

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

Sept 2022

President and Past President: Leonard Poulin
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Dates to Remember

Volunteers are needed to help with the Kiwanis Pancake Fundraiser on **Sept 17th**. *Walk to School Week* will need volunteers from **October 3rd to 8th**. Cookout and potluck at Laurie and Rick Landes on **October 7th**.



Event planners Eric, Vonda, Hilary, Laurie and Nancy line up for a photo

Fundraiser proclaimed a success!

136 people enjoyed the Hawaiian themed event at Basic City Brewery that cleared over \$16,000. Jeff Meadows (son of Gene and brother to Mike) won the \$2500 raffle and returned \$1000 to the club. Money came from ticket sales (\$75 each), sponsorships and a live auction (orthodontic work, airplane flight and dinner). Kudos to all who sold tickets, planned, decorated and came to party.



Nancy, Sarah and Wyn Paiste confer with Master of Ceremonies Jeff Fife at the sign-in table

Aug 25th



Valley Conservation Council

Executive Director Adam Schellhammer joined us to talk about the mission of the 30+ year-old Valley Conservation Council. The trust works to preserve the natural and cultural resources in 11 counties here in the valley through education and land conservation. Private forestland and farms can be put under an easement that protects them from development that would disrupt their traditional use. Projects include wildlife corridors, habitat restoration and a rail-to-trail.

Sept 1st



Angela Mickens, Deanna Reed and Brent Holsinger

On the Road Collaborative

Past President Kathleen Heatwole led the meeting and shared some of the history of women in the club. Haley Shull introduced Brent Holsinger president of the On the Road Collaborative which seeks to empower youth in grades 6-12 in Waynesboro and Harrisonburg schools. Angela Mickens, who has an office at Kate Collins Middle School, talked about how students can learn about college and career options through field trips and special courses taught by local volunteers. More than 1,000 youth have participated since 2015.

Sept 8th



Augusta Health Foundation

John Boswell introduced Executive Director Shirley Carter of the August Health Foundation. Shirley and her husband Joel (a new member of our

club) grew up in Liberia and she began her talk with some background on that country and her own history of service. Then she gave an overview of the foundation which secures philanthropic support to extend and enhance health care. Since 2013 the foundation has raised over 11.5 million dollars – 100% of which goes to Augusta Health for programs and educational initiatives.



Area 4 Dinner for DG

Over 20 club members and spouses enjoyed dinner in the Great Hall of the Blackburn Inn in Staunton at the Area 4 meeting on August 30th for District Governor Kathy Kanter. Kathy shared plans for the coming year including the conference at the Salem Civic Center.



Upcoming Service for Remote Area Medical (RAM)

Our club presented representatives from RAM with a check for \$2,000 on Aug 18 (\$1,000 from the club + matching District Collaborative Grant). RAM will be organizing a free popup clinic November 19-20 for people seeking medical, dental, and vision help. Our club will be working with other clubs in the area as volunteers to help set up the event and break it down. Please sign up for this important service!



Upcoming Service at Valley Children's Advocacy Center

In partnership with Area 4 clubs, we have been awarded a \$25,000 District Matching Grant for upgrades to the Valley Children's Advocacy Center in Staunton. During an open house on September 6th we were given a chance to tour the facility before the work gets started.



Mike and his son Ryan

Club Service: Library Gazebo

The library gazebo built in 1995 is looking a lot better thanks to club members. Mike Wilhelm and his son power-washed it, Paul Dana and Drake Selmer made repairs, and Vonda Lacey, Francine Johnston, Marci Mader and Ericka Deluhery helped with the staining. Cost of materials was \$186.



Vonda, Francine, Marci and Erica



New Member: Safiya Jarvis

Welcome to Safiya Jarvis who has transferred from the Staunton Rotary Club. Safiya grew up in West Virginia but now lives in Augusta County on a small farm with her husband Kevin and three children. She has worked in wealth management in Staunton for almost 24 years and is currently at City National Bank. She enjoys music and plays violin for the Waynesboro Choral Society Christmas concerts. Safiya loves being outside to swim, hike and garden but most of her free time these days is spent taking her children to sporting events, practice, dance rehearsals, etc.

