



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



Our meeting began in the usual way with President Gene James leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and our invocation by Brian Kline.

### Rotary Vision:



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

### Sergeant at Arms Report:

“Mister” Mark Barnhart reported 37 of our 70 members were in attendance.

### Guests:

No guests in attendance.

### Announcements:

- Ray Charley will be riding across America to support veterans; starting in San Francisco, CA to St. Augustine, FL. There will be information provided at a later date if you want to provide assistance for his ride.
- Spelling bee process will begin February 4.
- They Call me Q – January 24, 2019 (Ferguson Theater, Smith Hall)

They Call Me Q is the story of a girl from Bombay growing up in the Boogie Down Bronx who gracefully seeks balance between cultural pressure and wanting acceptance into the American culture. Along the journey, Qurrat Ann Kadwani transforms into 13 characters who have shaped her life.

<https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/event/one-woman-show-they-call-me-q>

- Rotary Club of Greensburg Career Assistance Awards (\$10,000) applications were distributed to the Hempfield Area and Greensburg schools. The awards range from \$500 to \$2,500 with awards distributed in May of each year. These scholarships are granted on the basis of need, ability, performance, academic and civic activities and those qualities of character and personality befitting the leadership of a free democratic society and which exemplify Rotary's principle of Service Above Self.
- The Madeline Nichols Grant (\$13,500) application is posted on the club website. The application deadline is January 31.

## **Club News:**

Foundation Moment with Jeff Balzer:

She walks from her home in a remote Nepal village to the local birthing center for her last prenatal checkup. As she makes her way through a drenching thunderstorm, she sees the lights ahead go out. Power cuts happen often in her village, sometimes they last 2 weeks. But as she looks ahead she sees the power remains on in the birthing center. The birthing center lights remain on because they are powered by a solar suitcase. The solar suitcase was donated by a group in 2014 and since that time there have been no maternal or baby deaths in the area. For just a \$120.00 donation you can help save a life.

## **Word of the Week:**

- **Bury the hatchet** is an American English idiom meaning "to make peace". The phrase is an allusion to the figurative or literal practice of putting away the tomahawk at the cessation of hostilities among or by Native Americans in the Eastern United States, specifically concerning the formation of the Iroquois Confederacy and in Iroquois custom in general. Weapons were to be buried or otherwise cached in time of peace.
- The expression to "**extend an olive branch**" means an offer of peace or reconciliation. It has a biblical origin. It comes from the the Book of Genesis. The sign that the flood was over was an olive branch brought back to the ark by a dove.

Olive branches are symbols of peace. They continue to be used in works of art which are meant to suggest peace. the offer of an olive branch would suggest that someone is tired of war, whether it be an actual war or a falling out between friends.

- The phrase “**to turn a blind eye**” is attributed to an incident in the life of Admiral Horatio Nelson. Nelson was blinded in one eye early in his Royal Navy career. During the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801 the cautious Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, in overall command of the British forces, sent a signal to Nelson's forces ordering them to discontinue the action. Naval orders were transmitted via a system of signal flags at that time. When this order was brought to the more aggressive Nelson's attention, he lifted his telescope up to his blind eye, saying, "I have a right to be blind sometimes. I really do not see the signal," and most of his forces continued to press home the attack. The frigates supporting the line-of-battle ships did break off, in one case suffering severe losses in the retreat.
- Prior to 2008, the figurative sense of "**red herring**" was thought to originate from a supposed technique of training young scent hounds. There are variations of the story, but according to one version, the pungent red herring would be dragged along a trail until a puppy learned to follow the scent. Later, when the dog was being trained to follow the faint odor of a fox or a badger, the trainer would drag a red herring (whose strong scent confuses the animal) perpendicular to the animal's trail to confuse the dog. The dog eventually learned to follow the original scent rather than the stronger scent. A variation of this story is given, without mention of its use in training, in *The Macmillan Book of Proverbs, Maxims, and Famous Phrases* (1976), with the earliest use cited being from W. F. Butler's *Life of Napier*, published in 1849. *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* (1981) gives the full phrase as "Drawing a red herring across the path", an idiom meaning "to divert attention from the main question by some side issue"; here, once again, a "dried, smoked and salted" herring when "drawn across a fox's path destroys the scent and sets the hounds at fault." Another variation of the dog story is given by Robert Hendrickson (1994) who says escaping convicts used the pungent fish to throw off hounds in pursuit.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry Distribution – First Saturday of every month
- District Conference – May 3 & 4, 2019 – Seven Springs Mountain Resort

### **Speaker:**

Steve Cesar Muccari discussed the country of Iceland. The people who settled originally in Iceland were the Vikings from Norway. The Vikings would raid countries such as Ireland taking spoils to include gold and women. The official language of Iceland is Icelandic, but their primary language is English. Iceland is approximately the size of the state of Pennsylvania. The Golden Circle is a highway interconnecting popular tourist destinations such as geysers, volcanos, and the blue lagoon.



Gullfoss Waterfall



The Blue Lagoon

The MidAtlantic Ridge extends through the country of Iceland leading to a lot of earthquakes. Icelandic Krone is the currency. Geo Thermal is the primary source of electricity.

For those of you who may be interested, I've added links to an artist known as Kaleo. They originated in Iceland and have become a part of mainstream music. I think it's important to note their culture embedded within the videos.

This first video is filmed around a famous tourist destination a volcano:

<https://youtu.be/0-7IHOXkiV8>

The second video will be in their official language:

[https://youtu.be/Da5qQD\\_RpEQ](https://youtu.be/Da5qQD_RpEQ)

### **Make-up Clubs:**

- Mountain View – Monday at 6:15 p.m. at Applebee's Restaurant
- Westmoreland – Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Badges Bar & Grille
- Latrobe – Wednesday at 12 noon at DeNunzio's Chophouse
- Norwin – Monday at 12:05 p.m. at Jacktown Rod and Hunt Club
- Delmont-Salem – Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Kings Family Restaurant
- Murrysville-Export – 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at The Lamplighter
- Murrysville-Export – 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 12 noon at The Lamplighter
- Mount Pleasant – Wednesday at 12 noon at Leo's Pub & Grill
- Plum – Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at Palmieri's Restaurant

Our meeting ended in the usual way with the Four Way Test.

Respectfully submitted by,

*"The Great Dictator"*

