

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:22 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al McGrath
The Invocation was given by Cletus Scalo

Guest Speaker: Cecelia Foster, Executive Director, Community Health Clinic of Butler County
Guests: Al McGrath, Butler P.M. Rotary Club

Happy Bucks:
There were no Happy Bucks this week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Tony & Angela Sheakley celebrated their wedding anniversary yesterday.

President Scalo called on Al McGrath to give a report on the Rotary Pancake Festival.
Al reported the ticket sales amounted to \$11,000 this year. He thanked everyone for helping to make the event successful again this year.

President Scalo reminded members to turn in their money for their Pancake Festival tickets by next week.

There will be no meeting December 1. We will vote on the new slate of officers at the December 8 meeting. The December Board Meeting will follow immediately after the general meeting. Dr. Roger Borja will be the speaker next week.

President Scalo updated the members about the Christmas party event to be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 at Conley's Resort from 5 to 8 p.m. It will be titled "The Best Christmas Ever" Food Gathering, and will benefit the Salvation Army food cupboard. The event will be held in lieu of the Christmas Party held jointly with the P.M. Club. Both clubs will work together to plan and host the event. There will be a planning meeting at Conley's on Friday, November 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested in helping organize the event. Anyone who can't attend the meeting is welcome to send their ideas and suggestions to Ron Jones or Cletus Scalo before Friday.

The Rotor Facts this week concerned the Rotary Wheel. In 1923 the wheel became our official symbol. It started originally as a wagon wheel with dust and then there were other variations.
The wheel is comprised of 6 spokes which represent 6 facets of Rotary. There are also 24 cogs. Engineers added the keyway in the center later on.
The Rotor Fact Question was: In what year did we adopt the Rotary Wheel as our symbol? The answer was given by Candy Hartley--1923.

President Scalo introduced Cece Foster, Executive Director of the Community Health Clinic of Butler County. Mrs. Foster announced the Clinic has already begun offering dental services. There are over 900 patients on the waiting list to be seen. The dental clinic is open on Mondays and Fridays. Drs. Napora, Kuhn, Bilowick, and Rathfon volunteer their services.

The Clinic currently has over 1,200 patients for medical services. They have had 3,500 visits so far. They will celebrate their second anniversary in January. Cece invited everyone to become involved in some way since the Clinic is run by community volunteers for others in the community who do not have insurance and are income eligible.

The Clinic recently received several grants which have enabled them to begin offering their dental services. Highmark granted \$180,000 for a 2-year program for diabetic care and dental services. The Hillman Foundation donated \$40,000 for the dental services. Delta Dental also made a donation to benefit the dental clinic in the amount of \$10,000.

The Clinic does not receive any government money. It is run by grants from charitable foundations and private donations. The four leading diagnoses they see are: diabetes, anxiety & depression, hypertension and elevated cholesterol. Patients can continue to work while getting help from the Clinic to manage their conditions.

To receive services, patients must be income eligible, be between the ages of 19 and 64, and be Butler County residents. Dr. Joseph Gribbik is currently the Medical Director.

WQED recently taped a segment about the Clinic which will air on December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Cece thanked the Club for their past donations from the proceeds of the Sweetheart Gala. She said she and some of her Board members are actively involved in planning the 2010 Gala, which is set for Saturday, February 6, 2010. She announced we already have donations of 2 prints by local artist Bill Rettig, an Italian dinner for 8, and a handmade quilt worth \$1,000. She encouraged the Club members to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Following her presentation, Cindy Harbison and Ron Jones distributed tickets and sponsorship letters to each of the members. Each member is asked to sell four tickets. They can also get additional tickets if they need more by contacting Cindy. She also asked each member to talk to their friends and business associates about donating prizes or becoming sponsors for the event. There are several levels of sponsorship and some of the prices have been lowered this year. The ticket prices have also been lowered to \$50 to encourage more people to come. President Scalo encouraged everyone to support this event, which will enable so many people throughout Butler County to get the quality health care they have been unable to attain because they lack insurance.

President Scalo asked if there was any other business to bring before the group. Dick Musko announced we have sent a total of 66 packages to our troops serving overseas.

President Scalo announced both Betty Fitzgerald and Lisa Campbell have been approved for membership in the Club. They will be inducted either at the November 24 or December 8 meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Betty Fitzgerald, who donated it back to the Club.

There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting with the Four Way Test at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary