



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 Vice President Steve Edson leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and our invocation by Cindy Strayer.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 31 of our 67 members were in attendance.

Guests:

Linda Blum brought her guest, Endicott Reindl, from the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra.

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.
- Wellness Screening is coming up on April 6th from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM at Senior Life in Greensburg.
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will take place Saturday, April 13th at St. Clair Park. Registration is at 9:00 AM, the walk begins at 10:00 AM, and dogs are welcome.
- Scholarship Banquet will be on May 14th.
- 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@gslions.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. If you would like to support his cause, please click below:

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

Club News:

Foundation Moment:

Kirk Horn loved music. He believed that music is the great connector of people. He wanted to bring music to children all over the world. He was a Rotarian. When he died suddenly, his Rotary Club decided to keep his memory and his goal of all children experiencing music alive. The Club started the Kirk Horn Foundation and every year the Short North Rotary Club holds a fund-raising event called Music in the Round for the Kirk Horn Foundation. Through this event, the Short North Club has raised funds for the support of the Rafiki Children's Aids Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. The Rotary Club has helped build a music wing, they have purchased instruments and brought in instructors to teach the children. A few years ago, most of the club made a trip to the Orphanage to do general building maintenance, such as painting and to dedicate the music wing. A lot of the funding has been done through District Community Grants. Yes, you can use your DCG on projects at home and abroad. This past year through its live auction, the club raised over 28 thousand dollars. The goal is to bring the children of the Rafiki Orphanage together with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus to perform a concert and to create an album. Kirk Horn would have liked that.

[Kirk Horn Music Fund](#)

Word of the Week with Steve Edson:

A now-obsolete sense of the word wink is "to close one's eyes," and "hoodwink" once meant to cover the eyes of someone, such as a prisoner, with a hood or blindfold. ("Hoodwink" was also once a name for the game of blindman's buff.) This 16th-century term soon came to be used figuratively for veiling the truth. "The Public is easily hood-winked," wrote the Irish physician Charles Lucas in 1756, by which time the figurative use had been around for almost a century and a half. Two hundred and fifty years later, this meaning of the word hasn't changed a wink: "The American public has been hoodwinked and fleeced," wrote Theodore Wolff, for example, in the Iowa State Daily on July 6, 2006.

Speaker:



Our presenter today was Olga Herbert, who is the director of the Lincoln Highway Experience.

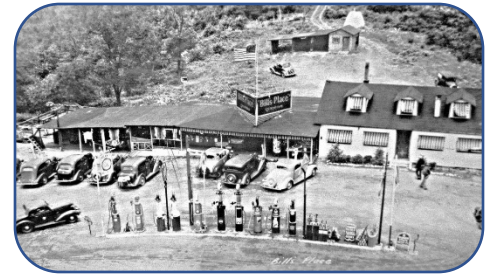
In 1913, the automobile was still in its infancy. Those that had cars found road conditions were unsuitable for driving. City streets were often paved, but rural roads were primarily dirt tracks connecting farmlands.

A group of visionary businessmen from the automotive industry led by Henry B. Joy and Carl Fisher, formed the Lincoln Highway Association (LHA). The LHA successfully spearheaded the creation of a publicly-funded road that stretched from New York City, NY to San Francisco, CA. The road would be the first transcontinental highway. The LHA engaged in very little actual road building, but it did fire the public's imagination and soon their project was under way. When it was complete, it stretched 3,389 miles.



In Pennsylvania, much of the Lincoln Highway was constructed by improving and linking up pre-existing roads, including the early turnpikes, like the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike and Forbes Road. It was a focal point of the Good Roads Movement, which would ultimately lead to the development of decent highways all over the nation.

The creation of the highway had a significant impact on how people traveled. No longer were they held to the schedules of railroads. Instead, more and more people chose to tour America by driving the Lincoln Highway. As automobiling became more popular, the face of the roadside changed.



Filling stations, tourist cabins, motor courts, and restaurants lined the Lincoln Highway to service travelers. As competition for the travelers' business increased, entrepreneurs became creative in their attempts to solicit customers. They built unique structures, like the giant Coffee Pot building in Bedford PA, in which to run their businesses.

The Lincoln Highway was also crucial to the development of commercial traffic. During World War I, railroads were unable to handle the amount of freight being sent to the eastern seaboard ports. The favored alternative to the railroad was the use of truck convoys over the Lincoln Highway. The picture to the left is a section of the Lincoln Highway in 1918.



By 1925, the transcontinental route was completed. However, in that year, the United States instituted a system of numbered highways and eliminated name designations. In Pennsylvania, the Lincoln Highway became Route 30. In 1928, Boy Scouts from across the country erected concrete markers along the route, some of which still remain today, in order to preserve the identity of the Lincoln Highway. In 1940, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, with its tunnels blasted through the mountains, provided a quicker and easier route across the state.

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

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.

