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SEPTEMBER 6th MEETING:

2nd Vice President Clint Ehlers opened today’s meeting and then we sang “America the Beautiful.” Lamont Satterly offered today’s invocation.

VISITORS / GUESTS:

Today’s visitors were: Jim Auch from Jenkintown R.C. Guest /Speaker: Kristen Rawlings Coordinator of School & Community Information Wissahickon School District

COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION (HAPPY DOLLARS):

Jan Sandler, Just because he is Happy.

Clint Ehlers’ daughter just graduated with her Doctorate from University of Nottingham. She is living in London.

Graham Parkinson’s his son is living in Houston, Texas. While many others are under water, he was very lucky to ride it out. He is doing what he can to help others.

Steve Paccione (wearing a suit) and Lucy are happy to be back after the summer. His son just started St. Joseph’s University and was lucky to get a great roommate he knew form school. Report on Lower Gwynedd Township: the left turn signal traveling east on Bethlehem Pike will be installed next week. The Texaco gas station has been demolished and will be turned into green space.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
• Hatboro Rotary Club is holding their “Lobster Pot” this Saturday evening on September 9th. 1½ pound lobster or steak dinner is $35. For tickets, contact Jack Groves at 215-343-1511
• Club picnic – Wednesday September 13 – no luncheon meeting
• Oktoberfest – Saturday October 7 – 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
• End Hunger Food Packaging – Saturday October 21
• Lower Gwynedd Veterans Day Observance Saturday November 11
• Thanksgiving Food Drive – dates to be determined
• Holiday Dinner – Wednesday December 20 – no luncheon meeting
• Toys for Tots in conjunction with Holiday Dinner
• Spring Fling Gala – Saturday April 7 at OYRCC
• Change-over Dinner – Wednesday June 27 – no luncheon meeting

PROGRAM:

Clint Ehlers introduced today’s speaker, Kristen Rawlings, Coordinator of School & Community Information from the Wissahickon School District. Kristen spoke on behalf of Dr. James Crisfield who was unable to attend because of jury duty in Philadelphia. There is much to be proud of in WSD ranked one of the Best school districts in the state of PA with an emphasis on 21st Century learning to prepare students for the workforce.

Most Recent Achievements
  o WHS 1 of 330 schools nationwide designated as a National Blue Ribbon School.
  o Received 2nd highest school performance profile.
WMS – Microsoft Association Showcase School – students can tinker in STEM science, engineering, and math.
Next year creating a similar Fab Lab at WHS.
Expanding computer literacy programs at elementary schools.

Extracurricular Activities
Clubs – wide range to choose from Interact Club to:
Robotics – top ranked program in the country.
Athletics.

Character Education
Embedded in curriculum.
Respect self, other, and community.
Community Service learning.

Upcoming Events
October 6 – Alumni Induction. Unveiling Wall of Honor
Late October/early November – opening the New Natatorium & Central Plant. 10-lane pool, raised seating for 342, locker rooms, team rooms, diving pool for home meets. WMS pool will close and possibly become an auditorium.

Wissahickon Educational Opportunities Foundation
Raise money to provide grants to teachers and students.
Funds technology, robots, and other items outside the WSD budget.
Sponsorships from businesses and individuals.
November 11 fundraiser – Billy Joel Tribute Band held at Mercedes Benz Dealership.

Keep in Touch with WSD
Website.
NEW Mobile App.
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.
Wissahickon Nation Community Newsletter – quarterly.

Questions from the Group
Taxes and the $21 million spent on the pool. Kristen indicated WSD 2nd lowest tax in Montgomery County.
Consider recognizing Eagle Scouts from WSD – Kristen said reach out to her so WSD can celebrate these accomplishments.
Conditions of school property and buildings (need better communication) Master Facility Plan on WSD website (facility tab). Annual Report mailed to all residents to communicate.
Police office in schools FT for three years – Officer Sanborn is a great addition provides info on safety, emergency planning, and intervention.
Census #’s – 4462 Students K-12 – 98% college graduation rate
Dave Lightkep was the winner of a free lunch and a white tee. There were 43 white tees and 1 red tee. Next week’s jackpot will begin around $310.

SEPTEMBER
13 – Richard Spector – MovieHouse Productions (movie nostalgia)
20 – Dan Ritter – Rotary International Conference update
27 – Gail Farmer – Executive Director, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association

OCTOBER
4 – Jim Reis – Classification Talk
11 – Marilyn Hershey- Dairy Farmer
18 – James Coughlin – Sliderules to Robot Manufacturing

ASSIGNMENTS: (Chair, Arlene Daniels)

Remember that if you can't fulfill your service obligation, please provide a suitable substitute and call Arlene at 215-219-7620 to let her know or deal with...

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SEPTEMBER
13 – Marinucci  Heffernen  Braunewell  DeTato / Ehlers
20 - Fleisher   Ames       Ritter      Arya / Daniels
27 – Booth      O’Brien    Faddis     Cella / Wenckus
OCTOBER
4 - S. Paccione  Satterly  DuPlat  Chevalier / Arya
11 – Geraldino  Kennedy  Ames  L Paccione / Myers
18 – Marinucci  Pinder  Kline  Weber / Gerhard
25 – Braunewell  Urban  Reis  Daniels / Parkinson

NOVEMBER
1 – Fleisher  Bass  Sandler  Swansen/ Faddis
8 – McAneney  Frank  Schueler  Jablokov / Kennedy
15 – Booth  King  Fanini  Wenckus / Greenbaum
22 – Ries  DeTato  Kadel  Heffernen / Ames
29 – Phillips  Albright  Ritter  Marinucci / Arya

DECEMBER
6 – Chevalier  O’Brien  Bass  Snyder/ Dunnington
13 – Faddis  Target  Lightkep  Reis / Cella
20 – Holiday Dinner 6 PM – No Luncheon Meeting

ROTARY DISTRICT 7430 STUFF:

Upcoming:
RLI in D7430  Sep 16, 2017
Rotary Foundation Seminar  Nov 04, 2017
Rotary UN Day  Nov 12, 2017

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STUFF:

How we more than doubled our membership in a year

When Fely R De Leon began her year as president of the Rotary Club of Hundred Islands in Pangasinan, Philippines, she dreamed of reaching a hundred members to match her club’s name. Starting at 31 members, which presented a considerable challenge. But by making club meetings livelier, restructuring the format, and widely promoting their good work, the club got most of the way there, growing to 80 members.

READ HOW SHE DID IT

-ENDPOLIONOW-