



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 Dr. Roderick Booker.

### Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 32 of our 67 members were in attendance.

### Guests:

Regina Beatty brought her son Julian Grubbs, who is a new addition to her organization Mosaic Wealth Consulting.

### Announcements:

- The health screening on April 6th had a great turn out with fellow Rotarians in support and customers who produced \$500 more than in the fall.
- Looking for members to join the Dr. Kenneth Rutter scholarship committee (application period closed). Please email John Wohlin at [jwohlin@composidie.com](mailto:jwohlin@composidie.com) for details.
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will take place Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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. He is currently on his 10<sup>th</sup> day of riding and located in Arizona. If you would like to support his cause, please click below:

## **Rotarians and Interactors at Work:**

Rotarians and interactors joined forces to walk at March for Parks, held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds for several new projects in the community, such as the Giant Slide at Mammoth Park.



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

The word of the week is “skalawag”.

The term is a derogatory epithet, yet it is used by many historians anyway, as in Wiggins (1991), Baggett (2003), [3] Rubin (2006) and Wetta (2012). The word skalawag, originally referring to low-grade farm animals, was adopted by their opponents to refer to Southern whites who formed a Republican coalition with black freedmen and Northern newcomers (called carpetbaggers) to take control of their state and local governments. Among the earliest uses in this new meaning were references in Alabama and Georgia newspapers in the summer of 1867, first referring to all southern Republicans, then later restricting it to only white ones.

There are several theories about the origins of “scallywag,” but most dictionaries still label the word “origin uncertain.” Several of more the plausible theories about “scallywag” point to Scotland as the source of the word. The old Scots dialect word “scallag,” for instance, means “servant” or “rustic,” making it a possible source. Then again, one of Scotland’s Shetland Islands is named Scalloway, and since these islands are world famous for their diminutive Shetland ponies, there may well be a connection between “Scalloway” and “scallywag” meaning a small, useless horse. Yet another Scots word, “scurryvaig,” may be even a better bet. Derived from the Latin “scurra vagas,” meaning roughly “wandering fool or buffoon,” this “scurryvaig” means “a vagabond or wanderer.” Of course, it’s entirely possible that two or more of these words influenced the development of “scallywag,” so we may never be able to trace its precise family tree.

## **Foundation Moment:**

This is an unabashed plug: The very “Last Best 7330 District Conference” will be held on Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. The Conference will start with a gala dinner. The awards for Club of the Year and Rotarian of the Year will be given that evening. There will also be very special Foundation presentations. Saturday will

feature Rotary presentations by the Youth Exchange kids and the Interact Clubs. Guest speaker at lunch is a retired Marine Brigadier General who will speak on "Character Matters." Dinner will be Seven Springs delicious mountain cook out. Please register at the District Website or if you need help registering please email Colleen Wood.

[District 7330 Conference](#)

### **Speaker:**

Our speaker today was Sue Waldrop who is a group member of Mighty Tri Girls, one of the founding groups of Joy Riders. The other two groups are Total Chaos and Veterans Leadership Group. Joy Riders is a community based biking program for persons with limited mobility. Mighty Tri Girls and Total Chaos are both groups that train for triathlons. The partnership with Veterans Leadership Program was a great fit due to their resources and veterans with disabilities.



Do you remember the first time you rode a bike? The feeling of the sun on your back and the wind in your face? The freedom of being able to move forward? Some people with disabilities have never experienced this joy. For others, like our injured veterans, these sensations may be only a memory. However, Joy Riders plans to offer the opportunity for fun with our Duet Bike program, designed for one person with disabilities and one trained volunteer to ride together on the Great Allegheny Passage.

If you would like further information, please reach out to Dan Blevins with Veterans Leadership Program at [blevinsd@vlpwpa.org](mailto:blevinsd@vlpwpa.org) or Karen Primm, Joy Riders Volunteer Leader, at [karenprimm@gmail.org](mailto:karenprimm@gmail.org). The link for Joy Riders:

[Joy Riders](#)

### **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.

