



April 7, 2026

President Bill Pfeifer called the meeting to order & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Rod Booker – God Bless America

Invocation – Kevin Strobel

Sgt. At Arms – Mark Barnhart reported that we had 31 members in attendance and one guest: Toni Antoniono hosted by Patty Lonsbary

Happy Bucks – Kevin Strobel (\$46 was collected)

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Dr. Adam Cilli, from Pitt Greensburg was our speaker today. He gave a very interesting talk today regarding The Great Migration that took place between WWI and WWII. He referenced a gentleman Harrison Gant, an African American that was born and raised in Americus, Georgia. He rode a train from Georgia to Pittsburgh in 1916. He described Pittsburgh as being the ugliest, deadest town he'd ever seen. At that time, the steel industry depended on cheap labor. This had been provided by laborers from Europe but when WWI broke out, that was no longer a viable option. This caused many African Americans to migrate north to take these low paying, unskilled labor jobs. The women came as well, with 90% being hired as domestics. During this time, several important groups were established. Three of these include the Pittsburgh Courier newspaper, the NAACP and the Urban League.



With so much interesting information given today, you may want to visit the link to the Migrant Voices website.

<https://www.migrantvoices.pitt.edu/>

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 15: Flag Pole dedication for Bob Bloom. The entrance to the park is off of Mt Pleasant Rd, near the intersection by The Boulevard. The Rotary social will follow immediately afterwards at the Boulevard.

April 18: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. St. Clair Park 10:00 am

May 13th: Rotary Spelling Bee. If interested in being a judge, let Debby know.

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