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Rotary Roundup

November 14, 2016

Recap of November 7, 2016 Club Meeting

Robin Duthie called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Tom Miles

Guests: Ken Beard, Julie from Rotoract, and Ally, Sana, and Margie from Interact

Greeters: Amanda Schafer

November Birthdays: Randy Dickinson – Nov. 11th, Tom Olver – Nov 15th, Rich Divine – Nov. 17th, Corey Friedrich – Nov. 22nd, Mike

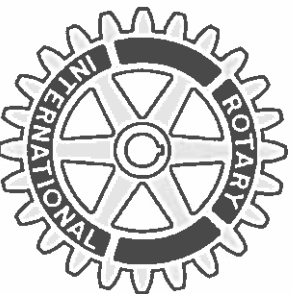
Pittsley – Nov. 23, Amy Powell – Nov. 26th, Gary Messing – Nov. 27th, Amy Ervin – Nov. 28th.

Announcements:

- The Gala is November 18th. Let Eileen know if you'd like to go.
- Thanks to John Jensen for hosting the Fireside Chat.
- Paul announced that there are two holiday projects going on; the gift baskets and the holiday cards.
- Eric will be sending out bills this week.
- Peggy announced that Polio+ has made \$300 so far this month.
- The West Intermediate Interact club will be painting the wooden toys that were made by the woodworker's group for Christmas Outreach this year. They will also be volunteering at the West Intermediate Craft Show
- Dr. Pol is speaking at Anspach at 7 PM on Tuesday.
- Rotoract is selling raffle tickets for the Superbowl. They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
- The funding goal for the enhanced playscape at Island Park was reached so the matching funds were awarded.



Rotoract students with Dr. Pol at an Election Night event!



- Planapalooza is coming up the on November 18-21st at City Hall. Everything kicks off on Friday at 7 PM.
- Ken announced that former Rotarian Chuck Alexander passed away.

Music: Bethany led us in the National Anthem since both Election Day and Veterans Day were coming up this week.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jamie LaRue

Fines:

- Jamie did a trivia contest to collect fines.

Brags:

- Jena reminded everyone it was the last week to donate to Dance United.
- Paul bragged about being in Italy for 12 days and living through three earthquakes while he was there.
- Tom Olver reminded everyone about Dance United coming up on Thursday and that the Fill a Mayflower food drive was also coming up.
- Steve encouraged everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday.
- Krystal bragged about how well her daughter Kayla and Corey's daughter Sophie did in the final swim meet of the season.
- Corey reminded everyone of the Soup Kitchen's Annual Soup & Bread Fundraiser coming up on November 18th from 4:30-7:30.

Program

Ryan Griffus, the new Executive Director of Restoration House spoke to us about himself, a little history of the Restoration House, what their needs are, the direction they are headed and what is happening this season. Ryan himself was homeless from age 12 to 18 and was able to get to where he is through the generosity of others when he was on his own. This has motivated him to want to do the same for others who are in the situation he was in. He is a graduate of CMU

and worked in social services at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and in Child Protective Services before coming to Restoration House this year as their first full-time Director. They are currently looking for a location for a day shelter and a way to more easily connect the homeless with social services. This year's season starts on November 6th and goes through April 9th. There are lots of volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in spending a little time or a lot of time helping out.

