



## September 17, 2024

President Al Lazar called the meeting to order & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance Rod Booker – "God Bless America"

Brian Beeghly - Invocation

Mark Barnhart – 22 members present and two guests, Paul Barsoum and Anna Peagler hosted by Adib Barsoum. Visiting Rotarian: Chris Sierk from New Mexico Linda O'Bryan – Happy Bucks



Leanne Rubino Nicole Peltz

Leanne and Nicole from Action for Animals were our special presenters today. It is a 501c3 no-kill shelter that was founded in 1983. They have between 500- 700 animals per year. Currently, there are 77 dogs/puppies and 59 cats/kittens. They collaborate with 6 local shelters/animal control agencies, as well as 4 from West Virginia and 3 from Ohio.

Each animal that is adopted is spayed or neutered prior to leaving the shelter. They also offer low-cost spaying and neutering services to the general public on Mondays through Thursdays. Additionally, they provide a shot clinic twice a month.

Several funding sources help with the operations expenses of \$3200/day. These include Lauren's Wing, Smokey's, Ligonier Cat and additional bequests, donations, and grants.

Leanne and Nicole also shared some exciting news with our Rotary Chapter. They are in the planning stages for a new and much larger facility. Action for Animals is providing a much-needed service to animal in need. We thank them for their efforts.

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Club raised \$10,190.38 for Scholarships and Career Assistance Awards at the recent Golf Outing!! THANKS to all who made the day such a success: golfers, sponsors and volunteers.

