



Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Rotary Newsletter

Next Meeting Reminder – February 15 – Host, President, Stacey Napoli. Club Assembly

February 8, 2024: 19 Rotarians gathered at Isabella's to hear host/presenter Ken Miller discuss the history of Rotary Field. Ken started off by thanking Krista and Tom for helping with gathering and pulling the pictorial slide show together and Malcolm for getting the equipment to work. He started off with how permission was given in 1950 to build on the land. Rotary became associated with the property in 1952 but it ended up having a borough ordinance that it must have a recreation provision. The land was purchased in 1953 for \$4,000. From 1953-1955 there were block parties and movies shown. In 1963 is when curbs and sidewalks were installed for \$10,000.



In 1976, Ken became a new member to Rotary. At that time, the club voted on \$4,500 to put in a new field because the original had been built incorrectly. In 1980 they bought and installed bleachers. In 1983 it expanded to include midget football, cheerleading and girls softball. In 1996, they were asked to build the existing building. Bob Fogel, Tom Gates and John Fischer were all instrumental in raising funds and getting labor and materials donated to make that happen! In December of 2005 formerly leased to the borough for community usage. Then in 2006 the picnic pavilion was built for the annual chicken BBQ's that Bob Fogel chaired for many years.

At the current time, our club has a cooperative agreement with the school district who does our snow removal and the borough who does the lawn mowing. Ken did an excellent job of providing the history of the field' especially for our newest members to have the background.

Announcements: 1) President Stacey shared that our Rotary club will be hosting a QPR mental health training session that will be held off site at the REC on March 21st from 6-8PM. This training will be open to other Rotary clubs in our district and also to the public. President Stacey mentioned that mental health awareness is part of Rotary International's theme, as well as, hers this year. Please be sure to register for the event. Food will be served and this will take the place of our weekly Rotary meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Marv Rudnitsky shared some humor and collected happy fines from: Carol (speaker, birthdays, weather); Ken (Krista's help, Penn State wrestling); Marv (Konrad for filling, Penn State basketball, granddaughter 1st place); Hal (robin spotting); Toby (birthday); Tom (speaker, Malcolm); John F. (skateboarding); Stacey (speaker, Tom, Carol, Malcolm and Cheryl); Malcolm (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 22 – Jared Roush – TBA

February 29 – Donna Shuck – Snyder County Commissioners, Joe Kantz and Chuck Steininger will discuss Faylor Lake

March 7 – John Fischer - TBA

March 14 – Lucy Corbin - TBA

March 21 – Cheryl Stumpf – QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training Session from 6-8PM at the REC

March 28 – Gary Gonsar - Dr. Frank Jankowski, SASD Superintendent

Future Events:

August 8 – 4th Annual Wheels in the Grove

Birthdays:

February: 3 Toby Skinner; 5 Carol Handlan, 22 Raven Rudnitsky

March: 8 Courtney Hanes, 13 Kelly Feiler, 15 Mary Peterhaensel, 31 Ken Miller

Quotation: "Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." – Albert Einstein