



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



June 11, 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 Mandy Zalich.

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 29 of our 65 members were in attendance and 2 guests.

Announcements:

- \$100 was donated from our “Happy Bucks” to Shop with a Cop.
- Looking for program chairs beginning in August. A sign-up sheet will follow. Currently Shelly Gaffney has volunteered for the month of October.
- Rotary of Westmoreland is raising funds for Summer Lunching through the Westmoreland County Food Bank on June 18 6-8 PM. They are asking that you fill the brown bag that was passed around.

Word of the Week with Jim Steeley:

The origin of the word "travel" is most likely lost to history. The term "travel" may originate from the Old French word *travail*, which means 'work'. According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, the first known use of the word *travel* was in the 14th century. It also states that the word comes from Middle English *travailen*, *travelen* (which means to torment, labor, strive, journey) and earlier from Old French *travailler* (which means to work strenuously, toil). In English we still occasionally use the words "travail", which means struggle. According to Simon Winchester in his book *The Best Travelers' Tales (2004)*, the words "travel" and "travail" both share an even more ancient root: a Roman instrument of torture called the *tripalium* (in Latin it means "three stakes", as in to impale). This link may reflect the extreme difficulty of travel in ancient times. Today, travel may or may not be much easier depending upon the destination you choose (e.g. Mt. Everest, the Amazon rainforest), how you plan to get there (tour bus, cruise ship, or oxcart), and whether you decide to "rough it" (see extreme tourism and adventure travel).

Joke of the week:

Three unmarried men were waiting to tee off when the starter walked up to them and said, “You see that beautiful blonde practicing her putting?”

“Her? Wow, she is beautiful,” they all said.

“She’s a good golfer,” he continued, “and would like to hook up with a group. None of the other groups will play with a woman. Can she play with you? She won’t hold you up, I promise.” They looked at each other and said, “Sure! She can join us.” Just as the starter said, the woman played well and kept up. Plus, they kept noticing, she was very attractive.

When they reached the 18th hole, she said that if she sank her 18-footer, she’d break 80 for the first time. “Guys, I’m so excited about breaking 80 that I have to tell you something. I had a great time playing with you. I can tell you all really love golf. I want you to know that I’m single and want to marry a man who loves golf as much as I do. If one of you guys can read this putt correctly and I make it, I’ll marry whichever of you was right!”

All three jumped at the opportunity. The first one looked over the putt and said, “I see it breaking 10 inches left to right.” The second looked it over from all sides and said, “No, I see it breaking eight inches right to left.”

The third man looked at the woman, looked at the ball, and said, “Pick it up. It’s good!”

Speakers:

Our mission is to strengthen communities and families to eliminate poverty in Westmoreland County. This is accomplished through housing, counseling, support, education, intervention, collaborations, partnerships, information, referrals, and networking. Families often struggle to make ends meet. Single parents and single-income families can’t stretch their paycheck far enough to cover their children’s needs. Low-income workers can’t always provide for their families.

Since 1980, Westmoreland Community Action (formerly Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.) has made Westmoreland County a better place to live by helping struggling families improve their standard of living and become more self-sufficient. Through housing services, emergency assistance, mental health programs, employment programs, child development and more we have helped thousands of Westmoreland County’s disadvantaged residents.

We strive to educate the community and local employers to raise awareness of the plight of the lower income families in our area. Westmoreland Community Action’s leadership is essential to community service agencies, churches, businesses, civic groups and local governments in Westmoreland County. We are one of 43 Community Action agencies in Pennsylvania.

Dates to Remember:

- Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry Distribution – First Saturday of every month

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.