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Don't Forget – Vote Next Tuesday, November 4th!

Cindi Hewitt provided our program today as she introduced us to **Matt Swider**, a retired businessman who has



for the last 6 years been involved with the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank and for the last 4 years has served as a member of the Board. He currently is Secretary and soon will be Vice President of the organization. The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank was started 27 years ago when the steel industry in the

Pittsburgh area went belly up and many suddenly became in need of basics, even food which many of us take for granted. They currently run a 100,000 sq. foot warehouse in the Duquesne section of the county and are rated a 4-star Charitable Non-Profit Organization. They are able to remain efficient to the point that 94% of each donated \$1.00 goes to food items to be distributed to the clients while only \$0.06 per dollar goes to administration and overhead. Although the food bank receives money and donated food items from the government, most of their donations are from corporations and individuals in the form of money and donated food items. All the food donated to the center is inspected (nothing damaged or out-of-date is passed on) and sorted for distribution to local food banks for distribution to needy families and individuals. Currently there are at least 10 million people in the US who



are "Outright Hungry" while the food stamp program averages a donation average value of \$89.32 per person per month for food. With the poverty levels at \$9,000 for a single individual and \$19,800 for a family of four, you can see that although the average American spends 7% of their income on food per year those below the poverty level spend more like 30% of the income to feed themselves! Our Club



was visited by some special guest looking for donations to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank (Nevillewood and other communities are holding Halloween Food Drives this year) and many members gladly donated. And don't forget that from now on, at every Club Assembly Thursday meeting (the second Thursday of each month) special collections for our local community food banks will be held. You may bring a money donation or some non-perishable food items. The next Club assembly is in 2 weeks, November 13th so don't forget!!!

Announcements:

Today we inducted our 41st member with the pinning of "official" presentation of **Ed LaBruna**. **Ed** has been attending most of our meeting ever since September when he came to his first one and





October: Vocational Service Month



President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

should not be a stranger to anyone in the Club. He and **Kay Phanse** represent the 40th and 41st members of the Club in our last round of new members. In the next few weeks **John Mendenhall** will be handing out and then mailing updated sheets for your Directories. Welcome **Ed** and glad to have you with us!

Fund Raisers and Benefit Activities:

The Pittsburgh East Rotary Club is having their Pancake Breakfast & Auction on Saturday, November 1 from 8 AM to 12 PM at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 250 N. Highland Avenue. Cost is \$7.00

The Chartiers Boys and Girls Club will hold a Night at the Races on Saturday, November 11th starting at 6 PM. The races start at 7:30 and the tickets cost \$10.00. You can name a horse for \$10 and also buy a race if you wish. Contact the Boys and Girls Club.

Don't Forget the District 7300 annual Foundation Dinner to support the Rotary International Foundation. It will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at the Sheraton Station Square. Cash bar from 6 to 7 PM and dinner at 7:30. Entertainment by Pure Gold and there will be a Silent Auction. See **Sue Kelly** if interested!

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Kay Downey Clark, Collier Commissioner with **Cindi Hewitt**

Marty Jackley, Collier Park & Recreation Board Member with **Cindi Hewitt**

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Mark Brilmyer, Ralph Ellis, Chris Green, Diane Karcz, Bob Schuler, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Scott Venetti, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Leigh White

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in October:

- Rich Meyer – 10/10/57 (51 years old)
- Marci Petkovich – 10/18/49 (59 years old)
- Larry Wind – 10/20/42 (66 years old)
- Mary Ann Paff – 10/22/57 (51 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in October:

- Adrienne Jellison – 10/10/06 (2 years)
- David Brosky – 10/11/05 (3 years)
- Chris Green – 10/15/93 (15 years)
- Eileen Dombrowski – 10/18/07 (1 year)
- Diane Heburn – 10/18/07 (1 year)
- Mark Brilmyer – 10/25/80 (28 years)
- Rick Iorio – 10/25/90 (18 years)

Wedding Anniversary in October:

- Mark & Kathy Tamilia – 10/6/79 (29 years)
- Chris & Kathy Green – 10/14/72 (36 years)
- Dave & Nancy Brosky – 10/18/01 (7 years)

Future Greeters -

- November 6 – LaBruna, Phanse
- November 13 – LaBruna, Phanse
- November 20 – Abriola, Adams
- November 27 – No Meeting

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 16: Diane Heburn won and pulled a SEVEN winning \$7.00 (Which she donated to the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank). The Kitty got \$20.00. The Pot is \$239.00 with 32 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

- Ed LaBruna**
- Kay Phanse**

Calendar of Events -

November 11 – World Affairs Council on what the new administration might bring

November 19 – District Rotary Foundation

Dinner

December 11 – Joint Holiday Meeting with Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree Rotary Clubs at Nevillewood

December 12 – Holiday Party at Nevillewood

December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting with Carlynton Singers

April 29, 2009 - Ethics Symposium

May 14-17, 2009 – District Conference, Erie Area

June 21-24, 2009 – RI Convention, Birmingham, England

Future Programs -

November 6 – Rich Meyer will show the videos of Pittsburgh they showed in Norway

November 13 – Club Assembly/Board Meeting/Food Bank Donation Day (\$ and/or food items)

November 20 – John Mendenhall – Some Scotland

Highlights

November 27 – Thanksgiving – NO MEETING

December 4 - ?

December 11 – Club Assembly

December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting

with Mary Lear and Carlynton Singers

December 25 – Christmas – NO MEETING

January 1, 2009 – New Year's Day – NO

MEETING