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Rotary Roundup October 31, 2016

Recap of the October 24th, 2016 Club Meeting

Robin Duthie: Called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Bob Wheeler

Guests: Al Slaggert, Julie Feight, Kyle Marsh

Greeters: Corey Friedrich

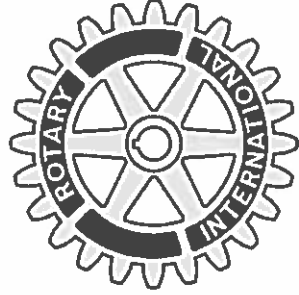
November Birthdays: Rick Beltinck-6th, Kurt Feight-6th, Tom Miles-8th, Paula Arndt-9th, Elizabeth Fagan-9th, Brad Wahr-14th.

Announcements:

- The Rotary Gala is coming up on November 18th
- Dave Keilitz announced the applications for Distinguished Citizen Award are still available. Winners will be announced next Monday.
- Everyone was reminded the Fireside Chat was coming this Thursday
- Paula reminded everyone to donate to the Polio Plus envelope.
- Paula will match \$5 for every \$5 donation and Peggy Pickler will match with a second \$5 donation
- Paul Siers showed a donation pendant for \$1.25, or free if you purchase a gift box or for a birthday.
- Kathy Beebe reviewed the success of the Rotary Auction which raised \$18,963. She then listed the top ten sellers for the event and the group congratulated everyone.
- Eileen announced it was World Polio Day
- Eileen also announced that Israr's son had to have an emergency appendectomy but was doing fine. (The surgeon spoke his native language which was helpful.)
- Amanda announced that previous speaker Aaron Brown's book was now available on Amazon.



Peggy Burke inducted as newest member by membership chair Amy Ervin



- Ruth asked everyone to contact Amanda with make-ups. She also reminded everyone to be thinking about elections next year for Rotary officers with nominations being due Dec 31st.

Induction: Amy inducted Peggy Burke into Rotary and the group warmly welcomed her.

Sergeant-at-Arms: John Jensen was subbing for Peggy Pickler

Fines:

- Bob Wheeler was fined having a note in the local paper about his candidacy for county commission.
- Anyone who did not work the auction needed to pay a dollar.
- Al Slater fined himself as he had previously said he would not be back until summer and he showed up today.

Brags:

- Amanda bragged that she was selling tickets for a fundraiser at Morey Court Ice Arena called, "Black Tie and Tennies."
- Rich Fleming said he was selling tickets to the Lions Dinner on November 5th.
- Rich also claimed that this was an "Unofficial World Series" as the NY Yankees were not in the series this year.
- Kim stated that Mathew Sandusky, nephew of Jerry Sandusky will tell his story at CMU (date?)
- Kathy Beebe bragged that the Rotaract Convention was a great event and that our 4 Rotaract students did an awesome job.

PROGRAM:

Tom Miles gave the program today since it is World Polio Day

Update on Global Polio Plus Program

Tom started with a Power Point presentation discussing what Polio is, as an old disease known as far back as 3,700 BC. It is a virus and vaccine was not found to be effective until 1957. The virus causes a paralyzing effect in the various parts of the body. He asked how many people in the audience remembered the polio outbreak with several members highlighting their childhood stories. He stated that it affected

primarily children under 5 and was passed by person-to-person contact. He also stated that the March of Dimes originated as an organization to raise awareness and funds for Polio victims. Today several partners work together to raise funds and awareness including UNICEF and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Tom went on to further explain there are 3 types of Polio viruses with Type 2 being completely wiped out. His presentation highlighted a time chart to show the number of cases decreasing significantly worldwide with a small number of cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In India and Somalia, the number of those vaccinated has improved greatly.

Progress has also been made in three ways: continued detection, small pockets of cases are being pursued for eradication, and funding is increasing.

The total cost needed to eradicate Polio is 5.5 billion dollars, with 1.5 billion raised so far. Our role is to donate and then the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will double our donations to the Polio fund.

Our Club goal is \$2,650 to support the Rotary Foundation that needs 45 million. The average cost per dose is 60 cents.

Ruth thanked everyone for coming today and announced greeters for next week would be Kim and Carol. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

