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"The Meal Fights Hunger" Event A GREAT SUCCESS

The Carnegie-Collier Rotary sponsored our very first meal packaging community service project at Chartiers High School cafeteria on Saturday, June 13th. We had two shifts, 9 to 11 AM and 11:30 to 1:30 PM. We ran 11 stations during the first shift and 10 during the second shift and managed to bag, box, and crate 95,040



meals! Our goal was 70,000 meals so you can see that we did very well for the first time. We even were very close to running out of some of our products that went into the meal bags. Chairperson Cindi Hewitt said we had about 200 volunteers for both shifts including 18 Rotarians, their family members, and friends. On Friday night, the 12th, a few of us met with Cindi and Steve Popper, the founder of this program from the Rotary Club of Naples Florida, who was up to help us with our initial efforts. Steve gave us all



instructions on how to run a "Station" which took the raw ingredients and produced the meal packets. After set up and instructions, we had a great cook-out at Cindi's home in Nevillewood. The evening was topped off by the Pens winning the Stanley Cup (nice touch Cindi)!!! Saturday, Rotarians manned the sign in table and gave instructions to volunteers who were groups in groups of about 8-10 who worked each of the stations. Other Rotarians and volunteers acted as "runners" to resupply disposables (rice, soy, dried vegetable, vitamin tablets, bags etc.) to each station and to load final boxes of meal bags (6 meals to a bag, 36 bags of meals to a box, 36 boxes to a pallet) which were then placed in a Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank truck. At the end of the day, these volunteers assembled and packed 95,040 meals!!! A great job and actually lots of fun! So far, the Club



has raised \$3,705 from the general public, \$1,200 from Rotary (District and Lower Burrell) and \$2,350 from 18 of our members (\$130 per Rotarian average) for a total of \$7,255.00. This is not enough to cover our costs so we ask each of our members who did not contribute yet (and you know who you are) please dig deep and help this most worthy cause! We have made an investment in the hardware for the projects (funnels, bins, sealing machines, etc.) which we will use in additional meal packing projects (either our own or other groups who wish to use these materials) and will need to purchase additional disposable supplies (rice, soy, etc). Our costs for future projects will not be as high as this initial project so we ask all of you to help out and provide as much monetary support as you can. Just to put it in perspective, we did 95,040 meals in our first outing, Steve Popper will pack his 5 millionth meal when he returns to Florida and participates in his next packing event (he only counts the meals he actually is involved with - not the ones he acts as consultant for) Cindi deserves a big CONGRATULATIONS for the extra effort she put into taking this project from inception (when she saw it done in Naples only 6 months



ago) to completion of the first one by the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club. This is only the start!

Even PDG Kathy Crawford came to help!!!





RI, 2008-2009 Theme

June: Presidential Change – This month old, next month new!



President David Brosky

Our program today was **Joe Meyer**, local Carnegie businessman who is the President of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Carnegie. **Joe** showed us pictures of the current location for the Historical Society in the Husler Building at One Main Street in Carnegie (right on the bridge over the Chartiers Creek. They recently were able to do some front wall renovations due to some grant money from Carnegie Borough and the State of PA. Much more needs done both outside and inside. They had the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, as a student project, have the interior redesigned by some students into what they would do with the available space – very interesting ideas. They are always looking for new members and volunteers. If interested, stop by the place or check out their web-site at www.carnegiehistory.org. Previously, we had donated \$500.00 to the Historical Society and Joe was very thankful for our donation!

Announcements:



Lou Trombetta from the Carnegie Boy's and Girl's Club visited today to accept our 2008-09 donation of \$1,000.00. **Lou** reported that they currently have 1,215 members (a 9% increase since last year) and although, in this tough economy, with donations to the United Way down, the Carnegie branch of the Boys and Girls Club is doing well enough (thanks to donations like ours) that they will not have to close doors this summer like some other Clubs will have to do.



Sheri Lee, a guidance counselor at the Carnegie Elementary School visited the Club today with **Marci Petkovich** to thank us for the Shoes That Fit program we have sponsored for the last 2 years. She says she gets the emotional thrill of having the kids come into her office to thank her and to show off their new shoes which this

program helps provide. Great to hear! **President Elect Diane Karcz** said that this program is in her budget for next year already!

Diane Karcz will hold a meeting of her new officers and Board of Directors on Monday, June 29th at 7 PM at her office at Gallagher Home Health Services, 1100 Washington Avenue, Suite 219, Carnegie, PA 15106. This meeting is very important because her 2009-2010 Rotary Budget will be discussed and approved and her plans and goals for her year as President will be gone over. If you don't know if you are on her Board, ask her and she will be glad to tell you (not that you couldn't show up anyway!!!).

Sue Kelly announced that the dinner menu for the President's Dinner on Wednesday, June 24th will be fresh fruit medley, mixed greens with mandarin oranges and walnuts, baked stuffed potato, chef's vegetable medley, chicken Romano or roasted pork tenderloin and pecan ball. The event will start at 6:30 with a cash bar and dinner will be at 7 PM. The dinner is free to each Rotary Member and one guest. Additional guests may attend but you will be billed for them. A sign up sheet will be passed around starting next week. Remember that it is Club policy that if you sign up to attend and fail to show up without sufficient advance notice and the Club incurs a cost for you, you will be billed that cost. So be sure to mark your calendars and sign up when the sheet comes around. If you are not at the next two meetings contact **Sue Kelly** directly and let her know your intentions.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Mike Perrott and Justina Jerzyk with Sue Kelly
Hope and Lisa McWethy and Dr. Bruce Mellick with Cindi

Hewitt

Sheri Lee with Marci Petkovich

Lou Trombetta with the Club

You Were Missed:

George Adams, Mark Brilmyer, Dave Brosky, Ray Dodd, Jeremy Guthrie, Curt Henry, Rick Hess, Patty John, Ed LaBruna, Gail Neustadt, Mary Ann Paff, Mark Tamilia, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, & Dan Westphal
PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in June:

Kay Phanse - 6/7/40 (69 years old)
George Haudenschild – 6/11/24 (89 years old)
Sue Kelly – 6/19/47 (62 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in June:

Ralph Ellis – 6/25/50 (59 years)
Fred Jackson - 6/25/90 (19 years)

Wedding Anniversary in June:

Lou & Susan Holzer – 6/8/01 (8 years)
Larry & Cindy Wind – 5/15/76 (33 years)
John & Janet Mendenhall – 5/20/78 (31 years)

Future Greeters -

June 25 – No Meeting (President's Dinner the 24th)
July 2 – Brilmyer, Brosky

The 50-50 Raffle:
WEEK 5: Marci Petkovich won and pulled a FIVE winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$22.00. The Pot is \$75.00 with 47 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)
NEXT MEETING:
President's Dinner
No Greeters

Calendar of Events -

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 – 27th Annual Big Event

Future Programs -

June 25 – No Meeting, President's Dinner on Wednesday, June 24th
July 2 – Marc Fields – "The First Tee" program
July 9 – Club Assembly
July 16 – Pgh. History & Landmarks, "A Tourist View of Pittsburgh"
July 23 – Camp AIM
July 30 & August 6 - ?
August 13 – Club Assembly
August 20 – DG Rich Martin's Official Visit