



Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

Rotary Opens Opportunities
Vol. 96, No. 13 President – Stacey Napoli Editor – Carol Handlan

Rotary Newsletter

Next Meeting Reminder – October 5 – Art Bowen, host – TBA

September 28, 2023: 22 Rotarians 2 guests gathered at Isabella's to hear Cheryl Hill of Mostly Mutts, Inc. (MM) speak about her dog shelter. Cheryl was introduced by her host, Jodi Cope. Cheryl stated that MM became a 501 (C) (3) non-profit in 2005 but the shelter has been in existence since 2000. Cheryl owns the shelter that can be found on the 13 acre property she purchased with her own funds and covered all costs involved with the operations of the shelter and care of the dogs.

Starting out with a few dogs, the shelter now has approximately 75 dogs. All animals are housed on the property and are provided with necessary medical attention to insure they are all in good health before adoption can occur. All dogs are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on shots and given flea/tick and heart worm preventatives, as well as, given evaluations on their temperament and personality. Cheryl mentioned that they have many varieties and weigh between 4 pounds and 105 pounds. Background checks, home visits and references are all necessary before a dog will be placed.

Highly reliant on volunteers to assist with many different activities from dog walking to cleaning dog runs and feeding/watering the animals; especially since they have 24/7 coverage. MM has an annual budget of approximately \$250,000 and relies on volunteers to also assist with fundraising efforts that include but are not limited to festivals, golf tournaments, pop-up events, selling merchandise, etc. Cheryl did share that most of the food is donated; which helps out tremendously.

For more information about Mostly Mutts, Inc. go to www.mostlymuttsonline.com or their Facebook page.



Announcements: 1) Melissa Laniewski thanked everyone who volunteered for the Market Street Festival (MSF); 2) Toby Skinner reminded everyone of our participation in the Halloween parade and will have a sign-up sheet at next week's meeting; 3) It was also noted that we missed both Jodi Cope and Stacey Napoli's birthdays last week. So we all sang Happy Birthday to them. 4) Ruth Shaffer introduced her SU student guests, Robert Morales and Nick Arango.



Sergeant-at-Arms: Marv Rudnitsky provided some humor and collected Happy Fines from Carol (speaker, guests, music on the Commons); Marv (speaker, Melissa & Courtney for MSF, Penn State Whiteout); Ruth (guests, coffee on Sunday, grateful for such a wonderful welcome by our club to her guests); John F (speaker, guests and MSF committee); Melissa (speaker, MSF volunteers, Carol); Marty (MSF volunteers); Jodi (being back, her birthday); Mary (MSF volunteers, Marty, Cheryl); Stacey (speaker, Jodi, birthday); Kelly (speaker). Sorry if I missed or got something wrong!

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.

October 12 – Malcolm Derk, host – Matthew Wilson, Director of the Freshwater Research Institute and Center for Environmental Education and Research Field Station at Susquehanna University.

October 19 – Sarah Maneval, host – TBA

October 26 - Konrad Kempfe, host - TBA

Future Events:

October 17, 2023 (Rain Date October 18th) – Halloween Parade

Birthdays:

October: 4 Sarah Maneval, 21 John Reed

Quotation: "It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela