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## Big Event News:

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnegie-Collier Rotary Big Event will be held at The Club at Nevillewood on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Ticket prices will remain at \$125 per person with the option of adding a Booster Ticket for \$50.00 (for family or friend to attend with you, enjoy the food and fellowship – but no prize number assigned). Again we will offer the \$100.00 No Show ticket which gets you a number for a chance to win a prize even though you can't make the event. We will provide 2 drink tickets for all regular tickets and booster tickets. After the 2 drinks you will be able to purchase additional drink tickets. Coffee, Ice Tea, and Soft Drinks will be free. We want to sell at least 225 tickets and the Committee says that ticket forms are now available. Lunch Fund bills now included a charge for 3 No Show Tickets (\$300.00) for everyone who has not sold at least 3 tickets so far. Some of you have paid for these No Show tickets through the Lunch Fund already. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITION CHECK FOR \$25.00 TO TURN ANY OF THESE NO SHOW TICKETS INTO REGULAR TICKETS WHICH INCLUDE DINNER AND 2 DRINK TICKETS.**

Addition ticket forms and envelopes will be available at each weekly meeting. The Big Event Committee met today after the club meeting to discuss changes in the event itself as well as a plea to get Major Prizes (\$150.00 value minimal). Some changes discussed included having a tent out on the deck and having small games of chance run out under the tent by the Presto Fire Department. Also having a DJ for dancing throughout the event. To speed up the actual drawing of the ping-pong balls it was suggested that we only announce the numbers that actually win a prize, all the other numbers will be pulled off the board to indicate they were pulled already but only numbers winning prizes would actually be announced. The committee would like some feedback on some of these ideas so contact Rick Hess, Gordon Giffin, or Patty John.



Our newest member, voted in by the Board of Directors at its meeting today is **Judy Van Balen**. The daughter-in-law of our **Adrian Van Balen** and the widow of our

former member the late **Adrian Van Balen Jr.**, **Judy** is the owner of Triangle Air Conditioning Co. in Bridgeville. The Club also celebrated the 6 new members who have joined in the last 3 months with a special cake marking their joining the Club!

### Announcements:

Our program today was **Andy Quinn**, a member of the McSwigan family of Kennywood ownership who talked to us about the park and its past and future. Did you know that Kennywood Park is located on land where the famous Battle of the Monongahela was fought on July 9, 1755? In this battle between the English and the French, English **General Edward Braddock** was mortally wounded and the English



failed in their attempt to dislodge the French from Fort Duquesne. **George Washington** was a colonel for the British in this battle. In the 1890's, the Kenny family owned the land upon which was a grove of trees overlooking the Monongahela River. It became a popular picnic grove for the locals and was called "Kenny's Grove". The Mellon family purchased the grove to build a trolley park for the workers and their families of their Pittsburgh Street Railway Company. By 1906 they wanted out of the amusement park business and sold the park to **A.S. McSwigan** and **Frederick Henninger**.



February: World Understanding Month

R I. 2009-2010 Theme

President Diane L. Karcz

By 2007, Kennywood Entertainment Co. not only owned Kennywood, but owns Idlewild Park (1983), had built Sandcastle Waterpark (1989), acquired Lake Compounce in Bristol Connecticut (1996), and Story Land in Bartlett, New Hampshire (2007). On Dec. 11, 2007, Kennywood Entertainment sold all their holdings to Parques Reunidos, a Madrid Spain-based company (who actually report to their bosses in London). Palace Entertainment out of California has run Kennywood Entertainment for the Spaniards since 2009. Andy, a McSwigan by blood, has worked at the park for 39 years and is the oldest employee there. They have about 175 full time workers and 4000 seasonal staff to serve about 1.2 million visitors per year. All of us who have spent any time in Pittsburgh have been to Kennywood and have some great Kennywood memories. It was great to have Andy here to give us some behind the scenes stuff on the history of the park and to refresh our Kennywood Moments. Thanks!

MARK June 11th off on your calendar, especially if you like WINE because the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club is sponsoring its first Wine Tasting Charity Event. Sue Kelly and Ed LaBruna are the Co-chairs of this new endeavor which will take place in the Ballroom at Nevillewood on that Friday evening. Current committee people include President Diane, Secretary Kay, and Ruth Forsyth, Mark Tamilia, Patty John, and Charles Oke. If interested in joining the committee, talk to Sue or Ed about their committee meetings. Otherwise, mark your calendars and buy your tickets when they are available.

**BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:**  
**91 SOLD**  
**134 TO GO**  
**8 WEEKS LEFT!**

The GSE Team from Argentina will be hosted to a Welcome to the District reception on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6 to 8 PM at Cefalo's Restaurant in Carnegie. It cost is \$15.00 for appetizers, cash bar. RSVP to Ed Grimes at 412-921-1325 by April 7th.

Friday, March 12th is PETS or President Elect Training Seminar which will be held at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township (Rt. 228). Although this is a special training session for incoming Club Presidents, this year the Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klingingsmith will be the guest speaker at the dinner that night. The topic of his speech is "Hometown Heroes". All District 7300 Rotarians are invited to attend this dinner. A sign up form should have been attached to the e-mail notice of this event from the District. If you want to attend but didn't get the e-mail, contact President Diane and she can help you.

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Brian Schill - USC/BP Rotary Club  
Tom Lewam, PDG from Washington, PA

**Guests:**

Tom Hileman with Dana Craig  
Andy Quinn with the Club (our speaker from Kennywood)

**You Were Missed:**

Jack Abriola, George Adams, Andrew Clark, Ray Dodd, Jeremy Guthrie, Curt Henry, Lou Holzer, Adrienne Jellison, Ed LaBruna, Bob Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, & Larry Wind

**PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!**

**Make-Ups:**

None

**Birthdays in February:**

Kay Downey-Clarke - 2/9/39 (71 years old)  
Eileen Dombrowski - 2/20/81 (29 years old)

**Rotary Anniversary in February:**

Mark Tamilia - 2/2/99 (11 years)  
Mary Lou Kientz - 2/14/08 (2 years)  
Marcia Petkovich - 2/25/89 (21 years)

**Wedding Anniversary in February:**

Bob and Rose Marie Schuler - 2/6/60 (50 years)

**Future Greeters -**

February 25 - Letcher, Oke  
March 4 - Abriola, Brilmeyer  
March 11 - Clark, Craig  
March 18 - Dodd, Dombrowski  
March 25 - Downey-Clarke, Forsyth

**The 50-50 Raffle:**  
**Week 2: Ted Katz won and pulled a KING winning \$10.00. The Kitty got \$16.00. The Pot is \$35.00 with 50 cards left plus the Joker**

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)**  
**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Joanne Letcher**  
**Charles Oke**

**Calendar of Events -**

March 12 - PETS (incoming President's training, RI President -elect Ray Klingingsmith will be the guest speaker  
April 15 - Welcome Reception for the GSE Team from Argentina at Cefalo's in Carnegie  
April 17 - District Assembly for incoming Club officers and committee chairs  
April 17 - 27th Annual Big Event  
April 24 - Carnegie Volunteer Fire Department 5K run/walk  
**Fundraiser**  
May 13-16 - District Conference, Oglebay, WV  
May 22 - Relay For Life  
June 11 - Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, Nevillewood Country  
**Club**  
June 17 - President's Dinner at Nevillewood  
June 20-23 - RI Conference, Montreal Canada

**Future Programs -**

February 25 -  
March 4 -  
March 11 - New Member Orientation after Club Assembly