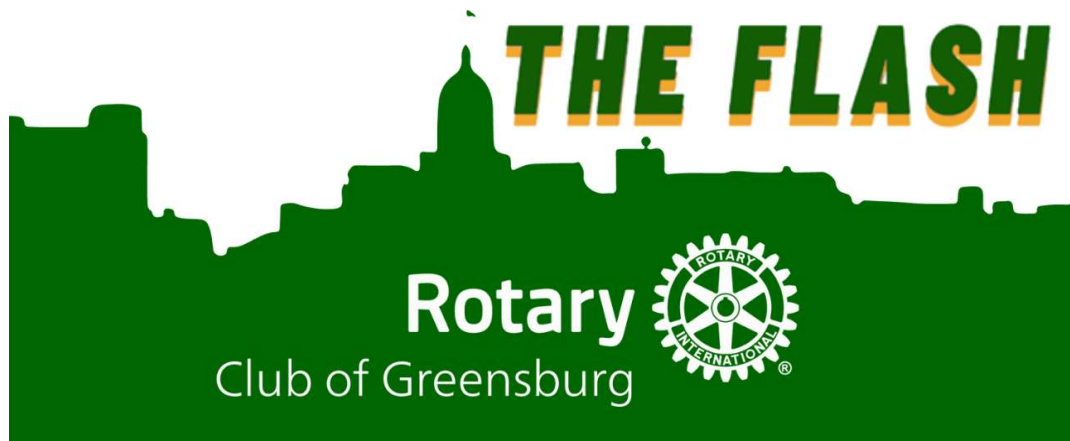




August 18, 2026

President Chris DeDiana called the meeting to order & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rod Booker – God Bless America

Invocation – Linda O’Bryan

Sgt. At Arms- We had a total of 30 members in attendance.

Happy Bucks – Linda O’Bryan (\$38 collected)

TODAY’S PROGRAM:

Dr Jonathan Strecker of the Valley School of Ligonier was our speaker today. He gave us a brief background on his journey to where he is now. After high school he wasn’t sure which direction he wanted his life to go. Eventually, he decided to attend Ohio State. After his first semester of college, he was diagnosed with cancer. He persevered through his health challenges and eventually earned his doctorate from Sam Houston State University, where he studied education. In 2017, Jonathan had a huge cardiac arrest moment that again changed the trajectory of his life. He decided to devote himself to studying how AI and other technology has “dumbed down” and entire generation. He gives the example of our nation’s IQ test scoring. For the first time since 1900, since this test was formally designed, the collective IQ points have dropped 10%. Between 1900 – 2000 it would generally rise 30 points on average.

Dr. Strecker opened up the floor for a questions/answers period. There was a myriad of topics that included AI, resilience, education, love and compassion/capacity, and discrepancies between public/private schools. He brought several copies of his book, “Emergence. How Modern Convenience is dumbing down our children and what parents and schools can do about it.”

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 11: Rotary of Greensburg Scholarship Golf Outing at the Greensburg Country Club. We are in need of more foursomes. We also need volunteers, sponsors and baskets. You may bring baskets to our weekly meeting until the event.

Thank you to all who attended our club’s Annual Family Picnic on August 11. Thank you to Yvonne Bloom and Colton Hearn, and all volunteers, who made it such a nice event.

