

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 a.m. by Club President Ed Wadding.

The Invocation was given by Clint Champagne. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dick Musko.

Guests were: Pat Brennen, Executive Director, Community Care Connections, Inc., Rebecca and Meridith, mural painters.

Anniversaries & birthdays: Peggy Weckerly, August 17; Clint Champagne, August 20th; Moe & Jill Goodwin anniversary tomorrow.

Happy Bucks:

Lisa Campbell - \$1 because she is happy the Jazz Festival is over, \$1 for all the volunteers who helped, \$1 because her oldest son who is in 8th grade made the varsity golf team.

Dick Musko - \$1 for the mural painters and \$1 for the great job Lisa and her committee did on the Jazz Festival.

Clint Champagne - \$1 for the great Jazz Festival, Lisa, Betty and the volunteers; \$1 because his daughter is home.

Moe - \$1 for his daughter going to WVU; \$1 because she will be back this weekend.

Announcements:

There will be no meeting on September 7, 2010.

We have received several invitations to Golf Outings:

The Evening Rotary Club, which is next Monday at St. Jude's; Miracle League, which is on September 17; Building & Construction Trades, which is September 19 at Oakview. Please see President Ed Wadding if you are interested in forming a team for any of these.

The Rotary Exchange is in need of host families for the kids who will be visiting from Pakistan. See Ed Wadding if you are interested in hosting.

Rich Wilson has sent us information about the Rotary Leadership Training to be held on Saturday, September 11 at SRU. Anyone who is interested in attending should see Ed Wadding.

The Chamber of Commerce annual dinner is being held on September 15, 2010. They will recognize community leaders. Tickets are \$50 each.

There will be a survey mailed to each Club member to ascertain their interests within the Club.

Committee Reports:

Dick Musko: The Mural is coming along nicely.

Lisa Campbell: The Jazz Festival. Lisa thanked everyone who helped to make it run smoothly. She would have liked to see more people, but it was a good turnout. We had a good base for next year.

Ed Wadding: Harold Betters & Kenny Blake both liked the response from the audience. There were even people who got up and danced.

President Wadding read a letter from the Autism Society thanking us for the picnic and the \$350 donation.

We will have a table at the Fall Festival in downtown Butler on Saturday, September 18.

Cindy Harbison introduced our guest speaker, Pat Brennen.

Mrs. Brennen announced that the Mission Statement of Community Care Connections has been changed to reflect their commitment to the empowerment of children and adults with disabilities. They are helping people to be in control of their own lives.

She also talked about inclusion, which means enabling people with disabilities want to be in the same world as those without disabilities.

Community Care Connections, Inc. has eight different programs. Their day program of structured activities, recreation and socialization is for elderly and adults with disabilities. It was formerly called Supportive Adult Day Services or SADS. The name has been changed to reflect the positive energy and meaningful activities which happen there each day. The name is now the Golden Opportunities Center for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, or The "GO" Center.

The Attendant Care Program is in-home, part-time personal care for people with disabilities so they can get on with their daily lives. Attendants come when the consumers need them to be there. The Attendant Care Program is now licensed as a Pennsylvania Home Care Agency. In addition to home care, they also provide home modifications and durable medical equipment for their consumers. For example, they can have ramps installed on the outside of consumers' homes.

One consumer was an avid hunter before being confined to a wheelchair. The staff of the Attendant Care Program found an ATV which he could drive his wheelchair onto and ride it around the outside of his house and into the basement where he kept his hunting equipment. He could then ride the ATV out into the woods to hunt. It was much less

expensive than installing a ramp the whole way around his house and enabled him to get safely out into the woods to hunt again.

Community Care Connections annual fund raising event, The Chef Tasting Party and Auction will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 4 to 7 p.m. Pat Brennen invited the Club members to join them as sponsors, prize donors or to buy tickets and come to enjoy the great food and beverages.

More information about Community Care Connections can be obtained by calling the agency phone number 724-283-2198 or by going to their website, www.communitycareconnect.org.

The 50/50 was won by Wayne Conley. The 2 tickets to the Y Gala were won by Cindy Harbison.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Four Way Test at 7:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Vice President