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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 30<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We have been a sponsor of this worthwhile Community Event ever since it was started 6 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 can either give **John** a check made out to the American Cancer Society or you can have him bill you through your Lunch Fund (just tell him the amount to bill you!). 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 not 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! The Carlynton Interact Club is also sponsoring a team and raising money. It will be nice to connect with them at the Relay.

Sixteen of us remembered that our meeting this week was an "Away Game" at the new home of the Green Tree Rotary Club (the 8<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room at the Best Western Hotel at Parkway Center Mall). The program was **Jim Roddey**, whom most of us have heard before. He is the current Chairman of the Allegheny County Republican Party and he spoke on the City of Pittsburgh and the County of Allegheny potential merger. Although he felt great cost savings would occur is the City and the County combined their services, he had great doubt that both entities would actually ever be joined politically. He had some very interesting facts including the fact that there are 130 separate

municipalities in Allegheny County and way too many school districts. 77% of property tax goes to school districts in PA and we are the only state without limits on school spending. 55% of all teachers' strikes in the US occur in PA and 25 states don't allow teacher strikes at all. Our state legislators are the most expensive in the USA and the second largest in numbers. He said that the two largest growth industries in the US for the last ten years have been prisons and casinos! Finally the average cost to educate a child in the Pittsburgh School system is \$21,000 a year while the PA state average is \$9,000 and the US average is \$8,000! Although most of his talk I have heard before, including most of his jokes, it was both interesting and frustrating to hear his take on the City and



March: Rotary Magazine Month



President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

County's future. Thank you Green Tree Rotary for including us in this program.

**Announcements:**

The President's Dinner will be held at Nevillewood on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The usual date would be that Thursday but it is not available. Mark your calendars and attend (free to each member and one guest) to say our good byes to President Dave and welcome incoming President Diane Karcz and her officers and Board Members.

**Visiting Rotarians:**

We were the Visiting Rotarians as 16 of us went to Green Tree Rotary.

**Guests:**

None

**You Were Missed:**

Jack Abriola, George Adams, Mark Brilmyer, Ray Dodd, Kay Downey-Clark, Gordon Giffin, Jeremy Guthrie, Diane Heburn, Curt Henry, Lou Holzer, Patty John, Ted Katz, Ray Losego, Gail Neustadt, Marci Petkovich, Kay Phanse, Bob Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Joe Trompeter, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Larry Wind  
**PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!**

**Make-Ups:**

None

**Birthdays in April:**

- Ray Dodd – 4/1/38 (71 years old)
- Frank Verri – 4/16/71 (38 years old)
- Ollie Weiss – 4/21/64 (45 years old)
- Patty John – 4/23/60 (49 years old)
- Fred Jackson – 4/23/25 (84 years old)
- Rick Iorio – 4/28/53 (56 years old)
- Adrian Van Balen – 4/30/29 (80 years old)



**Rotary Anniversary in April:**

- Mary Ann Paff – 4/2/02 (7 years)
- Jack Abriola – 4/5/94 (14 years)
- Ted Katz – 4/6/04 (5 years)

**Wedding Anniversary in April:**

- Kay & Gerry Downey-Clark – 4/13/91 (19 years)
- Rick & Mary Iorio – 4/22/78 (31 years)
- Patty John & Bob Datig – 3/31/00 (9 years)

**Future Greeters -**

- April 23 – Schuler, Tamilia
- April 30 – Tindall, Trompeter
- May 7 - Van Balen, Weiss

**The 50-50 Raffle:**  
**WEEK 31: Sue Kelly won and pulled a FIVE winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$22.00. The Pot is \$549.00 with 14 cards left plus the Joker!**

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)**  
**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Bob Schuler**  
**Mark Tamilia**

**Calendar of Events -**

- 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**

June 25 – President's Dinner, The Club at

**Nevillewood**

**Future Programs -**

- April 23 –
- April 30 – Dr. Frank Verri – Three Types of Stress
- May 7 – Pitt Women's Basketball Speaker

Looking almost like a flock of birds, this orchard on the Big Island of Hawaii creates an interesting pattern when viewed from the air (picture taken out of the window of one of the island helicopter tours early in the morning as the sun was still low on the horizon)