



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 Dr. Rod Booker.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 40 of our 70 members were in attendance.

Guests: Ed Meadows with wife, Sue Meadows

Announcements:

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:

"Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights. We should all remember that Rotary foundation is our Foundation, it is here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us." Dong Kurn Lee, Past Rotary International President.

Word of the Week:

A **neologism** describes a relatively recent or isolated term, word, or phrase that may be in the process of entering common use, but that has not yet been fully accepted into mainstream language. Neologisms are often directly attributable to a specific person, publication, period, or event. In the process of language formation, neologisms are more mature than protologisms.

The term, an abbreviation for "**no-mobile-phone phobia**", was coined during a 2008 study by the UK Post Office who commissioned YouGov, a UK-based research organization, to evaluate anxieties suffered by mobile phone users. The study found that nearly 53% of mobile phone users in Britain tend to be anxious when they "lose their mobile phone, run out of battery or credit, or have no network coverage". The study, sampled 2,163 people, found that about 58% of men and 47% of women suffer from the phobia, and an additional 9% feel stressed when their mobile phones are off. 55% of those surveyed cited keeping in touch with friends or family as the main reason that they got anxious when they

could not use their mobile phones. The study compared stress levels induced by the average case of nomophobia to be on-par with those of "wedding day jitters" and trips to the dentist.

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

We did not have a speaker today, instead we had a Club Assembly to discuss the future of our Career Assistance Awards for the coming years. As a club, we need to decide what type of fundraiser(s) we are willing to participate in to be able to raise enough money each year to continue funding our scholarships on average of \$20,000 per year.

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"

