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Big Event News:

SUDDEN SURGE OVERWHELMS BIG EVENT COMMITTEE!!!

With a late influx of over 250 tickets (most of them No Show Tickets), the Big Event Committee is proud to announce that we have set an all time record for tickets sales at 450 tickets! This creates a problem because our traditional Ping-Pong balls in the bottle set up can only hold 275 balls. The committee has made a drastic decision. Instead of sunning two simultaneous Ping-Pong balls in the bottle setup and alternating between them for each number pulled, they have decided to take, at random pick 200 No Show Tickets and basically eliminate them by not putting their numbers in the drawing. After all, they are No Show Tickets and won't be there so they won't know they didn't win (or even have a chance to win)! That leaves 250 Regular and No Show Tickets left which is within the limits of our delivery system. On the Major Prize front, Gordon Giffin announced that, through his part ownership of the Norwegian Cruise Line, he has secured passage for two on NCL's Around The World Cruise! Although something about no window cabin below waterline was part of the deal, as long as they don't sail the North Atlantic in early April it should be a great trip! Joanne Letcher has secured two tickets to anywhere that British Airways flies. Unfortunately, with all the labor problems BA has been having, they don't fly anywhere anymore. But the idea was nice! Incoming President Ted Katz was seen drooling over the news of all the extra tickets sold, believing that would translate into an extra \$50,000.00 for his Charities Budget next year until outgoing Treasurer John Mendenhall informed him that due to "clerical errors and other accounting slight-of-hand", the money has disappeared. Treasurer John then announced his sudden resignation from Rotary, the closing of his practice, and advised President Diane he would mail her his new address. Marci Petkovich has secured two Picasso's and a Rembrandt for the Chinese Auction. No donor was announced by Marci but a man looking very much like Thomas Crown was recently seen leaving her flower shop without the boxes he was seen carrying into her place! This year's Chinese Auction could be the steal of a lifetime!

We have recently received new membership applications from the entire Rotary Clubs of Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree! The sudden popularity of joining the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club must stem directly from the bonus

money our members have been receiving for each New Member Signing! Those members must have thought that the signing bonus goes to the new member, not the sponsoring member! So far, in President Diane's year, she has welcomed 75 new



March: Sell Out The Big Event Month

R I. 2009-2010 Theme

President Diane L. Karcz

members at a cost of \$75,000.00! A great day for membership when the Board approved her membership bonus proposal! So what if it adds a trillion dollars to our deficit in 10 years, **we will be the biggest Club in the world!!!**

Announcements:

**BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:
450 SOLD
0 TO GO
WE ARE DONE!!!**

NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE The GSE Team from Argentina will be hosted to a Welcome to the District reception on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 6 to 9 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 30th

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 you calendars and buy your tickets when they are available.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Tim Downey Jr. with Kay Downey-Clarke

You Were Missed:

NONE

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in April:

- Ray Dodd – 4/1/38 (72 years old)
- Frank Verri – 4/16/71 (39 years)
- Ollie Weiss – 4/21/64 (46 years old)
- Patty John – 4/23/60 (50 years old)
- Fred Jackson – 4/23/25 (85 years old)
- Rick Iorio – 4/28/53 (57 years old)
- Adrian Van Balen – 4/30/29 (81 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in April:

- Mary Ann Paff – 4/2/02 (8 years)
- Jack Abriola – 4/5/94 (15 years)

Ted Katz – 4/6/04 (6 years)

Wedding Anniversary in April:

- Kay Downey-Clarke & Gerry – 4/13/91 (20 years)
- Rick & Mary Iorio – 4/22/78 (32 years)

Future Greeters -

- April 8 – Haudenshield, Bennett
- April 15 – Henry, Bennett
- April 22 – Hess, Bennett
- April 29 – Holzer, Bennett

The 50-50 Raffle:

Week 8: Fred Jackson won and pulled the JOKER winning the entire POT of \$1.3 million!!! Fred needed CPR after not realizing that the Pot had grown so high over 20 years of Rich Meyer never putting the Joker in the deck! Congratulations Fred and expect Gordon Giffin to approach you soon for the Carnegie Foundation's share!!!

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

George Haudenshield
Tilden Bennett

Calendar of Events -

- 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
- April 28 – Ethics Symposium
- May 6 – Welcome Reception for the GSE Team from Argentina at Cefalo's in Carnegie
- May 13-16 – District Conference, Oglebay, WV
- May 22 – Relay For Life
- May 30 – Carnegie Memorial Day Parade
- 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 -

- April 8 – Club Assembly
- April 15 – Matt Aleisio, College Football Referee
- April 22 –
- April 29 - Michael Kavic, Winery
- May 6 – Diane Kleinfelter, Andrew Carnegie Free Library
- May 13 – Club Assembly

APRIL FOOLS!