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Rotary Club
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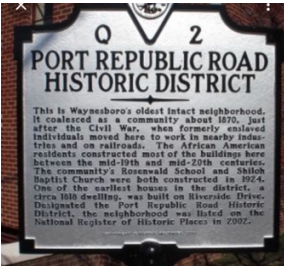
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Dates to Remember

Volunteers are needed at Valley CAC **November 5, 9, & 11** to paint and assemble furniture and **November 18-20** at Augusta Expo for the Remote Area Medical Clinic. A Christmas Party will be **December 1st**.

Sept 15th



Port Republic Road Project

Waynesboro's new Director of Community Development, Leslie Tate, joined us to talk about the Port Republic Road Project. She began with some background on the African American Historical District and then shared city plans to preserve and document the history of the area, improve the street scape, foster business development, and address property maintenance. Art installations, block parties and a community garden are future possibilities.

Sept 22nd



New Member Talks: John Boswell & Michelle White

We always enjoy hearing from members! John Boswell focused on his family background and how it instilled in him the importance of "giving back". With his years of experience in human resources, he assured us that Augusta Health is an outstanding community hospital. Michelle White shared photos from her work as a reporter for the *News - Virginian* as well as travel destinations around the world. More details can be found in the Dec/Jan and May *Gear Posts*

Sept 29th



Director of Elections: Lisa Jeffers

Lisa Jeffers talked with us about her job as Director of Elections for Waynesboro. She oversees registration and candidate filings from a new location in the basement of the Waynesboro Public Library. Lisa talked about changes in city voting policies that include ward-specific voting for school board and city council. In response to questions, she also talked about local redistricting and voting security. If you want to vote early, her office is the place to go.

Oct 6th



Polio Plus and World's Greatest Meal Challenge

Traci Blido, District Polio Plus co-chair, brought us updates about the current state of polio in the world and how Rotary has led efforts since 1988 to reduce cases. Africa was declared polio free in 2020 and there are only two countries left where wild polio is found. Traci talked about her trip to India in 2015 where she helped to administer vaccinations to children. Nancy Whitlock, who is presiding this month, presented Traci with a check for \$503 -the total collected for the "World's Greatest Meal" drive. All members were asked to donate at least \$10.

Oct 13th & 20th



Special Meetings Called to Discuss Location and Raffle Winner

While the Wayne Theater lacks the ambiance some members would like to see, it does offer the technology that makes it possible to live-stream and record meetings. On the other hand, Orchard Creek (formerly WCC), has been a favored venue for many years that some members would like to use once more. The first meeting went into overtime with too little time for discussion, so a second meeting was scheduled. Members voted to give Orchard Creek a trial run.

Paul Dana pulled the Ace of Spades from five cards to win \$698 in the weekly raffle and he donated \$198 to Polio Plus. Thanks Paul!



Fellowship

Members gathered at the lovely home of Laurie and Rick Landes the evening of October 6th to enjoy a cookout with a potluck of sides and dessert. It was also a chance to celebrate Mary Ann Everly's 84th birthday!



Member Satisfaction Survey

President Len Poullin provided us with the results of the online satisfaction survey which gathered opinions from 50% of the members. The good news is that 93% are either satisfied or somewhat satisfied overall. We are generally satisfied with communication, fundraising efforts and service projects. There was less satisfaction with the cost and quality of meals and the location. Full details in Len's email.



Pints for Polio

Rotarians from Area 4 got together at Skipping Rock Beer Co. on the evening of Oct 24th to enjoy fellowship, pizza and cookies along with craft beer. Donations were collected from each club to support the eradication of polio. Total collected was \$2,882, of which we donated only \$175. Next time let's get out there folks!



In Memoria

Long time Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Branch Hammock passed away at Summit Square on October 8th at the age of 93. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in engineering, served in the US Army, worked for Dupont for 31 years and then formed a consulting company in his retirement. Branch joined the club in 1986, served as club president in 1992-93 and Assistant Area Governor in 1997-98. He was active in other community organizations including United Way and Waynesboro Redevelopment and Housing. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.