



Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club

The Magic of Rotary

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Rotary Weekly Newsletter

Next Meeting Reminder – January 9, 2025 – Pat Pinkowski, Host – Michael Mummy – Selinsgrove Moose

January 2, 2025 – 18 Rotarians gathered at Isabella's to hear newly hired, Selinsgrove Police Chief Francis Petrovich, discuss the future of our Selinsgrove Borough Police Department. Chief Petrovich was introduced by his host, Tom Gates.

The Chief provided a little background on himself, stating he was raised in Shamokin, is



married and has three children ranging in age for 4 to 17 years old. He started as a part-time officer in 2009 and became full-time in 2012. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2023 and Selinsgrove Borough Council unanimously voted to promote him to Chief at their December 1, 2025 meeting, filling the vacant position.

The Chief is now looking ahead to ensure a safe community for the borough. He is currently in the process of hiring two more full-time police officers and preparing to equip the officers with body camera, new tasers, and dash cams for the patrol vehicles. In addition, he wants the department to be more visible in the community and he will also be putting in a 40 hour a week shift and attend all of the monthly borough council meetings.

He shared that the building that houses the Police department is now undergoing much

needed renovations.

Chief Petrovich answered questions about preparedness, in light of current events. He stated that the officers have had training and have trained with the PA State Police and SU and SASD Campus Police. As has surrounding municipal police forces.

It was clear that the Chief is excited to assume his new role and wants to do his best for the betterment and safety of our community. If you need to reach the Chief, you can email him at fpetrovich@selinsgrovepd.org or call the nonemergency number at 570-374-8655.

Announcements: 1) Carol Handlan stated that President Sheri sends her regrets but was unable to attend today's meetings due to a sick child. President-elect, Bob Bertram, chaired the Board meeting today; however, he was unable to stay for our weekly meeting due to a work commitment. 2) Gary Gonsar shared that the Golf Committee will be doing a formal check presentation to Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc. of \$5,000 for the community pool, at next week's Rotary meeting and would like to see as many members possible to attend. 3) Marty Blessing reminded us about "Feeding the Kitty" and to drop any loose pocket change or dollar bills in the jar. She also reminded us about contributing to the Foundation. 4) Marv Rudnitsky stated though we have no birthdays in January, it was Dottie's birthday on December 30, while we were away. We then all sang Happy Birthday to Dottie.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Marv Rudnitsky shared some humor and collected Happy Fines from: Krista (Don attending, wonderful holidays); Hal (speaker, Carol Handlan); Gary (speaker, holidays with family); Jordan (announced his engagement); Ken (speaker, Carol Handlan, Penn State football and wrestling); Kelly (speaker, 14 family members, Don); Marv (Penn State football at Fiesta Bowl with grandsons, ride in a WAYMO driverless car); Konrad (speaker); Carol (speaker, holidays with family); Tom (speaker, holidays with family); Dottie (speaker, her birthday, holidays); John F (speaker, football games, holidays with family); Malcolm (Dottie's birthday, Carol Handlan, John Lazar). Sorry if I missed anything!

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.

January 9 – Pat Pinkowski – Michael Mummy – Selinsgrove Moose

January 16 – Jordan Leshner – Sherry Ferster – Operation Christmas Child

January 23 – Kelly Feiler – Rural/Urban Night – OFF SITE AT THE REC – 6:00pm

January 30 – Toby Skinner - TBA

Future Events:

January 23 – Annual Urban/Rural Dinner

February 7 – Dictionary Distribution to SASD 3rd Graders

Birthdays:

January: None

Quotation: "You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis