

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:17 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dena Martinez
The Invocation was given by Clint Champagne

Guest Speaker: Dennis Hoerner, PA Board of Probation & Parole
Guests: Jim Thompson, Power Up Equipment, potential new member
Ralph Davidson, Retired, potential new member
Al McGrath & Rich Wilson, Butler P.M. Rotary Club
Tanya Ambrose, Lifesteps, Inc.
Tom Graham, Frames & Pixels

President Scalo introduced Rich Wilson and Al McGrath. Rich Wilson announced there are only 35 days to Election Day and the 50th Annual Rotary Pancake Festival to benefit Lifesteps, Inc. Al McGrath distributed sign up sheets for products, advertisements, and work assignments for the day of the Festival. Clete Scalo announced he has the tickets, and that members should please indicate on the list which numbers are on the tickets they take to sell.

President Scalo announced Jim Thompson has been elected to membership in our Club. He will be inducted soon.

President Scalo also announced the October 20, 2009 meeting will be a Membership Meeting at Conley's Resort. The graduates of the latest class of Leadership Butler County will be invited to join us to learn about Rotary and invited to become members. He also asked each member to bring a guest that day.

Ed Wadding has become our new President Elect, and Clint Champagne has become our new Vice President. We are currently looking for a member to step into the leadership role of Director, which was vacated by Clint Champagne.

We are in need of someone to take the leadership on the landscaping projects. Heather Barnett and Clint Champagne are currently working on it, but we need more help.

President Scalo talked about the Club meeting held at the Armco/YMCA Park a few weeks ago. The members who attended got to see the completed playground project as well as other projects which have made improvements to the park.

We will be taking action on the Heifer International Project at the next Board Meeting. We will be making some type of donation of farm animals, which will be given to a family in another country. The offspring of our gift animals will be given to another family and so on.

Other Club Business:

Clint Champagne invited all the members to attend the Farm Tour which will be held this weekend. He distributed brochures about the Tour.

Cindy Harbison said that the Gala Committee had met and will be making some changes to the way people are invited. She will be talking more about that at upcoming meetings. She also encouraged Club members who have been sponsors in the past to get their sponsorships locked in as soon as possible so the Committee will know what sponsorships are still available.

Happy Bucks were given by the following members:

Bill Speidel: \$1 for the new job he will be starting at the Passavant Hospital Foundation on Monday

Paul Wharton: \$1 because he is now the only retiree in the Club, but is hoping Ralph Davidson will join so he doesn't have to be the only one.

President Scalo introduced our speaker, Dennis Hoerner, Supervisor of the PA Board of Probation and Parole.

Mr. Hoerner spoke about the workings of the Board and the people they supervise. He is stationed in the Butler office. The Board supervises 32,000 offenders state-wide. They supervise 664 offenders in Butler County alone.

Most of their focus is to provide a support system for the offenders, which begins as soon as they are incarcerated, and continues after they are released. They work on counseling, and taking accountability. Groups include: employment, violence prevention, cognitive behavior and others. They work with the offenders to make positive changes in their lives so that when they re-enter society they are productive and less likely to re-offend.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Mike Ogin.

There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting with the Four Way Test at 7:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary