



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



April 16, 2019

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.

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

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 29 of our 66 members were in attendance.

Announcements:

- Looking for members to join the Dr. Kenneth Rutter scholarship committee (application period closed). Please email John Wohlin at jwohlin@composidie.com for details.
- The Scholarship Banquet will be on May 14th at 6:00 PM in the Hempfield Room, located on the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg campus. The dinner will be free for Rotarians and \$15.00 for guests.
- The Third Grade Spelling Bee will be held May 23rd at 6:00 PM at Stanwood Elementary School.
- “Service Above Self” Memorial Day 5K will begin promptly on Monday, May 27th at 9:00 AM. We are also still looking for sponsors. If you are interested in supporting the race, please see Melissa O’Brien or email her at melissa.obrien@gsliions.net. Anyone interested in running or walking can register through this link while our website is down:

[“Service Above Self”](#)

- Ray Charley is riding across America to support veterans, starting in San Francisco, CA and riding to St. Augustine, FL. He is currently on his 17th day of riding. If you would like to support his cause, please click below:

<http://www.troopsfirstfoundation.org/rayside>

Rotarians and Interactors at Work:

Rotarians and interactors joined forces to “Walk A Mile in Her Shoes”, held on April 13 at St. Clair Park, participating walkers carried signs, wore high heels, and signed a pledge to end gender violence.



Word of the Week with Jim Steeley:

The word of the week is “kleptocracy”. Kleptocracy is a government with corrupt leaders (kleptocrats) that use their power to exploit the people and natural resources of their own territory in order to extend their personal wealth and political powers. Typically, this system involves embezzlement of funds at the expense of the wider population.

A kakistocracy is a system of government that is run by the worst, least qualified, or most unscrupulous citizens. The word was coined as early as the seventeenth century. It also was used by English author Thomas Love Peacock in 1829, but gained significant use in the first decades of the twenty-first century to criticize populist governments emerging in different democracies around the world.

Foundation Moment:

What if you could give a family clean water? What if you could provide a toilet and a place to wash hands for a family half way around the world? What if you could make sure that a school had desks, paper, pencils, and a trained teacher? What if you could make sure that a village had access to health care? What if you could help a mother or father learn a trade to get a job so they can provide for their families? You can do all this through the Rotary Foundation. District Foundation Chair Mark Kessler will tell you that the Rotary Foundation is glad to accept a donation of any amount at any time. Mark can help you make the world a better place.

Speaker:

Our speaker today was Cindy Hershey of the Railroad Museum in Altoona, PA.

For more than a century, Altoona was one of the most important rail facilities in the United States. The city was home to the Altoona Pennsylvania Railroad’s repair and maintenance shops, its locomotive construction facility, and its test department.



Altoona's location at the foot of the Allegheny front and its proximity to the Horseshoe Curve route over the mountains, made the city a key location in the Altoona Pennsylvania Railroad's operations.

Today, Altoona is one of the hubs of the area's growing tourist industry. Many significant cultural resources are within the city itself, and most of these resources are linked directly to the city's long history as a railroad center.



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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

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"



The Rotary Club of Greensburg meets every Tuesday at the Ramada Inn. Meetings commence at noon and finish by 1:00.