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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. Team **Captain John Mendenhall** announced that the Team has 7 members registered as of today with the Relay being in 2 days! Good Luck to all who will be walking at some time on the track during the Relay and to Gordon, Debbie, Curt, Sue and Marci for taking care of the Rotary "Campsite" at the track. Donations will be accepted until August so it is not too late to help fight cancer! Thank you to all the Rotarians who have donated to date and who will donate in the next few weeks to help the American Cancer Society fight this disease that has and will affect so many we know and love!



President Diane Karcz and a number of Carnegie-Collier Rotarians returned from last weekends District Conference with many flags, plaques, displays, and citations which should make all members of the Club very proud!!! Out of 49 clubs in the District, we placed 4th in International Service, 4th in Membership Growth, 2nd in Community Service, 6th in Vocational Service, 6th in Club Service, 2nd in District Participation, 2nd in Club Display, 8th in RI Foundation, and won a Presidential Citation from RI,



a Literacy Award for our work there, and the RI Significant Achievement Award for our Meal Fights Hunger project (1 of 500 clubs in all of Rotary to receive this award. And, much to President Diane's delight, a nice plaque for finishing 2nd of 49 in voting for Club Of The Year Award! Nice Going!!!



The Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club and the Wine Tasting Committee are in full swing 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. So far checks are in for 63 VIP tickets (we have a max. of 75 tickets available for the VIP part) and 13 tickets for the regular wine tasting party (we have a max. of 175 of these



May: Relay For Life Month

President Diane L. Karcz

RI. 2009-2010 Theme

tickets). Remember, no reservation is confirmed until the check is in hand. The committee is planning a Silent Auction that evening to include some premium wine offerings and one basket with wine-related goodies but not wine itself. Donations of wine or money for the wine or wine-related goodies is appreciated. Contact Bonnie Smith, Kay Phanse, or Ruth Forsyth. Advertising and sponsorships have a cut off date of June 1st so only 2 1/5 weeks left for that aspect of the event. The next committee meeting will be May, 25th at 7 PM at Nevillewood for those interested in helping.

Announcements:

The Final Accounting is in for the 27th Annual Big Event and the bottom line profit for Incoming President Ted Katz is \$16,811.27. Despite more people attending the event and a \$2.00 per person cost increase for meals, this is the largest profit for the Big Event in many years. Congratulations to everyone involved.

John Mendenhall handed out Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship applications to a number of Rotarians who have volunteered to read the 9 applications, evaluate them, and return the evaluation forms to him. We need them returned ASAP so that a winner can be determined and notified. We hope to have this done by the first of June. Thank you all who have volunteered for your time and effort to help determine the winner of the 2010 Scholarship.

And in case you missed his recent e-mail, Incoming President Ted Katz is requesting that all current committee members, especially the committee chairs that served during Diane Karcz's year consider doing the same job during Ted's 2010-2011 Rotary Year. To this end, please let him know, (e-mail address is ted15241@msn.com) that you are willing to serve again or if you would like to resign your current position. Ted needs to form his committees (his officers and board members were elected in December, 2009) so that he can begin to plan his 2010-11 Rotary year! Within a few weeks Ted will hold a meeting with his board and officers, and any committee people who wish to attend to present his 2010-11 budget and give some direction to his upcoming year. Announcements of the date and location of this meeting will be announced when known!

Sue Kelly sent around a sign up sheet for the President's Dinner to be held on Thursday night, June 17th starting at 6:30 PM at Nevillewood. The dinner is free for each Rotarian and 1 guest. If you sign up and can't make it but don't let **Sue** know in time, you will get charged for the meal. The choices are sliced tenderloin of beef or baked stuffed chicken breast. This evening we will be honoring our current president **Diane Karcz** on her completion of such a great year, recognizing the new officers for 2010-11, awarding our Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Scholars, and other attractions. Don't miss it.

Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Thomas Uram from Washington, PA
PDG Kathy Crawford from McCandless

Guests:

Ellen Pandolpho with Ruth Forsyth

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, George Adams, Andrew Clark, Ray Dodd, Kay Downey-Clarke, Fred Jackson, Marci Petkovich, Bob Schuler, Bonnie Smith, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, & Ollie Weiss

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

Patty John, Gordon Giffin, George Haudenschild, & Sue Kelly made up aboard the NCL Norwegian Sun in early May

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 27 – John, Smith
June 3 – Katz, Kelly
June 10 – Kientz, LaBruna
June 17 – No Meeting, President's Dinner

The 50-50 Raffle:

Week 15: Janet from Nevillewood won and pulled an EIGHT winning \$8.00. The Kitty got \$26.00. The Pot is \$285.00 with 36 cards left plus the Joker!

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

**Patty John
Bonnie Smith**

Calendar of Events -

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
July 12 – Collier Township Hall of Flame Golf Outing
to support the local firefighters

Future Programs -

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