



Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Vol. 96, No. 29 President – Stacey Napoli Editor – Carol Handlan

Rotary Newsletter

Next Meeting Reminder – February 8 – Host, Ken Miller – Ken will present a program on Rotary Field

February 1, 2024: 18 Rotarians gathered to hear Jeff Coup, of the Milton Rotary club speak on Polio Plus and upcoming fundraising activities. Jeff was introduced by his host, Sheri Marshall. Jeff has been a long time Rotarian in the Milton Club and when he was President (and also has served as our district governor at one point). Back in 2021, he had already been with the Milton Club for 47 years, he was honored by The Rotary Foundation for his decades-long effort to aid in eradicating polio in the world and was awarded a Polio Plus Pioneer Award, one of 10 awarded worldwide. Jeff is definitely committed to this mission and is one of the great “cheerleaders” in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide.



He shared the two different types of vaccines. CVDPV (circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses) which is administered orally and has surfaced in those areas where there is a low immunization rate. The Wild (WPV) is the most commonly known virus and has almost been eradicated. Jeff went on to explain how it can be transmitted and how they are monitored it thorough the water systems. It mentioned that it is quite possible that we may see the eradication of polio worldwide by 2024-2025.

Jeff continues his commitment to ensuring this disease will finally be eradicated and provided information on some upcoming annual fundraising events. The Polar Plunge and the Pedal for Polio (Saturday, 6/15). In regards to the Pedal's event, there are several ways you can participate: Choose to ride one of three lengths or virtually. Jeff had some pledge flyers with him to sign up.

Announcements: 1) President Stacey acknowledged Kelly and thanked her for the success of Rural/Urban night. 2) She shared that the board met today and discussed we are looking into some additional fundraising activities for the club; more to come. She also mentioned the board approved holding an off-site evening meeting (6-8pm) on March 21 at the REC. The program will be on mental health and will compliment this year's International Rotary's Theme. Stacey also stated the dictionary project is progressing and the dictionaries have been ordered.

Sergeant-at-Arms: In Marv's absence, Konrad Kempfe, collected happy fines from: Carol (birthday, speaker, Axemann opening, Rural/Urban dinner); Ken (speaker, Carol); Mary (Rural/Urban dinner); Konrad (Rural/Urban dinner); Toby (Rural/Urban dinner, three puppies left); Tom (speaker); John F. (speaker, Carol); Sheri (speaker, being back, Carol, Wheels committee); Stacey (Rural/Urban dinner, speaker, Carol); Marlcolm (speaker, Carol). 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. 570-374-0255

February 15 – Club Assembly, President, Stacey Napoli, presiding.

February 22 – Jared Roush – TBA

February 29 – Donna Shuck - TBA

Future Events:

August 8 – 4th Annual Wheels in the Grove

Birthdays:

February: 3 Toby Skinner; 5 Carol Handlan

Quotation: "Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can be achieve." – Napoleon Hill