

Butler A.M. Rotary Club  
Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 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 Clint Champagne

Guest Speaker: Ron Errett, District Governor  
Guests: Jennifer Linn, Assistant District Governor; Dale Pinkerton, Past District Governor and Butler County Commissioner; Captains Henry & Irene Tibault, Salvation Army

Happy Bucks were given by the following members:  
Dick Musko – for his trip to Arizona tomorrow  
Peggy Weckerly – for finally getting moved into her new office  
Bill Speidel – in thanks for his Past President Plaque and all the help he got from Club members last year, and one in apology for missing last week while spending time with his visiting family

President Clete Scalo gave this week's "Rotor Fact" about how to propose a new member.

1. The member that is proposing the new member is to submit the Name of the proposed new member, in writing to the Board, through the Club Secretary. (The Membership Chair may submit the name of the member to the Secretary as well.)
2. The Board will ensure that the proposal meets all of the classification and membership requirements of the standard Rotary Constitution. (How could they not, they were proposed by one of our esteemed Club members!)
3. The Board shall approve (or disapprove) the proposal within 30 days of the submission, and shall notify the proposer through the Club Secretary of its decision.
4. Upon a favorable decision, the prospective member shall be informed of the purposes of Rotary and of the privileges and responsibilities of membership. The proposed new member will be asked to sign the membership proposal form and asked for permission to publish his or her name to the Club with the proposed classification.
5. If no written objection to the proposal, stating reasons, is received by the Board from any members (other than honorary) of the Club within 7 days, following the publication of the prospective member, that person, upon payment of the admission fee, shall be considered to be elected to membership... If there is an objection filed with the Board, the Board will vote on this matter at its next meeting, and can approve, despite the objection.
6. Following the election, the President shall arrange for the new member's induction, membership card, and new member Rotary Literature. We would like to see this induction as soon as possible after the election.

The “Rotor Facts” question was, “What is the first step in proposing a new member?” Cindy Harbison answered the question correctly and won a hat.

President Scalo introduced Jennifer Linn, Assistant District Governor, and a Past President of the Butler P.M. Club.

Jennifer Linn gave a brief bio of Ron Errett, our new District Governor. Ron is the CEO of the Community Action Program in Mercer, PA, and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Sharon, PA.

District Governor Errett talked about the theme, “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.” He said that means everything comes from each individual member. He asked several members what they like about being Rotary members. He continued with telling us that only 5% of Rotarians sponsor a member in their lifetime. He encouraged each of us to give the “gift of Rotary” to others whom we feel would benefit our club and community.

Ron also said he is a supporter of the Rotary Foundation and contributes to the Foundation to keep kids from dying, feed hungry, people and support other projects. He told us that it only costs 28 cents a day to support the “Every Rotarian Every Year”. Our goal is to get nine more clubs in our district to participate.

The membership goal is to net one new member for each club this year. District Projects include clean water in the Dominican Republic and Polio Plus. He encouraged all of us to send a check for Polio Plus. It only cost sixty one cents to vaccinate a child. Additionally District Governor encouraged us to support the Gates Challenge. We are currently only \$10 million away from matching the challenge.

In closing, he said “Nothing happens in Rotary top down—it all happens from the ground up.” He thanked us for all we do.

President Clete Scalo asked if there were any other items of business.

Cindy Harbison reminded members there will be a planning meeting for the 2010 Sweetheart Gala at the CareerLink office on Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m.

Peggy Weckerly passed around the sign up list for jobs for the annual Picnic at the Playground on July 31, 2009. All members are asked to participate in some way.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary