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Pittsburgh West Relay For Life at Carlynton HS

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club will be participating in the Pittsburgh West Relay for Life up at the Carlynton High School track from 12 Noon Saturday, May 22nd to 8 AM Sunday, May 23rd. We have been a sponsor of this worthwhile Community Event ever since it was started 7 years ago and have our logo/name on the T-shirts that all participants receive! We additionally have a banner at the event and are mentioned as a sponsor in the event program. We also have a Team that actually participates in the 20 hour Relay. Today, Team **Captain John Mendenhall** is requesting volunteer to sign up for the Team! Please see him next week if you wish to sign up to participate as a Team Member. Rotary is also looking for donations to the Relay. We are requesting that all members give a minimum of \$30 donation to the American Cancer Society. You will find a \$30.00 donation placed on your Lunch Fund Bill this week. If you do not wish to make this donation please just pay your balance due without the \$30.00 added. If you wish to write a check for your donation separate from the Lunch Fund, please make it out to American Cancer Society. There is an additional way to donate to the American Cancer Society and to honor the memory of a family member or friend who lost their battle to cancer or to recognize a family or friend to survived cancer and that is to purchase a Luminaria. For a donation of \$10, you can dedicate a Luminaria to whomever. All the Luminaria will be placed around the track at the high school and at 9 PM on Saturday, May 30th there will be a special ceremony and all the Luminaria will be lit. They continue to burn through the night and are quite impressive for those of us who are up there for the evening/overnight shifts! Luminaria Forms may be gotten from our Captain (the Luminaria donation does count towards our Team Donation total). We will have a "Camp site" up at the track (thanks to **Gordon Giffin**) and **Marci** and **Sue** will be in charge of decorating it. If you have not seen a Relay for Life but do not have the time to walk, you are certainly welcome to come up to the high school and visit the Rotary Tent and take in the atmosphere of a Relay! And if you are a night owl you can come up in the middle of the night and see what is going on!

Our program today was **Erin Tipping** from the Andrew Carnegie Free Library in Carnegie. She works with the literacy program for children and teens that the library has including "Story Time" which aims at pre-school and early school to strengthen their reading skills. The library also works with the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council in their adult literacy program which we have contributed to since we were involved with its beginnings back in the 1980's. Did you know that the inability to read usually begins in childhood when kids are not read to by interested parents? This leads to poor reading skills that just compound on themselves leading to millions of functionally illiterate adults in the USA! With 1 million teens dropping out of high school each year, and their natural resistance to anyone trying to help them, teenage illiteracy is a growing problem which needed to be addressed when these teens were much younger! With 27 million adult American who can't

read a job application and only 40% of our population reading for pleasure, our country spends \$25 billion our tax money for all aspects of our society that stem from this illiteracy rate! So, when your kids and young or your grandchildren are young be sure to take the time to read to them and to foster good reading habits at an early age! Thank you **Erin** for an interesting program on a problem we may not always recognize. And it is our pleasure to give the Library and the Literacy program our donation of \$500.00!





May: Relay For Life Month

R.I. 2009-2010 Theme

President Diane L. Karcz

Announcements:

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club and the Wine Tasting Committee presented its kick-off announcement last week for the upcoming 1st Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza called "SIP FOR HUNGER" (Supporting Important Projects like the Meal Fights Hunger and other local hunger programs). The Event will be held at Nevillewood on Friday, June 11th with a VIP wine tasting/educational event from 6:30 to 7:30 pm followed by the Grand Tasting Party from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Tickets for the VIP event are \$100.00 and is limited to 75 participants. The Grand Tasting Only ticket is \$50.00. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served as well as wine samples. The event is being run through the District 7300 Rotary Foundation Corp. for corporate tax exempt status so checks for tickets MUST be written to District 7300 Rotary Foundation Corporation and *not* Carnegie-Collier Rotary. Promotional material was handed out last week and today invitations letters were handed out for you to send to friends, family, and special people. Mark your calendars and get your friends involved and get your ticket applications and money in ASAP. Next Wednesday night, May 12th at 7 PM will be a working meeting of the Wine Tasting committee at Nevillewood. Anyone interested in joining the committee should plan to attend this meeting!

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Eileen's Special Guy with Eileen Dombrosky (she didn't sign him in so I don't know is name, Sorry)

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Andrew Clark, Dana Craig, Ray Dodd, Gordon Giffin, Jeremy Guthrie, George Haudenschild, Lou Holzer, Patty John, Sue Kelly, Ray Losego, Ed LaBruna, Joanne Letcher, Gail Neustadt, Marci Petkovich, Bob Schuler, Bonnie Smith, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, & Larry Wind
PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

4/19/2010 – Fred Jackson at Dormont-Mt. Lebanon-Castle Shannon Rotary Club

Birthdays in May:

Jack Abriola – 5/6/55 (55 years old)
George Adams – 5/10/24 (86 years old)
Judi Van Balen – 5/27/55 (55 years old)
Bonnie Smith – 5/27/66 (44 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in May:

Ray Losego – 5/11/99 (11 years)
Adrian Van Balen – 5/25/66 (44 years)
John Mendenhall – 5/25/81 (29 years)

Wedding Anniversary in May:

Rick & Ruth Ann Hess – 5/5/00 (10 years)
Dana & Susan Craig – 5/7/03 (7 years)
Larry & Cindy Wind – 5/15/76 (34 years)
John & Janet Mendenhall – 5/20/78 (32 years)

Future Greeters -

May 13 – Jackson, Smith
May 20 – Jellison, Smith
May 27 – John, Smith
June 3 – Katz, Kelly
June 10 – Kientz, LaBruna
June 17 – No Meeting, President's Dinner

The 50-50 Raffle:

Week 13: Charles Oke won and pulled a SIX winning \$6.00 (which he was kind enough to donate back to the Club). The Kitty got \$13.00. The Pot is \$238.00 with 38 cards left plus the Joker!

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

**Fred Jackson
Bonnie Smith**

Calendar of Events -

May 10 – Board Meeting, 6 PM at Gallagher Home Health
May 13-16 – District Conference, Oglebay, WV
May 17 – Greentree Rotary Golf Outing
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 -

May 13 – Club Assembly
May 20 – Ron Cehelsky, Baby Boomers and Beyond Reality
May 27 – Suzanne Masartis, American Liver Foundation
June 3 - Club Assembly
June 10 – Joint Meeting at Green Tree Rotary, 8th floor, Best Western Hotel at Parkway Center
June 17 – President's Dinner, NO regular meeting