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## Pittsburgh West Relay For Life at Carlynton HS



It was a beautiful day, sunny, some clouds, a breeze, not too hot, not too cold, the event was for a very important cause (the American Cancer Society's fight to conquer cancer) and the Rotarians and family who were there had a great time. It's a shame that most of you were so busy doing something else that your schedules didn't permit you to even come up to say hi and support those who were there! Our "camp site" was provided by **Gordon Giffin** and the Hawaiian decorations were provided by **Sue Kelly** and **Debbie Giffin**. The leadership at the walk and again our inspiration was **Curt Henry** and his commitment to the walk. **Captain John Mendenhall, Rich Meyer, Marci Petkovich, Mark Brilmyer, Patty John, and Cindi Hewitt** were the other Rotarians who came up and spent some time on the track. Our "Family" members were **Vicky Brilmyer, Mary Iorio, Robert Datig, and David and Lindsay Hewitt**. Nine Rotarians and 6 Rotary Family members, 15 in all enjoyed a great day and evening for a good cause. With

donations from an addition 7 Rotarians our Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Team raised \$2,045.00. With the help of All-Pak, **Curt's** fellow employees who were honoring a colleague who currently has cancer, our Club raised \$1,250.00 in Luminaries. In addition to our \$1,000.00 Sponsorship we helped add over \$4,300.00 to the fight against cancer. One of the interesting games at the event geared to raise additional funds was called Penny Wars. Each team had a container for change, each penny placed in it was a point, each silver coin was a negative point and the team with the most points at the end won a prize. Seeing a great opportunity to find a good home for those ever present pennies (as well as bags of nickels, dimes, and quarters), our team placed enough pennies in our container and spread out the silver to enough of the competition that we won the event. No longer do we need to wonder when are we ever going to do something with years worth of collected coins and the estimated \$400.00 in change that ends up helping the Relay for Life was well worth lugging it all up to the track. No final totals are available for the relay but there are plans already in place for next year's mid-May event! So you all will have another chance to support your Rotary!



could also act as a primary reference for other clubs looking to do something similar for their new members. Congratulations **Rich**, today it's the Carnegie-Collier DVD and tomorrow it is feature films!!!

### Announcements:

**"The Meal Fights Hunger" Event Update**

Our program today was the world premier of the **Meyer/Mendenhall** production of a new Welcome to Rotary DVD which **Rich** put together. This membership tool is a visual Rotary 101 lesson focusing on Rotary International, Rotary District 7300, and especially the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club. **Rich** gathered information from a number of sources and created this 35 minute or so long instructional video on all aspects of these three levels of Rotary. Feeling it was good for old and new members to our Club, it



**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. The current plan is to set up tables of ten people who then, in assembly line fashion, package each of the meals. Incoming President Diane Karcz has decided that her company, Gallagher Home Health Services, will sponsor a table and make the \$250.00 donation (each volunteer is asked to donate \$25.00 to cover costs). This way some volunteers who can not afford to donate but still want to help can. She has issued a challenge to each Rotarian to consider the same sponsorship! 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 at Chartiers Valley High School. The set-up/training will take about 1 1/2 hours and will be followed by a cook out at Cindi's house (4250 Muirfield Circle, Presto, 15142). She will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. She is asking anyone else who plans on attending to bring some food item to share (please sign up with Cindi to see what others are bringing) and any alcoholic drink that you wish to consume. It is important that we train well on Friday because the other volunteers on Saturday will be looking towards us for guidance. So plan your schedules for the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and let's make this new project a winner!!!

**Visiting Rotarians:**  
None

**Guests:**  
Bob Bell and Julia Fitzsimons with Curt Henry

**You Were Missed:**  
Ray Dodd, Jeremy Guthrie, Diane Heburn, Rick Hess, Adrienne Jellison, Mary Lou Kientz, Gail Neustadt, Robert Schuler, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, Leigh White & Larry Wind  
PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

**Make-Ups:**  
Rich Meyer at Monroeville, 5/7/09

**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 -**

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 2:** Gordon Giffin won and pulled a TWO winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$14.00. The Pot is \$26.00 with 50 cards left plus the Joker!

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)**

**NEXT MEETING:**

Lou Holzer  
Leigh White

**Calendar of Events -**

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  
August 7 – District 7300 Annual Golf Outing, Beaver Valley

**Golf Club**

August 20 – DG Rick Martin's Official Visit  
April 17, 2010 – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Event

**Future Programs -**

**Project**  
June 4 – Jerry Croushore – Crafton-Ingram Rotary Water  
June 11 – Club Assembly  
June 18 – Carnegie Historical Society – Future Plans for 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Floor**  
June 25 – No Meeting, President's Dinner on Wednesday, June 24th



A great sunset with beautiful colors set the stage for the emotional Luminaria Ceremony where the entire track is lined with luminaria honoring friends and family who suffered with cancer.