

Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017 - 2018 Volume 92, Edition 30

January 31st meeting

Paul clanged the meeting to a start with the usual festivities.

After singing God Bless America and ending on a high note, 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?

Eric emailed me on Tuesday and asked me to take photos at lunch so he can post to FACEBOOK. Having long-term loss of short-term memory, I forgot to do so. So the following photos are of random Rotarians of other clubs enjoying lunch somewhere and laughing. You get the idea that a good time was had by all.

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.

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

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

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

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

VISITORS / GUESTS:

Nada. Zilch.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Dick Booth—Hunt Weber recently had his gallbladder removed and is doing well.

Cary Fleisher--\$10!!! He is back after joint replacement surgery.

Bob King/Pete Phillips—with the Ambler Rotary's help they purchased 10 computers to be used by students at Borough Hall. They also built a locked storage cabinet to house the computers. These computers can also be used by summer campers!!

Paul Kelly: Kate is doing well in her recovery from a severely broken ankle... they expect an 8-10 week recovery

PROGRAM

Jarred at another club

Jarred Barnes with the Freedom Valley YMCA provided a presentation on the new Willow Grove YMCA which is under construction.

The new Willow Grove YMCA will allow the combined Abington and Hatboro Area YMCAs to serve thousands of families, adults, children and seniors by increasing the quality of the facility and the amount of programming as well as the amount of financial assistance provided to lower income families.

Approvals and plans for the new facility were approved by the Upper Moreland Township in August 2017 and is in phase one of construction on an existing Willow Grove Day Camp in Willow Grove, Upper Moreland Township, approximately 3 miles from the current Abington Y and 1 mile from the current Hatboro Y.

The Y broke ground in September, one month after the project approval. The groundbreaking ceremony held early October brought 200 people to the site to witness the excavation and officially kick off the project.

The project is running a \$5 million Capital Campaign

Inclement weather with colder than normal temperatures as well as setbacks in construction typical in projects of this size have contributed to delays in the branch opening. Design changes to the facility were also made to help reset the construction schedule and allow for the grand opening summer 2019. The building will be roughly 95,000 sq. ft.

The state-of-the-art building will include a 13,000 sq. ft. Wellness Center, 3 indoor pools, full-court gymnasium, gymnastics center, 4 group exercise studios, indoor 2nd floor track and 30 acres of land for outdoor activities including an outdoor walking track.

There will be no service interruption for YMCA members or the community as we transition to the new facility. We will keep the community informed about any future updates about the grand opening schedule as we enter new construction phases.

50-50:

Not Paul Kelly

Paul Kelly was the winner of a FREE LUNCH and the proud owner of a white 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.