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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

"Early Bird" Big Event Ticket Sales Cut-off date is Thursday, 2/26/2009

Final Big Event Ticket Sales Cut-off Date is Thursday, 3/26/2009

DO NOT DELAY AND MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!

Big Event News: The 26th Annual Carnegie-Collier Rotary Big Event will be held at The Club at Nevillewood on Saturday, April 4, 2009 (Only 5 weeks away). 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. With the move to Nevillewood and in these economic times we are down a few Major Prizes (\$150.00 value or more) for the Reverse Raffle. If you wish to donate a Major Prize or get someone to, please do it and let Rick Hess know ASAP so that we can know where we stand. Our Chinese Auction is again being run by Marci so any smaller donations, gift certificates, and WINE should be dropped off at Puhlman Flower Shoppe soon.

ONE AT NEVILLEWOOD THE BEST EVER!!!

"When one is sick . . . two need help!"

Our program today was Gail Neustadt who spoke to us about the Well Spouse Association. The national, 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization was founded in 1988 by Maggie Strong. Maggie's husband had MS and she was the primary at-home caregiver. Dealing with the ramifications of this reality led her to write a book called "Mainstay: For the Well Spouses of the Chronically Ill". When she was on her book tour supporting her book she was overwhelmed by the people who came up to her who were in similar situations who lamented the fact that there was not a national organization to help well caregivers the needed help to adjust to the demands of this new role. The result was that in the fall of 1988 10 local chapters met and the people were so overwhelmed with the support and sense of relief they felt to meet others who understood, they incorporated in 1989 and the Well Spouse Foundation was born. In 2005 the name was changed to the Well Spouse Foundation. The mission is to provide emotional peer-to-peer support to the wives, husbands, and partners of the chronically ill or disabled. Currently, well caregivers of the chronically ill provide free care for their loved one valued at \$350 billion if they needed to purchase equivalent care. Paid care through home health care is \$77 billion now and nursing home care for the chronically ill is a \$130 billion price tag. As the baby boom generation ages and more need care, these figures will only go up! The physical and emotional toll on well care givers has been researched and is definite. An increase in mortality rates is a fact and 30 to 50% suffer from depression due to the stress and strain of providing this long term support of a disabled relative. A \$25.00 per year membership fee is charged which provides the Mainstay newsletter, online membership programs, Respite weekends, an on-line forum and access to support groups from local chapters to help members adjust to caregiver problems of anger, fear, grief, guilt, and isolation. Very nice presentation to a problem that more and more of us will experience as we all age. If interested in more information, go to their web site at www.wellspouse.org or call at 1-800-838-0879

BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:

95 SOLD

130 TO GO

5 WEEKS LEFT!

WE ONLY HAVE 6 WEEKS LEFT UNTIL THE EVENT AND ABOUT 5 WEEKS LEFT TO SELL TICKETS SO PLEASE DON'T DELAY – LET'S GET IT DONE AND MAKE THIS 26TH ANNUAL ONE AND THE FIRST



February: World Understanding Month



President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

Announcements:

ADG Sue Kelly announced that the Rotary Club of Moon, Parkway West, Aliquippa and Quaker Valley will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Party on Tuesday, 3/17/2009 from 6 PM to 10 PM at the Airport Doubletree Hotel. The cost is \$25.00 and will cover Hors d'oeuvres, music, dancing, and prizes. There will be a cash bar. See **Sue** for more details

Mary Ann Paff will again head the annual Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club St. Patrick's Day luncheon with the handicapped workers at Par-way Industries in Bridgeville. She will be asking members to volunteer to attend this noon time even on Tuesday, March 17th.

Visiting Rotarians:

Norm Miller from **Bridgeville-South Fayette**

Rotary

Guests:

None

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Jeremy Guthrie, Diane Heburn, Patty John, Ed LaBruna, Mary Ann Paff, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Larry Wind

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in February:

Eileen Dombrowski – 2/20/81 (28 years)

Rotary Anniversary in February:

Mark Tamilya – 2/2/99 (10 years)

Cindi Hewitt – 2/14/08 (1 year)

Mary Lou Kientz – 2/14/08 (1 year)

Marci Petkovich – 2/25/89 (20 years)

Wedding Anniversary in February:

Bob & Rose Marie Schuler – 2/6/60 (49 years)

Future Greeters -

February 26 – Jackson, Jellison

March 5 – John, Karcz

March 12 – Katz, Kelly

March 19 – Kientz, LaBruna

March 26 – Losego, Meyer

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 25: Mark Tamilya won and pulled a SEVEN winning \$7.00. The Kitty got \$18.00. The Pot is \$384.00 with 23 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

Fred Jackson

Adrienne Jellison

Calendar of Events -

March 14 – Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club's 22nd Annual Hickory Wintery Golf Outing

April 4, 2009 – Big Event

April 29, 2009 - Ethics Symposium

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

May 30-31, 2009 – Relay For Life, Carlynton High

School

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

Future Programs -

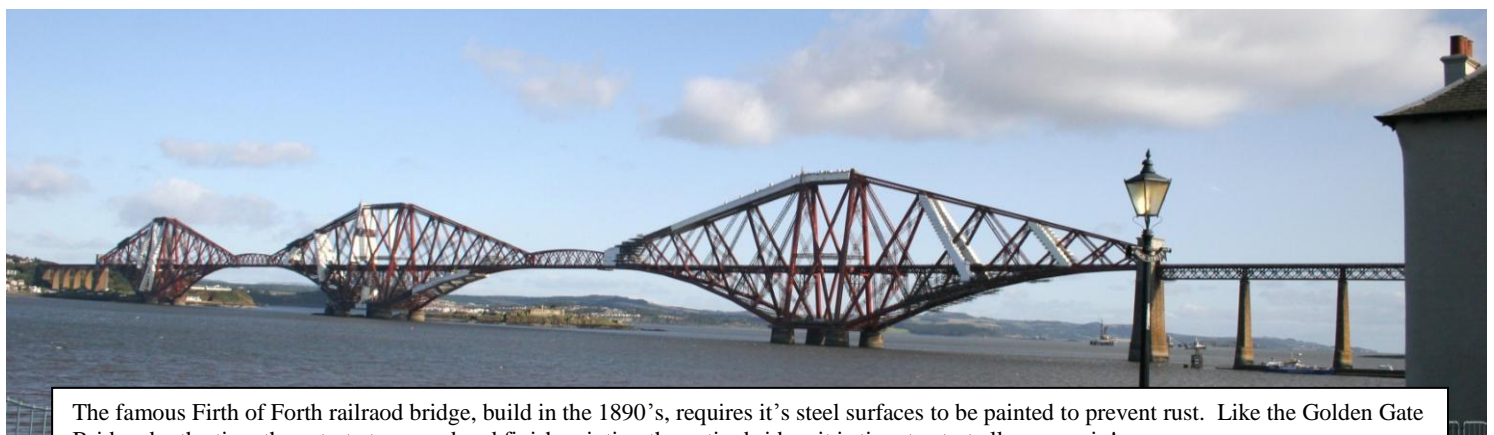
February 26 – Gary Augustine – The American Civil War

March 5 – Jeff Tindall

March 12 – Club Assembly

March 19 – Rich Meyer on the GSE Trip to

Norway



The famous Firth of Forth railraod bridge, build in the 1890's, requires it's steel surfaces to be painted to prevent rust. Like the Golden Gate Bridge, by the time they start at one end and finish painting the entire bridge, it is time to start all over again!