



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



May 7, 2019

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 28 of our 66 members were in attendance and 2 guests.

Announcements:

- Rotary International will proceed forward with becoming a 501(c)(3).
- Scholarship Banquet will be on May 14th at 6 pm in the Hempfield Room, located on the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg campus. The dinner will be free for Rotarians and \$15.00 for guests.
- 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. He is currently in Louisiana. If you would like to support his cause, please click below:

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

The Last District Conference 7330:

Our outstanding Interact Club of Greensburg Salem lost to the Johnstown Interact by a slight margin that was judged by our neighboring district in central Pennsylvania. I want to congratulate Johnstown Interact on their award. I also want to personally thank the involvement of Greensburg Salem Interact. It’s a true honor to have the opportunity to serve next to these young men and women. These young adults have volunteered at several different events with me and they bring passion, drive, and happiness. I didn’t have the opportunity to

speak on behalf of our Rotary due to time constraints after their award, but I want everyone to know the next generation of Rotarians.



Word of the Week with Jim Steeley:

Who is a “**scholar**”? the first reply that must be given is: He is a scholar whose whole inward intellectual and moral being has been symmetrically unfolded, disciplined and strengthened under the influence of truth. The different mental activities will always be exercised rightly when the proper equilibrium is preserved. No one faculty should be drawn out to the neglect of others. The whole inner man should be unfolded harmoniously.

Scholars have generally been upheld as creditable figures engaged in work important to the advancement of society. In Imperial China, in the period from 206 BC until AD 1912, the intellectuals were the Scholar-officials ("Scholar-gentlemen"), who were civil servants appointed by the Emperor of China to perform the tasks of daily governance. Such civil servants earned academic degrees by means of imperial examination, and also were skilled calligraphers, and knew Confucian philosophy.

Foundation Moment:

At the end of March, a golf tournament was held to end all golf tournaments. The tournament was held at the Bears Club in Florida. The Bears Club is Jack Nicklaus’ private and very exclusive course. Players came from the United States, Japan, and India.

Prior to the start of the actual outing, Nicklaus gave players private lessons and many learned the joy of playing. The event was held to raise money for Polio Eradication. Jack Nicklaus is a polio survivor and he helped the cause along because the event raised a whopping 5.2 million dollars!

Speakers:

First Energy’s role in implementing energy efficiency in our local community.



Act 129 of 2008 provides Pennsylvania electric utility consumers opportunities to take energy efficiency and conservation to the next level. The General Assembly enacted Act 129 to require Pennsylvania’s seven largest electric distribution companies (EDCs) to develop energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) plans and adopt other methods of reducing the amount of electricity consumed by customers. Pennsylvania’s EDCs that are subject to Act

129 include Duquesne Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, PECO Energy Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, and West Penn Power Company.

The General Assembly charged the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) with implementing Act 129 and guiding consumers and electric utilities toward achieving the legislation's overall goals of reducing energy consumption and peak electric demand.

The Act is being implemented in phases that address the EDCs multiple responsibilities to establish EE&C program plans. Phases I and II are now complete. Phase I began on 6/1/2009 and ended on 5/31/2013; Phase II began on 6/1/2013 and ended on 5/31/2016. For both Phase I and II all seven EDCs had met their mandated energy consumption reduction and demand reduction targets. Phase III of Act 129, the current five-year phase, began on 6/1/2016 and will end on 5/31/2021.

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.

