



Rotary Club of Greensburg, PA

Club 5228 District 7330

Service Above Self



August 5, 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 Jeff Balzer leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, God Bless America, and our invocation by **Edward Kraus**.

### Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mark Barnhart reported 29 of our 62 members were in attendance and 2 guests.

### Announcements:

- Looking for speaker chairs beginning in January – Continuing. If you are interested, please see Ed Kraus or send him an email.
- The annual Greensburg Rotary Club family picnic will be held August 13 at Twin Lakes Park.
- The Greensburg Rotary Club will officially be participating in the annual Back to School Bash on August 17 hosted by the Salvation Army.
- Looking for Rotarians to step up and sign up for Invocations. A sign-up form will be sent to your e-mail along with the flash letter.
- The Rotary Club of Greensburg will be hosting our Eleventh Annual Rotary Scholarship Golf Outing held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Latrobe Elks Golf Club. We have an exciting new format that will produce some of the most exciting and competitive golf you will play this summer. After golf, we have an incredible dinner catered by Rizzo's Malabar Inn. The winners and skill prizes will be awarded after the dinner. A Chinese auction and 50/50 will also be available.

### Joke of the Week with Jeff Balzer:

1. Teacher: Johnny, please use the words “letter carrier” in a sentence. Johnny: Yes, ma’am. “My dad said that after seeing how many things my mom was bringing on vacation,

he would rather letter carrier own luggage.”

2. When my boss asked me who is the stupid one, me or you? I told him everyone knows he doesn't hire stupid people.

3. Employer: We need someone responsible for the job. Job Applicant: Sir your search ends here! In my previous job whenever something went wrong, everybody said I was responsible.

4. I don't mind coming to work, it's the eight-hour wait to go home I can't stand.

### Quote of the Week:

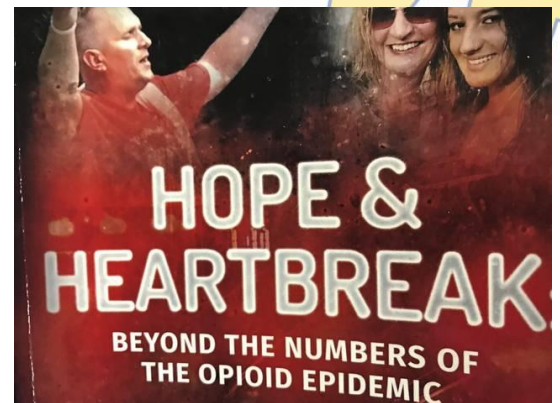
#### Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is odd with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won if he'd stuck it out.  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out -  
It's the silver lining in the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are -  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -  
It's when things go wrong that you must not quit.

### Rotarians and Interactors in Action:

#### Speakers:

**Scott Brown's** new book, "Hope and Heartbreak: Beyond the Numbers of the Opioid Epidemic,". A Greensburg native and former sports reporter for the Tribune-Review, ESPN and Philadelphia Inquirer, mined a decade of reports on the epidemic to produce a heartfelt compendium of the lives of those living this nightmare in the region where he grew up. "I was way late in waking up to this. A lot of this dates back to the early 2000's. But, I think I started to notice it when I went to work for Judge Scott Mears in family court in 2016. We'd get people coming in for emergency custody petitions and, a lot of times, it was grandparents or siblings trying to get custody of a child they felt was in a dangerous position due a parent's addiction".



“Then, I had a really good friend and she lost her son to an overdose. I was with her when she got the news. She knew her son struggled with addiction for years. In the back of her mind, she knew there was a chance that she would get that call but, even when it came, it was shattering and heartbreaking”. Stories like Sharon Stinebiser’s tale of how she lost her two sons to overdoses — in a basement bedroom on the same night — were seared into his consciousness.

A Latrobe woman’s fight to create Angel Arms to help babies born exposed to opioids touched his heart. A mother’s decision to include her daughter’s overdose as the cause of death in an obituary that went viral, a father’s outreach after his son’s overdose death and a former addict’s work to help others in recovery are among the stories he details. Brown said he found hope in those who have tried to lift the stigma of addiction. But they can’t do it alone, he said.

“When someone goes for help, you think that’s the hard part. They go to rehab and it’s over. But, in reality, that’s the easy part. If they don’t have job prospects or hope, it’s hard. As a community here, we have to find a way to reintegrate them into the community, helping them find employment or get some kind of driving privileges back so they can get to work and treatment. I would just hope that people would read this and look at things a little differently,” Brown said.



### **Dates to Remember:**

- Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry Distribution – First Saturday of every month
- The next Operation Fresh Express will be August 19.

### **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.