



THE FLASH



JUNE 18, 2024

President Al Lazar called the meeting to order & led in the Pledge of Allegiance
God Bless America – Rod Booker
Marcus Ragland- Invocation
Mark Barnhart – Attendance was 26 members and 7 guests

Bill Pfeifer inducted 3 new members into the Club, Barbara Ferrier, Michael Rozell, and Sam Granata III. WELCOME!

The 2024 Spelling Bee Champion, Amanda Wang, along with her parents, Suyi & Quazi, were in attendance. Amanda was introduced to the Club & presented with the Apple IPAD for all of her hard work. Amanda attends Aquinas Academy. Principal Kelly Watkins was there, also.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Brad Townsend, University of Pittsburgh Band Director

The first performance of the Pitt Band was on October 14, 1911. There were 8 male band members to start on Forbes Field with a military influence. 1972 with Title XI, Women were admitted to the band. 5 women auditioned that year and only 3 made it to the end of the season. 1975 was the inaugural season of the Golden Girls. (Twirlers). Present day the ratio of women to men is 50/50 with the 300 members.

The Season starts out with auditions and once the members are selected it is off to Band Camp. The style & traditions are taught along with the Pregame & Halftime Shows. Also, they form a community within to work better together.

Practices are 2 hours a day Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. If there is a home game they practice on Friday. Before the practices can begin, the music is selected & arranged. If any Copyrights are involved, they must be worked out & bought. All the movements & choreography must be taught. The band uses different software programs to assist in putting the shows together. For any additional information go to Pittband.com. Thank you, Dr. Townsend for a very informative program. Also, Rod Booker for inviting Dr. Townsend.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 27-30 District 7305 Conference-Seven Springs Resort
July 23 - Pirates play the St. Louis Cardinals - District Event - Strike Out Polio
August 13 Greensburg Rotary Picnic- Greensburg Country Club
August 17- Rotary Family Fun Day- Kennywood Park
September 13- Greensburg Rotary Golf Outing