Jeff Fife. Joel was born in Liberia and has worked in banking and international development on several continents over the past 30 years. He is currently the managing partner of Verdant Heights Global, LLC, a commercial finance company. Joel and his wife Shirley relocated to Waynesboro from Willmar MN last November. He served as president of the Iowa Falls Rotary Club. Joel loves music, reading, and history.



Margaret, Erica, Nancy, Francine and Michelle

Local Service Projects:

Set-up volunteers for the RAM clinic at Expo included Margaret Hersch, Erica Sayers, Nancy Whitlock, Francine Johnston, Michelle White and Meg Huebeck. Rebecca Shin worked in the dental clinic. At the Valley Children’s Advocacy Center Michell White assembled furniture and Francine Johnston and Celine Reid painted.



Michelle assists another local Rotarian

Proposed Members

Nominee: Nina Gabel

Classification: Human Resources

Self-Employed: Executive Recruiter

Proposed by: Dick Clark & Mike Gabel

Nominee: Leslie Tate

Classification: Community/Urban Planner

Employer: City of Waynesboro

Proposed by: Tom Brown

Notes from the Board

Rebecca Shin will serve as acting president for the next three months as Len Poulin takes a leave of absence. Donations made by the club at the end of 2022 include: \$500 to Valley Program for Aging Services, \$200 for YMCA Childcare Workers Christmas Party, \$350 for a pickleball program at KCMS, \$1,000 for Staunton Rotary Club’s Christmas for At-risk Kids and \$100 for Rotary’s Rose Bowl float.



Barb and Kirk Quillen serve Joel and Shirley Carter

Family Christmas Party at Fairfax Hall

The holiday season got off to a festive start at Fairfax Hall. The Quillen’s served up eggnog, the children had a chance to decorate cookies, and everyone enjoyed the buffet. Santa brought gifts and door prize winners got a poinsettia. The ugly sweater contest really needs to be changed to the “most interesting sweater”. Mike Wilhelm got the prize this year for a sweater with a mixed message. Mary Ann Everly’s committee included Kathleen Heatwole, Francine Johnston, Tracy Straight, Jeff Fife, Maggie VanHuss, Kirk Quillen, Mike Meadows and Nancy Whitlock.



Time for some good food and fellowship



The Hamilton boys decorate cookies



Prize winners with Santa

