



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



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 John Dickson.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

“Mister” Mark Barnhart reported 35 of our 68 members were in attendance.

Announcements:

- The Interact of Greensburg Salem is challenging our club to sponsor a solar suitcase for Africa. They have officially raised \$1,000. That’s 1/3 the cost of a suitcase. Let’s show them what were made of!
- March for Parks: Saturday, March 30 at Twin Lakes Park. Registration at 9 AM, with march beginning at 10 AM. Pets welcome!
- Spring Wellness check on April 6th at Senior Life.
- Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: Saturday, April 13 at St. Clair Park. Registration at 9 AM, with the walk beginning at 10 AM. Dogs welcome!
- The Third Grade Spelling Bee will be held May 23rd at Stanwood Elementary School at 6 PM.
- The Golf Outing will continue this year with support from Jeff Balzer.
- Ray Charley will be riding across America to support veterans; starting in San Francisco, CA to St. Augustine, FL. If you would like to support his cause:

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

Club News:

Foundation Moment with Jeff Balzer:

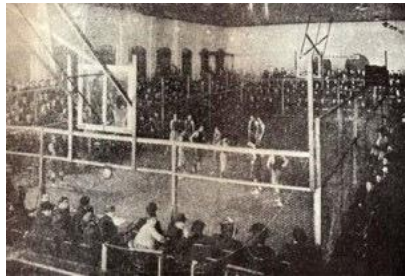
Every Rotary International Convention officially begins with a flag ceremony. Every country in the world that has a Rotary Club present at the convention is represented by their flag. The last flags to enter are the flag from the country hosting the convention, the nation’s flag of the International president, and the one that comes in last is, as the announcer says, “the flag that binds us all” - the flag of Rotary International. This year’s Rotary theme is “Rotary Connects the World.” Connecting the world is exactly what Rotary International does

every year at their annual convention! Our District has been “Connecting the World” through Foundation grants for many years now – Rotarians from this club have connected with people in countries such as India, Poland, Philippines, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Thailand, Alabama, and Africa. Be proud my friends! We do so much good.



Word of the Week with Jim Steeley:

Basketball players used to be called “cagers” because basketball used to be played in cages.



A basketball cage circa 1910.

In the first decade of the game of basketball, the rule was that when the ball went out of bounds, it belonged to the first team to gain possession. I’ll repeat that: the ball went to the first guy who could get his hands on it. Naturally, this led to lots of elbowing and wrestling, which was disastrous given the spectators sitting right alongside the court!

Cages were installed around basketball courts to protect the fans from the players and vice-versa (those player-fan brawls got intense!). Despite the out of bounds rule being changed in 1902, cages stuck around because players loved bouncing the ball (and each other) off the walls.

Wire-mesh cages were soon replaced by the cheaper and safer rope netting, but they still called them cages and they stuck around as late as the 1930s.

Today, the tradition of cage-ball lives on in the streets of New York City, where public basketball courts are surrounded by cages that keep the ball from bouncing into the busy streets.

Speaker:

The Stoneybrook Foundation (www.stoneybrookfoundation.org) is a therapeutic riding center located at 260 Mountain Trails Lane, Acme, PA 15610.



We partner with our horses to create programs that foster a community environment and promote learning, inclusion, respect, and independence. Therapeutic riding is widely recognized as beneficial for people with special needs. Specifically, it helps develop self-awareness and build self-confidence, improve concentration and increase self-discipline, strengthen and relax muscles, improve posture, while increasing core strength, balance, coordination, and joint mobility.

Through goal setting and lesson planning, our students receive instruction that meets their individualized needs. Our students are veterans, at-risk youth, individuals who have autism, pervasive developmental delay, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, spina bifida, developmental and learning disabilities, and other challenges in their lives.

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.