



## Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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### Rotary Newsletter

**Next Meeting Reminder – September 7** – Charlie McCuen, host – Seth Joseph, Director of Marketing and Resource Development for Camp Victory

**August 31, 2023:** 20 Rotarians 1 guest (Jordan Leshner) gather to hear Nakita Robinson, Program Specialist, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Northeastern, PA speak on the reestablished BBBS in our area. Nakita was introduced by her host, Kelly Feiler. BBBS now covers 11 counties and she is our Snyder County representative. Their mission is mentorship and their vision is for youth to achieve their fullest potential. Youth in this program range from 6 to 16 years of age. Nakita, stated they are trying to partner with organizations, and work by taking referrals from Youth and Family Services, the Selinsgrove Middle School and they are in discussion with Susquehanna University too for potential assistance and mentors. Volunteer mentors (BIGS) are fully screened and are given training on boundaries, sites to meet, suggested activities, etc. and need to meet with their designated youth (LITTLES) 1 to 3 hours a week. BIGS are provided with match support from BBBS. It was great to hear that this program is back up and running in our county; especially since they have 14 youth on the waiting list to be matched. Nakita, passed out brochures to everyone but for those who were not in attendance go to their website at [www.bbbsnepa.org](http://www.bbbsnepa.org) or call them at 1-800-955-4326.

**Announcements:** 1) Gary Gonsar thanked everyone who signed up to volunteer and stated he would have the scheduled sent out with the weekly newsletter; 2) Melissa Laniewski stated she is passing around a signup sheet for volunteers for the Market Street Festival. Melissa shared that our booth will be same with the photo booth and selling balloons. She is in need of someone to bring chrysanthemums and straw bales but also need to take them with you at the end of the festival; 3) Ken Miller announced that Jordan (our guest) will be joining Rotary under a new corporate insurance agency membership.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Marv Rudnitsky provided some humor and collected Happy Fines from : Carol (speaker, music on the Commons); Stacey (speaker, Tom's birthday, email error, 25th wedding anniversary, beautiful day); Sherri (being back, Penn State); Linda (speaker, niece's wedding in NY, Tom's birthday); Kelly (speaker, REC Drop-in, article in newspaper); Marv (speaker, Penn State); Cheryl (relaxed in her private practice, EMDR conference) ; Melissa (speaker, Gerald, beautiful day). Sorry if I missed something.

**Future Programs: PLEASE SECURE YOUR SPEAKER AND LET CAROL KNOW WHO IT WILL BE VIA EMAIL. IF A PROJECTOR IS REQUIRED CALL ISABELLA'S PRIOR TO THE PRESENTER'S DATE.**

**September 14** – Hal Dunkelberger, host – Cheryl Stumpf, EMDR Certified Therapist  
**September 21** – Melissa Laniewski, host – Amanda Rappold, Owner, Creative Space  
**September 28** – Jodi Cope, host -TBA

**Future Events:**

**September 11, 2023** – Rotary Golf Outing - SVCC  
**September 23, 2023** – Market Street Festival  
**October 17, 2023** (Rain Date October 18<sup>th</sup>) – Halloween Parade

**Birthdays:**

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

**Quotation:** "I know the price of success: dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen." – Frank Lloyd Wright