



# THE FLASH

September 23, 2025

Past President Al Lazar called the meeting to order & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Rod Booker – God Bless America

Invocation – Bobbi Stemmler-Guest

Mark Barnhart – Attendance was 30 members and one visitor: Katie Maholic was hosted by Tom Katonka.

Happy Bucks – Brian Beeghly (\$50 was collected)

**TODAY’S PROGRAM:** (Franny Petras and Becky Plischke from the Baltzer-Meyer Historical Society) Franny and Becky gave very informative talks today. Franny started off with giving some history about the origins of Greensburg. Many people know that Greensburg was named in honor of General Nathaniel Greene. However, it was originally named Newtown by Christopher Truby. He, along with William Jack, purchased the land in 1786 that the original county seat was created. Franny spoke further about the railroads and cemeteries throughout Westmoreland County. Several influential Greensburg residents were originally interred at St.Clair Cemetery but were moved elsewhere to accommodate railroads and a growing city. She handed out copies of a Greensburg map dating back to the 1800’s. She accompanied another handout with dozens of well-known Greensburg streets and the origins of the names.



Becky had more of a show-n-tell presentation where she asked the Rotarians if they knew what an antique item was. There was a donut maker, calling card case and several more. She also showed WW1 and WW11 uniforms. One of which was her relative that was only enlisted in WW1 for a few months due to the war ending. They had display tables with further interesting artifacts.

The Baltzer-Meyer Historical Society is run by approximately 100 members that have continually collected artifacts, etc. Everyone is invited to visit and explore.

You can see that Franny and Becky really love our town and are proud to tell the history.

Welcoming back for Marcy Zajdel, former member, Past President and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Greensburg.



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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Fall Multiphasic Blood Screening will be held on Wednesday, November 19 in Latrobe.

Our next Rotary Highway cleanup will be on Oct 11 at 8am. We will meet at the parking lot across from Seton Hill’s entrance.

Our dictionary distribution will begin on Oct 3 and will continue for several weeks afterward. Please sign up to volunteer. Let Debby know when you can attend this fun event.

