

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:22 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dick Musko
The Invocation was given by Captain Henry Thibault

Guest Speaker: Dr. Roger Borja
Guests: Dr. Borja

Happy Bucks:

Dick Musko: \$1 for the belated donation we got for the Playground

Candy Hartley: \$1 for going to Ohio to help her 93 year old mother cook Thanksgiving dinner

Ron Jones: \$1 because Andria bought a house and is moving

Clint Champagne: \$1 to celebrate his daughter coming home from Cleveland for 3 days

Birthdays and Anniversaries: None this week

President Scalo announced we will induct our two new members, Betty Fitzgerald and Lisa Campbell on December 8.

President Scalo gave a report on The Best Christmas Ever event which will be held at Conley's Resort on Friday, December 11. He brought boxes for members to take to their places of business to collect food. He said everyone should have an email waiting for them about the event. There is a flyer attached to the email. Cindy Harbison suggested forwarding the flyer to everyone in your email address book who are local and may want to participate.

Ron Jones went to the P.M. Club meeting to talk to them about this event. They are excited to help too. There are only 18 days to put together and publicize this event. Jim Thompson is handling radio publicity for it. Henry announced the radio station said they could serve as a drop off site. Ron asked every club member to do something to get involved. Ron said he is sending a note to everyone in his housing plan and going to announce it at the Saxonburg Business Association meeting. Ron encouraged everyone to put a box at their place of business.

We will be using two rooms at Conley's for the event. The Boardroom will have Santa, face painting, and a craft corner for the kids. There will also be punch and cookies. At 7:30 there will be a reception for A.M. and P.M. Rotarians and their guests in the other meeting room. There will be hot hors 'doerves, desserts and beverages. Members are encouraged to bring potential new members. There will be a small charge for this. The food collection will be from 5 to 8 p.m. The reception for the Rotarians will run from 7:30 to 9:00. All Rotarians who are attending should RSVP to Cletus Scalo so he can give Conley's a count.

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The next meeting will be on December 8. It will be a general meeting with the induction ceremony followed by a Board Meeting.

President Scalo introduced Dr. Roger Borja, who spoke about the medical mission to the Philippines. Dr. Borja showed a short video of the doctors and other medical personnel, who are all volunteers, performing basic medical care as well as complicated, life-saving surgeries. They get donations of medicines and medical supplies from hospitals and practitioners here in the States and ship them to the Philippines. The people there are very poor, and do not have any type of medical insurance. The hospitals are government run. Patients have to private pay for everything, and bring their own medications. If there are beds available, they can pay for a bed. If there are no beds and there is space they can pay for a space to put their own bed. They must also bring their own linens. The government no longer allows the volunteers to bring sample medications into the country so they must now purchase them before they leave the States or buy them when they get there.

Dr. Borja also talked about the devastation from the typhoons last summer. The people there need a lot of help. Some are very poor and have lost everything. Dr. Borja gave the name and contact information to Dick Musko for a Rotary Club there we may be able to partner with to help.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dick Musk.

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