



March 19, 2024

President Al Lazar called the meeting to order & led in the Pledge of Allegiance Rod Booker – God Bless America Jeff Balzer - Invocation Mark Barnhart – Sergeant at Arms Report 29 Members in attendance Ed Nemanic- Happy Bucks Patty Lonsbary - Membership Moment

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – Students from Jeannette High School Interact Club: Allie Cilli, Selena Ramsey, Ron Stout, and Addasyn Stout.

The students recently participated in a "Poverty Simulation" exercise as part of their involvement with the District Interact Clubs. They learned to work as a family unit to manage finances, set goals, and understand the challenges of poverty. In addition to this learning experience, the students are actively involved in fundraising and community activities. Their "Slime" fundraiser earned \$500 to buy Christmas gifts for elementary age students whose mother has a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. They have participated in "Trunk or Treat" at Halloween, "Dinner with Santa" activities during the Christmas season, the "Ukraine Orphans Project," and hosted a "Galentine's Gala" in February where high school girls brought a special women in their life for lunch, games, prizes and raffle. Next year this Interact Club at Jeannette Senior High will focus on five activities: Community Fundraising, Walk-a-thon to benefit Mental Health programs, the Third Annual Galentine's Day, a in-school trivia tournament, and volunteering at school events.

Thank you to each of the students for presenting a very informative program about their engagement in their school through the Interact Club.

Program Host Mark Barnhart, District Interact Advisor - Thanks for the informative program & inviting the students to speak to us.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March 21 - Phipps Conservatory - Meet at Patty Lonsbary's house at 10:00 AM

March 23 - March For Parks - Meet for Club Photo at 10:30 AM Twin Lakes Park Nature Center

<u>March 26</u> – Volunteers are needed to participate in a "Friends Storming" exercise with Marcus Ragland at 11 AM at the Greensburg Country Club to identify individuals as prospective members of the Club.

<u>April 13</u> – Highway Clean-up

September 15 – Rotary Club of Greensburg Golf Outing

<u>Ongoing</u> – Speaker Chairs are needed for the months of July, August, September, and October 2024 and May in 2025. Contact Sean Kunkle to volunteer throughout one of these months.

<u>The Flash</u> – Al called attention to the weekly publication of The Flash as a way to keep membership informed. In the future, he hopes to incorporate actions from the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors to add to the communications within the Club.

<u>Membership Satisfaction Survey</u> – Patty announced that the Membership Committee will be sending out a survey to assess the feelings members have about the Club, its culture, and more. The date for the release of the survey is coming soon.