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|  | **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 **Steve Edson.**

**Sergeant at Arms Report:**

“Mister” Mark Barnhart reported **33** of our **68** members were in attendance.

**Guests:**

Melissa O’Brien brought Jenna Dominiczak and Connor Herrington from the Greensburg Salem Interact Club.

**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 we’re made of!
* The Third Grade Spelling Bee will be held May 23rd at 6:00 PM at Stanwood Elementary School.
* March for Parks will be held Saturday, March 30th at Twin Lakes Park. Registration begins at 9:00 AM, march starts at 10:00 AM, and dogs are welcome.
* 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.
* Golf outing will continue this year with support from Jeff Balzer.
* Spring Wellness check will take place April 6th at Senior LIFE.
* Ray Charley will be 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/raysride>

**Club News:**

Foundation Moment with Jeff Balzer:

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary and its partners, announced that the targeted date for polio eradication is 2023. Polio is only present in three countries worldwide – Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. *Thanks to Rotary, now polio is endemic in only three countries in the whole world.* And now, massive immunization days are being planned for those three countries. Besides the National Immunization Days, some innovative steps are being taken to reach every last child. In Nigeria, for example, newborns are being immunized at their “Naming Ceremony.” In Afghanistan, vaccinators are setting up at sporting events such as cricket or soccer tournaments. The push is on for TOTAL eradication certification just a few years from now.

**Word of the Week with Jim Steeley:**

**“Perspicacious”** is similar in meaning to shrewd and astute, but a sharp mind will discern subtle differences among them. All three mean acute in perception and sound in judgment, but shrewd stresses practical, hardheaded cleverness, whereas perspicacious implies unusual power to see through and comprehend what is puzzling or hidden. (You can see this shade of meaning in the root of perspicacious - the Latin word perspicere, meaning "to look through" or "to see clearly."). Astute suggests both shrewdness and perspicacity, as well as diplomatic skill.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

[](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs5vUfddkT8)

**Presenter:**

Connor and Jenna discussed the importance of solar suitcases to those in third world countries. These suitcases are extremely low maintenance and help medical facilities without electricity provide much needed care to patients. They presented $1000 towards a suitcase. The students also discussed their current fundraiser which will provide an additional monetary contribution to Rotary’s Solar Suitcase initiative.

**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
* March 4 Operation Fresh Express – Youngwood Fire Hall
* March 11 Operation Fresh Express – Church of Jesus Christ World Operations Center

**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.

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| 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.