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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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.

BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:

141 SOLD

84 TO GO

4 WEEKS LEFT!

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ONLY HAVE 4 WEEKS LEFT TO SELL TICKETS AND TO GET MAJOR PRIZES OR CHINESE AUCTION GIFTS. REMEMBER THAT IF YOU PAID BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS THROUGH THE LUNCH FUND, UNLESS

YOU INDICATED OTHERWISE, THE TICKETS YOU BOUGHT ARE NO SHOW TICKETS. FOR YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE TO ATTEND, YOU NEED TO "UPGRADE" THE NO SHOW TICKET TO A REGULAR TICKET WITH A CHECK FOR \$25.00 PER TICKET UPGRADE!

Our program today was Gary Augustine who talked about the Civil War era. Interesting items from that time include the fact that Abraham Lincoln was elected president with only 39% of the popular vote. Although 4 states had seceded from the Union between his election and his inauguration on March 4, 1861, the "first shots" of the war didn't occur until April 12-13 when South Carolina troops fired on Federal troops at Ft. Sumter in Charleston Harbor. Although the original justification for the war for the North was the preservation of the Union, after the September 22, 1862 Emancipation Proclamation shifted the cause to freedom for the slaves of the South in addition to the preservation of the Union. After this date, the North actively recruited blacks to serve as troops in the war. Before this, the two armies had a general policy of prisoner exchange for combatants captured. Because the South didn't recognize the free state of Northern black troops and would sell them back into slavery, the North started prisoner of war camps instead of returning troops in prisoner exchanges. Naturally the South did the same! The total war dead from the conflict was 620,000 men which in today's numbers as % of population would be 6.5 million killed!!! Union victories including the capture and burning of Atlanta in the fall of 1864 lead to a one-sided re-election campaign for Lincoln. The army of Virginia lead by General Lee surrendered to General Grant and the Union on April 11, 1865 essentially ending the war. Lincoln was killed 4 days later by John Wilkes Booth. Much has been written about conspiracies around the assassination, and although there is nothing concrete, the going theory is that there was an organized plot to kill many leading Union government officials and that the Confederate government was behind the event. Three things that the Union Army made sure happened after the war to insure it never happened again was the tradition of standing and pledging allegiance to the flag (and the nation), the singing of the national anthem, and the placement of



February: World Understanding Month



President David Brosky

R.I. 2008-2009 Theme

American flags in all school in the country. Thank you Gary for a most interesting program. If interested, his group gets together every 3rd Thursday in the month at Edgeworth Elementary School in the Sewickley area.

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.

VP Diane Karcz participated in a Pre-Pets meeting to get incoming presidents excited about the Rotary events coming up this spring and next year. She handed out District Conference Materials to all who were there. The May 14 - 17 conference is a joint conference with District 7280 and will take place at the Bayfront Convention Center in connection with the new Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel. You can check out the hotel at www.sheraton.com/eriebayfront. If you plan to attend the conference you must book your rooms directly with the Sheraton (the District has a block of rooms reserved only until April 15th). If you plan on attending you need to fill out the registration form, calculate the costs for meals etc., and send the form in with payment. The material handed out by Diane will explain all of this but they claim there is an April 15th deadline on the registration forms.

June 13th will be an important date for you to mark your calendars. Chairperson Cindi Hewitt had secured Charities Valley High School as the location for our first "Meal Packing Event" for her project to supply and assemble "The Meal" for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and other possible needy organizations. She will be having a program soon to explain the project and to give more details about the packaging event. We just wanted you to mark your calendars to be able to participate that day!

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Mike Iorio with Rick Iorio
Bill Lacey with Cindi Hewitt

You Were Missed:

Jeremy Guthrie, George Haudenschild, Rick Hess, Sue Kelly, Gail Neustadt, Kay Phanse, Bob Schuler, Mark

Tamilia, Joe Trompeter, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, Leigh White & 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 Tamilia - 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 -

March 5 - John, Karcz

March 12 - Katz, Kelly

March 19 - Kientz, LaBruna

March 26 - Losego, Meyer

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 26: Marci Petkovich won and pulled a FOUR winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$20.00. The Pot is \$404.00 with 22 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

Patty John

Diane Karcz

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 13 - "The Meal" Packing event, CV High

School

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

Future Programs -

March 5 - Jeff Tindall

March 12 - Club Assembly

March 19 - Rich Meyer on the GSE Trip to

Norway