



Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

Rotary Opens Opportunities
Vol. 95, No. 07 President – Jared Roush Editor – Carol Handlan

Rotary Newsletter

Next Meeting: August 25 - Melissa Laniewski, host – Emily Gorski & Emily Stotter from DIG

August 18, 2022 – 24 Rotarians and **4** guests gathered at Isabella's to listen to Selinsgrove Police Chief Shanee Mitchell speak. Host, Carol Handlan mentioned how she first met the Chief and her husband, Wesley, at the Selinsgrove Brewfest and immediately was impressed by Chief Mitchell; in that she was a person, who looked you in the eye and actually listened and cared what you had to say. She made a great first impression and was very personable. Carol went on to introduced Mayor Jeff Reed who gave us insight as to the selection process that involved a number of individuals including the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, who played a key role, in looking at the more than 30+ candidates which was narrowed down to a group of 5; with Chief Mitchell being the successful candidate. The Mayor introduced Chief Mitchell. The Chief started her career in law enforcement in 2003 in Philadelphia and had currently held the position of lieutenant before accepting this position. In 2012, history was made when both she and her mother were promoted together to the rank of sergeant. She is excited about coming to Selinsgrove and is very community minded and plans to hold community round tables and meet one-on-one with residents and leaders to learn their concerns and interests. The Chief was asked many questions about her work as a police officer in Philadelphia and we heard some very harrowing experiences. She also shared that her and her husband both have a one-word tattoo on each of their arms. It's the word "SONDER" defined as the realization that each and every individual passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own. In her first few weeks on the job, the Chief has already begun showing her community minded spirit by having a Selinsgrove Police table at the 10th Annual Snyder County Night Out, for the first time ever, where they finger printed children. The department also had police on the street during the Wheels in the Grove event and will also have a table, for the first time in 43 years, at this year's Market Street Festival.

Announcements: Gary Gonsar passed around a signup sheet for volunteers for the golf outing and stated there will be one last committee meeting next week at 11:00am. He also thanked Art Bowen for taking the radio spot on the WKOK and the great job he did on the program. Tom Gates thanked everyone who helped make the 2nd Annual Wheels in the Grove event a success. Ken Miller introduced his quest, Donnie Rowe. Carol Handlan introduced her guests, Mayor Jeff Reed, Councilperson Sara Lauver, and Borough Manager Lauren Martz. Marv Rudnitsky recognized Konrad Kempfe's birthday and we all sang.

Sergeant at Arms: Marv Rudnitsky provided some humor and collected Happy Fines from: Carol (speaker, guests, Donnie, music on the Commons); Bob (speaker, Tom, Art); Mary (Tom); Konrad (speaker, birthday); Marv (speaker, Tom, grandchildren at PSU, exchange student, summer seals); Gary (speaker, Art); ; Ken (speaker); John (speaker, travel); Toby (speaker, Donnie); Raven (speaker, Tom, grandchildren, dance at the REC); Linda (speaker, grandson at SU); Mike (speaker, kids); Art (speaker, grandchildren, vacation in Vermont); Malcolm (speaker, start of school year); Cheryl (speaker, leave early, summer seals).

Future Programs: PLEASE SECURE YOUR SPEAKER AND LET CAROL KNOW WHO IT WILL BE VIA EMAIL

September 1 – Charlie McCuen, host

September 8 – Fred Keller, host

September 15 – Chapin Jones, host

September 22 – Rick Davis, host - Dr. Matt Rousu, Dean of Sigmund Wei's School of Business

Future Events:

September 12 – Annual Golf Outing at Susquehanna Valley Country Club

September 24 – Market Street Festival, Downtown Selinsgrove

Birthdays:

August: 11 Javier Videla; 16 Konrad Kempf; 29 Jay Lemons

September: 3 Tom Gates; 5 John Fischer; 6 Melissa Laniewski; 24 Don Summers

Quotation: “The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.” – Martin Luther King Jr.