

Butler A.M. Rotary Club  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2010

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

Guest Speaker: Ryan Stauffer, Succop Conservancy  
Guests: Scott Hacker, Josh Surkosky

Happy Bucks:

Paul Wharton: \$1 all his kids and grands were in this weekend

Dr. Stu: \$1 his kids are back from NC

Captain Henry: \$1 for their trip to NJ on motorcycle

Scott Hacker: \$1 happy to be back

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Mike & Kim Ogin anniversary June 16.

Announcements:

Ed Wadding announced Reverend David Panther has Lyme Disease and Bells Palsy, and now he has shingles and chronic hiccups. He asked everyone to keep Reverend Dave in their prayers.

President Scalo announced there will be no meeting on June 29 because we will use the Changing of the Guard on the 28<sup>th</sup> as our meeting. There will also be no meeting on July 6 due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. At our meeting on July 13, our new president, Ed Wadding will preside.

The Changing of the Guard dinner will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Shelter at Alameda Park at 6:30.. The cost will be \$10/person. Spouses and significant others are invited.

Dr. Stu announced his son has worked on a draft for the sign at the bridge. The cost will be about \$150. It will have a reflective yellow on it so it is more visible.

President Scalo announced we received thank you letters from the following organizations: Candle, Inc., Big Brothers & Sisters, BC3 Scholarship Fund, and The Community Health Clinic of Butler County. He passed the letters around for all to see.

International Service Project: All signatures from District and Club officers have been obtained. On July 31 Macati West will submit their request to the Rotary Foundation. We will be updated on the approved funding.

Mural Project: This should happen in late July. The cost will total \$13,682. We committed \$2,000. The rest will be obtained from community donations. If we get more donations than we had originally planned, our amount we contribute should be less.

The Board approved the following donations:

\$1500 sponsorship to the YMCA, \$500 to District Governor Projects Haitian Relief, Polio Plus and Literacy, \$150 to the Butler Road Race and \$100 to Junior Achievement

President Scalo inducted new member Mike Schneider. He also presented Clint Champagne with a sponsor pin.

Mike Johnson gave a report on the YMCA Armco Park Day. There were lots of families with children, lots of great volunteers, and Century Link played a big part.

President Scalo introduced speaker Ryan Stauffer of the Succop Conservancy, which is owned by the BC3 Education Foundation. The original farm dates back to 1805, and is one of the oldest farmsteads in the county. Some of the original buildings are still standing. The Succop family farmed it until the 1950's. They planted many different types of trees. The Conservancy is opened from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. There are environmental studies conducted there and craftsmen teach heritage skills. There are also walking trails and a boy scout put in a primitive garden, medieval garden and colonial garden as an Eagle Scout project.

The prison volunteer program has been restoring equipment and doing landscaping projects around the property. There are also people who have to do community service who are helping with these projects. They enjoy it so much they keep coming back as volunteers long after their time has been served. There are plans in the works to start a certificate program in which people from these programs can gain employable skills and build portfolio of their work to help them obtain jobs when they are no longer incarcerated. The Conservancy hopes to pilot this project in the fall.

Ed Wadding commented that he had met a woman who was touring the grounds a few weeks ago when he was there for a meeting. She told him the Succop Conservancy was one of Butler County's "hidden gems."

There was no winner for the 50/50 so the money will go into the treasury.

There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting at 7:57.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary