

Ambler Rotary Wheel 2017 - 2018 Volume 93, Edition 35

March 28th meeting

President Paul was MIA and left Clint with no notes. Good times.

Winging it "without a net" Clint started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and after singing God Bless America and ending on a sour note, the prayer was given by Leslie Heffernen.

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?

HAPPY DOLLARS

Steve Bass - Wordsworth tree planting dates:

- Tuesday 5/1
- Saturday 5/5

Walt West - Back after suffering a cracked knee cap!! He is happy to be back on his feet and walking normal!

VISITORS / GUESTS

Stephen Hilbert

Dennis Higgins, guest of John Snyder

Joey Fanini, guest of Bernie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21: CASINO NIGHT - Please remember to invite two guests (not Rotarians) to this night of fun and debauchery.

- Silent Auction items are needed! Baskets of cheer are great (no old booze from the basement).
- Please visit your local businesses/restaurants for donations. See Lucy for a donation letter.
- Ad sales are somewhat slow! Please get your personal or business ads in SOON to Dick Target or Clint Ehlers, along with your checks. ALSO - please reach out to other business owners in your network to entice them to run an ad as well. This is a BIG part of our fund raising for the night.
- All ad copy/layouts are due by March 31st. If you need help with your layout, then PLEASE get them in earlier so we have time to work on them.

APRIL 27-29: District Conference – Visiting Blue Bell Rotarian Bruce Dearnly gave a District plea for all of us to attend the upcoming District conference being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing. You can register for the event by following this link: www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-rotary-district-7430-conference-registration-31170115655. Please remember that the Ambler Rotary Club will reimburse you the registration costs. Yes, this is a bribe. Clint and Paul don't want to be the only ones drinking at the bar and telling stories.

May 1st: Wordsworth tree planting is on May 1st and May 5th. The Board voted to purchase \$1000 of trees for these upcoming events. Please see Steve Bass to purchase sponsorship's of these trees. If you would like to make a contribution towards this minimum is \$10.00 and you will receive a special certificate.

Steve Bass reported on Interact Club events – May 1st year end party at 11:00 am

OLD ANNOUNCEMENTS WORTH REPEATING

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Matthew D'Emilio, and Peter Urban have both been approved by the Board for membership into the Ambler Rotary Club! We will induct them into the club in the upcoming weeks.

We have also received two new Membership Applications.

The first is from Dennis Higgins. Dennis is sponsored by John Snyder and works for Fraser Advanced Informational Systems as a Senior Account Manager. He has a heart for community service and outreach, philanthropy and fellowship.

Second application is from Gail Farmer who is sponsored by Eric Faddis. Gail is the Executive Director of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association.

PROGRAM

Tom Wiechowski

Tom delivered a very interesting and engaging program regarding the history of John Wanamaker.

John Wanamaker - Merchant, Citizen, Politician

- First Store: Oak Hall (opened with brother in law Nathan Brown)
- Innovator of many retail concepts
- Instituted fixed price policy
- Department Store concept
- First to implement a Return Policy
- First retail store to have electric lighting
- Was known for his Ads/promos. John is credited with the saying "Half of all advertising doesn't work. I just don't know which half"
- Created the first "white" sale
- Opened the "Grand Depot" near City Hall soon after

As a politician

- Invented political donations
- Supported Benjamin Harrison
- Appointed Postmaster General
- Instituted corner mailboxes
- Parcel Post
- Invented Commemorative stamps

As a citizen

- Founded Abington Hospital

Other interesting facts

- Hosted Benjamin Harrison at his estate Lindenhurst in Cheltenham Hills
- Built a "super Victorian style" mansion near York rd, Washington Lane and the North Penn Railroad
- Purchased an impressive artwork collection

- Tragically in 1907 a fire destroyed nearly everything!! What could be saved, from fire and looting, was stored in his barn. Then in July that same year the barn burnt down.
- Rebuilt in 1922 by his son Rodman in a French Style
- Eventually the estate was sold to the Breyer family who in turn sold it the Philadelphia Scout Council.
- The scout council made the decision to tear it down
- All that is visible today are pieces of wrought iron fence. Salus University occupies the site now.

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Where are my glasses.....

Joey Fanini had the chance to win some moola for dance lessons but thankfully was the winner of a free lunch and 1 white golf tee instead.

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday April 21: Casino Night – Old York Road Country Club

Wednesday June 27: Lunch meeting - Changeover Dinner moved

Wednesday July 11: NEW Changeover Dinner. NO Lunch Meeting

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

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!

April 2018

4 - Fernanda Poirer, Ambler Rotary's Exchange Student

11 - Chris Donohue - Core 3 Physical Therapy

18 - Dawn Zucca - The Peter Powerhouse Foundation

25 - State Representative Kate Harper

May 2018

2 - Bob Pierson - Farm to City

9 - Whitney Lingle - Montco Senior Adult Activity Center

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

23 - Leslie Bluestone - Montgomery County Community College Foundation

30 - Jon Roesser - Weaver's Way Coop

June 2018

6 - Lamont Satterly - Abner Jenkins, Pie Eater in the Union Army - Lamont's Great Grandfather

20 - Paul Harris - History of Rotary and why what we do is important

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

Ambler Rotary 2nd VP, Leigh DeTato

2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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.