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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. We already have 8 Team Members and certainly would like more members to come up to the Carlynton Track between noon on Sat. and 8 AM on Sunday to walk and participate. 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! 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.



The GSE Team from Norway was visiting our Club for lunch today during the busy final few days of their stay in Pittsburgh. The Team Leader and 3 of the Team were with us (2 guys and one girl). We also hosted DG Jim Kunkelmann, DGN Rick Martin, and District GSE

**Committee Chair Eddie Grimes. It was nice to see all the GSE Dignitaries visit!**

### Announcements:

Our program today was from Pyrotecnico Company from New Castle, PA. One of two such companies in New Castle (they had 7 at one time), **Vic Laurenza** told us that Pyrotecnico will do jobs from \$3,500 to \$450,000 worth including traditional outdoor July 4<sup>th</sup> events to indoor sports events, weddings, and many other corporate type events. He told us that no USA fireworks company makes their own shells in the USA anymore. All the shells are purchased from China or Europe. The shells are assembled in their various corp. locations around the country based on the event and the desires of the event sponsor. They like to work with small communities to see if they can provide fireworks at a reasonable cost so that local communities can still provide them, especially on big events like July 4<sup>th</sup>. If interested, check out their web site at [www.pyrotecnico.com](http://www.pyrotecnico.com). Thanks **Rich** and **Vic** for an interesting program!



**May: District Conference Month**

**President David Brosky**

**RI, 2008-2009 Theme**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 packaging 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](mailto:cpr454@aol.com) Cindi says that the 9-11 shift will have a good turnout but the 11:30-1:30 shift will need help. Please consider working both shifts but especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift. Set up will be Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM and Mark Brilmyer is our Chief of Operations. If you can plan to come and help with set up as well at the actual event. Following set up, which should take about 1 1/2 hours, Cindi is hosting a "Potluck Picnic on the Patio" as her home for those who helped (4250 Muirfield Circle, Presto, 15142) from 7 to 10.

**Visiting Rotarians:**

DG Jim Kunkelmann, DGN Rick Martin, & GSE District Head Eddie Grimes

**Guests:**

The GSE Team from Norway including the Team Leader and 3 members of the Team

**You Were Missed:**

Jack Abriola, George Adams, Ray Dodd, Jeremy Guthrie, Diane Heburn, Patty John, Ed LaBruna, Ray Losego, Kay Phanse, Robert Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Joe Trompeter, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, Leigh White & Larry Wind  
PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

**Make-Ups:**

Cindi Hewitt in Naples, Florida on 5/6 and 5/13/2009

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

**The 50-50 Raffle:**

**WEEK 1: John Mendenhall won and pulled a QWEEN winning \$10.00. The Kitty got \$12.00. The Pot is \$22.00 with 51 cards left plus the Joker!**

**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  
April 17, 2010 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Event

**Future Programs -**

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 24<sup>th</sup>



**Rich Meyer** received two Norwegian Rotary Club Banners (Aalesund Rotary Club and Verdal Rotary Club from District 2280) and a Norwegian Trole (which looks a lot like **Rich!!!**) from the GSE Team after their visit to our Club today!