

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:24 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moe Goodwin
The Invocation was given by Captain Henry Thibault

Guest Speaker: Ginger & Ed Dlutowski, "Make A Wish Foundation"
Guests: no other guests

Happy Bucks:

Ron Jones: \$1 Thanks for all the get well calls and cards
Dick Musko: \$1 No snow today
Moe Goodwin: \$1 Son accepted into WVU yesterday

Birthdays and Anniversaries: None

Announcements:

President Scalo reported Jim Thompson's mom passed away last week. Jim is taking a new job, but will be staying in the Club.

We received a resignation letter from Doug Hammer. He has had some changes in his job.

Reminder: Next weeks meeting will be at the Salvation Army.

Cindy Harbison gave a Gala update. Tickets are selling well. She asked all members who have not sold their tickets to turn them in to her so she can sell them. There was a Community Service Ad in the Butler Eagle over the weekend. She asked all members who are donating prizes to please drop them off at Betty Fitzgerald's office in the Clearview Federal Credit Union behind Applebees on New Castle Road as soon as possible. All ticket sale money should be turned in to Treasurer Peggy Weckerly as soon as possible.

Clint Champagne did a letter to send to friends asking them to participate in the Gala in some way. He distributed copies to all the members who wanted to send them to friends.

President Scalo said there are over 200,000 lives lost in Haiti due to the earthquake. District Governor Ron Errett asked all Clubs to do something to support the relief efforts. The PM Club is having a campaign to raise \$100,000 by having local families each donate \$100. Contact Clete if you have any idea for what our Club can do.

The End Polio Now Challenge is February 16 through March 2. National Rotary Day is February 23.

The P.M. Club is having their anniversary party at 5:45 February 1 at Dingbats. Let Clete know by January 25 if you are going to attend.

There are no Rotor Facts today.

Guest Speaker Ginger Dlutowski came to speak to us today about the Make A Wish Foundation. They are looking for kids who need wishes. Children who are eligible must have a life threatening disease like cancer, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis. Children need to be at least 2 ½ years old up to 18. Their current medical condition is taken into consideration. Income does not affect who gets a wish. Ninety percent of the children who have gotten their wish are still alive. Ginger and her husband got involved as volunteers after their granddaughter received a wish to go to Disney World. She needed a heart transplant

Volunteers interview the families and the children. There are 5 employees in Pittsburgh, the largest office in the country. They cover 57 counties in PA, 23 counties in southern WVA. Some of the wishes have been to travel (Disney), Hawaii, dude ranch, swim with dolphins and meet celebrities. Some want to do an occupation like being a model or superhero. Some want gifts like computers, home theaters. They even had a request for a pink and purple playhouse.

Anyone can nominate a child but you need to check with the parents first. Ginger distributed cards and brochures. They granted over 700 wishes last year. The group started in 1980 in California. They have granted over \$50 million in wishes. All the money is donated by individuals and groups.

In addition to children who want wishes, they are also looking for volunteers.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron Jones, who donated it to Make A Wish.

There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting with the Four Way Test at 7:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary