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Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017 - 2018 Volume 92, Edition 29

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january 24th meeting

Paul was out. Scott was out. 3rd Rounder Clint was tapped to lead the motley crew.

After singing God Bless America and ending on a high note (in honor of Paul), the Prayer was delivered by Dick Target.

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better friendships?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21 CASINO NIGHT: Please remember to invite two guests (not Rotarians) to this night of fun and debauchery. Lucy Paccione distributed sponsorship forms for the event as well. Please complete and give them to Dick Target. In the next couple of weeks Lucy will be collecting gift certificates for event baskets.

CFARC is still accepting donations for Puerto Rico Relief Fund. Please get your donations in soon so the Club can match!

APRIL 27-29: District Conference – still time to register! Paul does not want to be the only person at the bar.

As you may have heard, Scott Stimson has asked that the club post pone his Presidency and Clint has agreed to move up his term and will now serve as Incoming President for 2018-2019. Start planning your Sabbaticals now.

Due to a conflict with the Rotary International Convention, Club Changeover Dinner has been rescheduled for July 11.

Bernie's husband had a successful brain surgery to remove a tumor and is at home resting and

recovering. Please keep them in your prayers.

OLD ANNOUNCEMENTS WORTH REPEATING

Liz Kunzier informed us that Shady Grove Elementary Guidance Counselors are looking for Mentors for children grades 3-5. Mentors are a positive role model for children in need. Time commitment is 45 minutes 1 or 2 times monthly. It is a very rewarding experience and the children greatly value that time. Please contact Liz for details - lkunzier7@gmail.com

VISITORS / GUESTS:

There were no visiting Rotarians or Guests. Wah.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Dick Target – proud to announce Steve Bass has been selected as volunteer of the Year for Wissahickon Watershed. During his tenure Steve and the youth from Interac Club have planted 1000 trees.

Steve thanked everyone for their support over the years donating for the tree purchase.

Geoff Ries has had Eagles season tickets since 1973. The Eagles win over the Vikings was one of the most exciting games he has ever watched.

Clint Ehlers, as we know, is not an Eagles fan and put in \$3 for the 3 times the Eagles have gone to the Super Bowl and lost (including next week against the Patriots).

PROGRAM

Liz Kunzier introduced Lenny Robinson and Toni Reed from WAC Homework Club as our featured speakers.

Lenny was a Basketball coach for WAC – Wissahickon Athletic Club. During his time there, he recognized a need for homework help for the children in the program.

Nine years ago a group of individuals (including Lenny and Liz) got together to see what they could do to help and Homework Helpers was born.

Program originally operated at Mattison Avenue Elementary and provided 10 children with a safe environment to do homework and experience a nurturing relationship with volunteers.

Today the program is held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 3:30 – 5:30 at the Ambler Borough building pm serving over 40 children. 55 volunteers provide 150 hours of service each week.

20 of the volunteers are Wissahickon High School Students.

Community Supporters include: Ambler Borough (space), Hope Gardens, Ambler First Presbyterian Church provides healthy snacks, and Wissahickon School District provides materials and transportation.

Funding from private and corporate donations, Rotary, and Ambler Borough Council.

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Previous photo because I was napping and forgot to take one.....

Jay Jablovok was the winner of a FREE LUNCH and the proud owner of a white golf tee

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday April 7: Spring Fling Gala – Old York Road Country Club

Wednesday June 27: Lunch meeting - Changeover Dinner moved.

Wednesday, July 11: NEW Changeover Dinner. NO Lunch Meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

If you have any ideas or requests for specific speakers, please email Clint at clinteblers@gmail.com. Recommendations and suggestions are greatly appreciated!

January 2018

31 - Jarred S. Barnes - Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA

February 2018

7 - Lamont Satterly - reviewing the book he wrote about his Great Grandfather

14 - Commissioner Dante Santoni - PA Gaming Control Board

21 - Frank Fitzpatrick - Sports Reporter - Philly News

28 - Sue Zomberg - Community Resource Manager: Inter-Faith Housing Alliance

March 2018

7 - Tom Graham - THANKS, Helping a Needy Kid Society

14 - Alicia Fergus - North Penn YMCA / Livestrong

21 - State Representative Todd Stephens

28 - Thomas Wieckowski - history of the Wanamaker Estate in Cheltonham

May 2018

16 - Eric Golub - Using humor for better advocacy and unity

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...

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

R.I. President, Ian H. S. Riseley, Victoria Australia

District 7430 Governor, Rick Gromis, Springfield Township Cent.

Assistant District Governor, Area 9, Michael Seidner, North Penn

Ambler Rotary President, Paul J. Kelly, III

Ambler Rotary Incoming President, Clint Ehlers

2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Feb 10th -- Multi-Zone Peacebuilding Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Feb 22-24th -- Mid-Atlantic PETS

Mar 17th -- District Foundation Gala at Pinecrest CC

Apr 27-29th -District Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing

Apr 14th -- 4-Way Test Speech Contest Regionals

May 12th -- District Training Assembly

June 23-27th – RI Convention in Toronto, Canada

Jun 28th -- District Changeover and Awards

Jun 28th – D7430 Council of Governors Meeting

Sep 19th-22nd -- Zone Institute in Montreal, Canada

Oct 20th -- The 2018 Rotary Leadership Institute in District 7430. It will be held again in the Gambet Center of DeSales University.