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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 30th to 8 AM Sunday, May 31st. 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! We already have 8 Team Members. 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 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 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.

GSE Team Arrived May 2nd, 2009

Rich Meyer reported that the GSE Team from Norway arrived in Pittsburgh Saturday, May 2, 2009. The team, 1 Team Leader and 2 other men and 3 women have been adjusting to life here. They have already been to Children's Hospital, the CMU Robotics Center, a Pirate baseball game and a Penguin Playoff game. They are now up in Erie at the District Conference. They will visit our Club (Not as a program) next Thursday so be sure to introduce yourself.

Announcements:

President Dave inducted our newest member today when he presented **Lou Holzer** with his Rotary pin, his Rotary badge, his wall plaques of the Objects of Rotary and the Four Way Test and lastly his Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Directory full of all the information you would ever need! Congratulations to Lou and look for his as a greeter soon and welcome him to the Club!

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary will sponsor a two hour meal packing event to support the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. On the morning of Saturday, June 13th at the Chartiers Valley High School cafeteria Rotarians, students, church groups, scouts, and local volunteers will be supporting the two shifts needed for this assembly line packing of the nutritional, fortified dried chicken flavored rice



casseroles that will be given to area banks free of charge. Six meals are assembled in each bag and bags are then boxed. Come join the fun with jobs for all ages. "The Meal Fights Hunger" campaign relies on the generosity of donors. All money raised is used to package the meals at a cost of approximately \$0.12 per meal. Volunteers are asked to donate \$25.00. Over 150 volunteers are needed per shift: 9-11 and 11:30 to 1:30 and approximately 100,000 meals will be packed that day. Local food banks report a 30% increase in requests so your help is vital. For more information contact Cindi Hewitt at 412-249-8190 or cpr454@aol.com



May: District Conference Month

President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

CLUB ASSEMBLY:

Community Service: Diane Karcz was on her way to the District Conference, no report.

Lunch Fund: Lunch Fund Treasurer John Mendenhall reported a **Lunch Fund balance** of \$10,024.85 as of April 1, 2009 but no figures for May 1, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Mendenhall reported the **Charities Account balance** of \$32,214.84 as of April 1, 2009. This balance includes all 2009 Big Event funds and is misleading. The **Operating Account balance** is \$2,948.65 as of 4/1/09. There is no report for May 1, 2009 but the **2009 Big Event profit** is in and is \$16,496.53. This is the largest figure in at least six years and is mostly due to a reduction in food and beverage costs by switching to the Drink Ticket procedure.

Carnegie Foundation Report: Gordon Giffin reported that the Foundation is fine. All three local high schools (Carlynton, Chartiers Valley, and Bishop Canevin) have received the Scholarship Applications Packages and at least 5 applications have been returned. All three renewal scholarships will be awarded this year to previous winners **Nicole Slack, Sarah Zielinski, and Cara Mazzarini** as all 3 have returned their renewal applications with stellar records.

International Service: Patty John received an e-mail from **Mike Dissen**, our Peace Corps Volunteer who is in Lesotho in the middle of South Africa. Our Club has provided **Mike** with \$500.00 to further his efforts and will be looking into other clubs possibly joining our efforts.

Attendance Report: John Mendenhall reported an attendance figure of 79.0% for April, 2009.

Club Service: Rich Meyer reported on upcoming programs. He has developed a DVD program to educate our new members in the history and workings of our club. He will debut this DVD on May 28th and we will then use it for training of any member, new or old, who needs this information.

Vocational Service: Ted Katz reported that new sign locations are in the works.

District Projects: See Calendar!

Carlynton Interact Club: Interact Club members were not present, no report.

Rotary Foundation: Mark Brilmyer was absent, no report.

Special Events: Check the Calendar!!!

Magazine Report: George Haudenschild was up at the District Conference, no report.

Visiting Rotarians:
None

Guests:
None

You Were Missed:

5/7 Jack Abriola, George Adams, Dave Brosky, Ray Dodd, Kay Downey-Clarke, Gordon Giffin, Diane Heburn, Rick Hess, Cindi Hewitt, John Mendenhall, Rich Meyer, Marci Petkovich, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Leigh White

5/14 Jack Abriola, George Adams, Mark Brilmyer, Ray Dodd, Eileen Dombrowski, George Haudenschild, Diane Heburn, Cindi Hewitt,

Adrienne Jellison, Diane Karcz, Sue Kelly, Ed LaBruna, Ray Losego, Mary Ann Paff, Marci Petkovich, Bob Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Leigh White
PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:
None

Birthdays in May:

Jack Abriola – 5/6/55 (54 years old)
George Adams – 5/10/24 (85 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in May:

Ray Losego – 5/11/99 (10 years)
Adrian Van Balen – 5/25/66 (43 years)
John Mendenhall – 5/25/81 (28 years)

Wedding Anniversary in May:

Rick & Ruth Ann Hess – 5/5/00 (9 years)
Larry & Cindy Wind – 5/15/76 (33 years)
John & Janet Mendenhall – 5/20/78 (31 years)

Future Greeters -

May 21 – Downey-Clark, Holzer
May 28 - Downey-Clark, Holzer
June 4 – Holzer, White
June 11 – Holzer, Wind
June 18 – Abriola, Adams
June 25 – No Meeting (President's Dinner the 24th)
July 2 – Brilmyer, Brosky

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 34: Jeremy Guthrie won and pulled the JOKER winning the Pot of \$593.00. He was generous enough to take some for himself to cover his costs, paid his Lunch Fund in advance, and STILL donated \$428.00 to Gordon Giffin and the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Foundation. Many Thanks. And the playoff beard looks great, can't wait to see it in June when the Pens win it all!!!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

**Kay Downey-Clark
Lou Holzer**

Calendar of Events -

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 24 – President's Dinner, The Club at Nevillewood

Future Programs -

May 14 – Club Assembly
May 21 – Steve Vitalie from fireworks company
May 28 – Club Informational DVD for new and old members from Rich Meyer
June 4 –
June 11 – Club Assembly
June 18 –
June 25 – No Meeting, President's Dinner on Wednesday, June 24th