

S P R C K E T

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

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January, 2008 Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, January 31: Joint Meeting with Bridgeville-South Fayette
Rotary Club, Tambellini's Restaurant, Bridgeville

Our meeting today was held at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library on the hill in Carnegie. Our Speaker was **Maggie Forbes**, Executive Director/Campaign Manager for the renovation of the Library. This \$8.6 million project has raised \$4 million so far and just announced its 2nd Challenge Grant from the same anonymous foundation. This group will donate \$500,000.00 if the Library can raise \$1 million by the end of 2008. Unlike the first challenge which required only local donations to qualify, this time all donations from any source will qualify in this two-for-one match! Our Club today presented **Maggie** with our final installment on our original \$10,000.00 pledge. We should all be proud of the support the Carnegie Rotary Club gave the Library in its quest for survival! As of now, all the outside renovation work has been completed and inside projects have been started. Between the Library, the Music Hall, the Civil War Room (the Thomas Espy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic), and other rooms, the Library is a very busy place! One thing special we learned today is that you can do online to www.carnegiecarnegie.com and actually purchase books and other materials which will be delivered to the Library and will be held for you until you run down and pick them up! Not such a bad way to shop for such items!!! You can also drop down to the Library to use a computer to go online and they even have their own "Geek Squad" person to help you navigate your way around cyberspace! Our Club also presented **Maggie** with our Annual Donation of \$550.00 to offset expenses with the Library's Adult Literacy Program which former member **George Carson** and the Carnegie Rotary Club initiated many years ago!

Announcements:

Rich Meyer noted that the new Carnegie Rotary Web site is about 89% finished. We were able to get the Sprocket on the Web Site and if we can figure how to do it in an easier manner which we should be able to do very soon, Editor John Mendenhall will be asking members to decide if they want to continue to receive a hard paper copy of the Sprocket or to be put on the list of members who will be able to access the Sprocket on the Web

Site. Any member who opts to go online for the Sprocket means less paper and postage the Club will have to pay. Lunch Fund bills and other special notices that currently come attached to the Sprocket would be mailed separately to those members who have switched to the Web. Think about it and in about 2-3 weeks you will be asked to make a decision. Remember the Web Site is: www.carnegie-collierrotary.org

A sign up sheet went around today for the next International Dinner set for Saturday, February 2nd! The theme is Brazilian Night with food at the Green Forest Restaurant off Rodi Road in Penn Hills. The event will start at 5:30 PM and remember this place has no liquor license so you will have to bring your own bottle if you want any spirits! SO far **Frank** said 22 people have signed up. It seems so popular that **Frank** says we may do it again later in the Spring-Summer for those who couldn't make the 2nd!

Debbie and Gordon Giffin handed out mailing labels to Rotarians who have previously sold Big Event tickets and had ticket forms and envelopes for everyone. Please pick up forms and get your tickets sold and in so that we can sell this out ASAP! Remember, all Rotarians are expected to do their share. To this end, the Board of Directors has decided to assess each member 3 No Show Big Event Tickets at \$100 each. This charge of \$300 will show up on your February Lunch Fund Bill! If you buy/sell 3 tickets on your own, these 3 NS tickets will be removed from your Lunch Fund Bill. If you sell 1 ticket, only one will come off your Lunch Fund Bill, etc. Also remember these are No Show tickets. If you want to purchase your ticket through the LF and you wish to attend, an additional \$25 will be needed to convert the NS to a regular ticket. Also remember that if you



January: Rotary Awareness Month



President Sue Kelly

R.I. 2007-2008 Theme

then want to bring a spouse or other guest on this same ticket you will need to pay an additional \$50 "Booster" ticket for your guest. The easiest thing for all of us is to sell 3 or more tickets on your own and the LF bill for your 3 NS tickets will be removed from your bill and be a non-issue! Is that clear!!!

February 7 – Losego, Meyer
February 14 – Paff, Petkovich
February 21 – Tamilia, Trompeter
February 28 – Van Balen, Venetti

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 8: Exchange Student Rafael Moleiro won and pulled a TEN winning \$10.00. The Kitty got \$12.00. The Pot is \$123.00 with 44 cards left plus the Joker

BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:

**13 SOLD
212 TO GO
10 WEEKS LEFT!**

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)
NEXT MEETING:**

Joint Meeting at Bridgeville Rotary

Also remember that all tickets sold before Saturday, March 1st will be eligible for a Special "Early Bird" drawing for \$100.00 the night of the event.

**ALSO NOTE: NO TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD AFTER APRIL
4TH!!!**

Calendar of Events -

January 31 – Special Rotary Lunch Meeting with Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary in Bridgeville
April 11-13, 2008 – Rotary Trip to Ireland
April 26 – Big Event
May 16-18 - District Conference
May 31- June 1 – Relay For Life

Future Programs -

January 31 – Joint Meeting with Bridgeville at Tambellini's in Bridgeville
February 7 – JT Mendenhall, Education in China
February 14 – Club Assembly – Food Bank
Donations of Non-perishable food stuffs or money should be brought to the meeting!!!

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Former Carnegie Mayor Jim Pascoe with the Club

You Were Missed:

Mark Brilmyer, Fran Cross, Ralph Ellis, Gordon Giffin, Chris Green, Diane Heburn, Rick Hess, Patty John, Diane Karcz, Jeff Kennell, Ray Losego, Marci Petkovich, Adrian Van Balen, Scott Venetti, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Larry Wind

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in January:

Scott Venetti – 1/11/62 (46 years)
Fran Cross – 1/21/65 (43 years)

Rotary Anniversary in January:

Joe Trompeter – 1/25/80 (28 year)

Wedding Anniversary in January:

Jack & Donna Abriola – 1/27/79 (29 years)

Future Greeters -

January 31 – Joint Meeting at Bridgeville

NOTE OF INTEREST: If interested in attending the District Conference at Bedford Springs Resort on May 16-18 please contact President Sue for application.



(Golden Gate Bridge in the late afternoon)