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ROTARY CLUB OF ALTOONA
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DISTRICT 7360

CLUB INFORMATION

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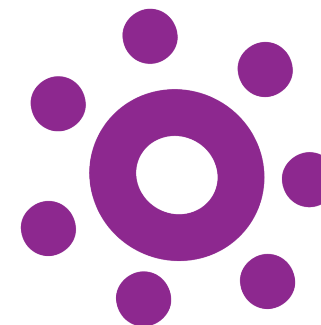
Richard Johnston

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CLUB NEWSLETTER

*Meets Each Tuesday, 12:10 P.M.
The Blair County Convention
Center*

Meeting Times of Other Clubs

Altoona Sunrise, The Casino, Lakemont	Wednesday	7:15 AM
Bedford Sunrise, Homewood at Spring House Estates	Tuesday	7:00 AM
Bedford, Hoss's	Monday	6:15 PM
Claysburg, Peggy's Diner	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Clearfield, Moena Restaurant	Wednesday	12:00 PM
Hagerstown, MD , Fountain Head Country Club	Wednesday	12:00 PM
Harrisburg, Hilton Hotel at Tower	Monday	12:00 PM
Hollidaysburg, Marzoni's	Wednesday	6:00 PM
Huntingdon, Huntingdon Country Club	Tuesday	12:00 PM
Indiana, Rustic Lodge, RT. 286 S.W.	Tuesday	5:30 PM
Johnstown, Sunnehanna Country Club, Westmont	Wednesday	12:10 PM
Lewistown, Birch Hill Supervisors Club	Tuesday	12:00 PM
Morrisons Cove, Jun - Aug Morrisons Cove Memorial Park Sept.- May Spring Cove School District Admin. Bldg.	Tuesday	7:00 AM
Pittsburgh, Omni William Penn Hotel	Wednesday	12:00 PM
State College, Downtown, Ramada State College Hotel & Conference Center	Thursday	12:00 PM
State College, Nittany Lion Inn	Tuesday	5:30 PM
State College Sunrise, Hotel State College	Wednesday	7:15 AM
Tyrone, Epworth Residential Living	Monday	5:45 PM
Summer meeting till August - Reservoir Park, Tyrone		



**RECOGNIZING OUR PAST
CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE** OUR 105th Year

No. 647, January 31 2023
Program Chair: Joseph Fagnani
February Registration: Jodi Cessna

The Four-Way Test
1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM 01/03, 01/10, 01/24 & 01/31

Alison Seltzer, President

INVOCATION

02/21 Tim O'Brien
02/28 Jason Ebersole
03/07 George Foster
03/14 Kate Shaffer



SOUP KITCHEN

01/06 Chris Michelone & Seth Smith
01/09 Richard Johnston
01/13 Don Ruggery & Tom Smith
01/16 Closed
01/20 Tim Balconi & Colton Kensinger
01/23 Neil Rudel

January 10 Meeting
Randy Green's guest is his daughter Laura Green

Don Yeager announced the birth of his first granddaughter

Jodi Cessna celebrated her 25th year at the Central PA Community Foundation

President Alison presented Don Ruggery with his fourth Paul Harris

Speaker: Randy Green,
Randy wears many hats including McCartney's, DCNR volunteer, Glendale Lake snowmobile club, Pa state snowmobile association member. He shared the topic, "Winter sports, Loving Winter" and a list of some of the activities you can do in the winter, Downhill skiing, Cross country skiing, Ice skating, Ice fishing, Hiking, Snowmobiling. Randy challenged us to choose an activity and give it a try. Prince Gallitzin hosts a winter fest in February where this is an opportunity to try many winter activities. Dress for success and try it. Nowadays there are lots of options to be warm. Winter activities are good for your health. The winter scenery is beautiful. Pa makes \$14 billion dollars in the secret outdoor economy. That is 1.6% of the Pa economy. There are 6,000 miles of Pa trails and 35,000 registered snowmobiles, New snowmobiles are clean, fast, environmentally friendly, warm, dependable with gps. Some have heated hand grips and seats. Randy spoke of the misconceptions of snowmobiles' impact on wildlife. Winterfest at Prince Gallitzin is 2/11 10-2pm.

January 24 Meeting
Our District Rotary is doing a Polar plunge in the Susquehanna.

Pickleball practice for all who signed up is 2/4,2/11 and 2/28 1-2:30pm at the YMCA.

Samantha announced the Literacy challenge which will provide 3rd grade students at Penn Lincoln Elementary with a free book.

Scholarship program pledges are due by April 11th. We are hoping for 100% participation.

The 4-Way Speech Contest is scheduled for March.

Our Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for April 27th.

Grapes for Good is April 29th.

Jodi Cessna and her husband just celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary.

Jason Ebersole's mom is celebrating her 80th birthday today.

Traci Naugle has Rotary stickers and car decals. See Traci if you would like one.

Phyllis Baker announced that the YMCA has dedicated their new playground.

Tom Smith gave veteran updates and asked for donations of 2023 calendars and pocket planners. Speakers.

Steve Sheetz, Garrett, and Sam Fiore on the Sheetz Fellows Program. Each fellow needs to have 80 hours of community service. Steve explained how and why the program was formed. 15 students are chosen for each class. Steve lectures 12 times per semester. The students do 360 evaluations and are mentored by community members in a variety of businesses. Normally the group would travel abroad when they are Juniors and Seniors but covid has curtailed this. Last semester they went to Florida. This year they are traveling to Dallas and Austin, Texas. Garrett shared that he appreciates the program because they learn through hands on projects, community service, business events. The fellows are a tight knit group, who builds each other up. They are actively recruiting to the program. Sam highlighted the generosity of Steve and Nancy Sheetz. The Sheetz fellows program impacts lives. A scholarship of 15k is provided per student. As a result of his involvement in the program, Sam has secured a petroleum pricing analyst internship with Sheetz. He hopes to stay local. The program has a real ripple effect. Most of the fellows are marketing management- business majors. The program is a toolkit-based way of learning, entrepreneurial way of thinking. They would like to attract engineers, nursing, and other disciplines.

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Guest; Yvonne Rupp, branch manager first commonwealth bank.

Presenter- Rotarian Susanna Tomlinson
Susanna shared a proposed club project from district 7360.

Building a community center for Badjoas In Bonga, Philippines (indigenous group) Sea Nomads are identified as Philippine nationals. Tawi-Tawi are unable to attend formal school. They can't read or write. They live in houses on stilts over water to allow fishing. \$2,000 is needed to allow them to build a community center. Arrangements have been set up through an e-club. We can help by making a \$10 donation to Altoona Rotary with a note for the Badjoas Community Center.

Comments Welcome. Please send any info to MailPro, Inc by Email to mail@mailproinc.com

Fax 814.695.9837. Deadline for each Rota-Note is Wed. at 11:00 a.m.

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