



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

#1621

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

February 28, 2018

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Rotary Club Meeting Notes from February 28th

Call to Order: Tamara Sevcik

Invocation: Blake Waters

Song: Karel Sigtenhorst led "Sing out a Song of Rotary"

Visiting Rotarians

None.

Guests of Information Committee

None.

Guests of Rotarians

Karel Sigtenhorst introduced Mark Rountree, Managing Editor of the Leavenworth Times. Tom Dials introduced his adult supervisor, his wife, Candy. And he also introduced Sister Vickie Perkins and Linda Martin. Bill Kidder introduced Sandy Simmons.

Student Guests

None.

Induction of New Members

None.

Announcements

a. AUSA Breakfast announced by Tom Dials- March 8th, Thursday at Junes, \$12 tickets. Get with him on the tickets.

b. Matt Nogonen - Library Fundraiser - Quintet on Friday, June 1st, The Pablo Sanhuesa Quintet, 7:30-9:30. \$20 each ahead, \$25 at the door. Get with Matt or the Library Main Desk.

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- c. Mike Gould - 20th Street cleanup- Warren Middle School or meet at Fire Station. Route is still being determined. This is on Saturday, April 7th.
- d. Stan Cherrie - Relay for Life - 69 days to go. Shooting now for \$15,000, currently have \$14,235 now that he knows of. Ahead of 2nd team by \$13,000. Appreciate the club members that are participating but let's keep driving on!
- e. Meals on Wheels - Maria- March 19th--Tamara Sevcik. April dates - Tom Dials will take the 16th, and Tamara the 23rd.
- f. Echo Van Meteren- Tickets have been mailed out for Irish Stew. We have key spots that need assistance, i.e., March 11th prepping of veggies, clean up on the 12th as well as garlic bread prep, carry out, pot drawing help. Silent Auction items, please see Maria, Pico, Janet or Echo if you have items.
- g. Mike Roth - NCAA brackets for Dru Wheatcroft--selection a week from this coming Sunday. This is done online but paper versions can be turned in. Cost is \$10 per bracket and the award is a Paul Harris fellow. If you do not want to participate in the brackets, you can just donate.
- h. Back Pack Buddies by Don Murphy- pack night is this Monday March 5th, at 7 pm at Ryan Gym of University of St. Mary. Might be possible that this will change so if you are coming, call ahead for final details.
- i. Bill Kidder presented Linda Martin with a Paul Harris Fellow Award for what she is doing for the Interfaith Community of Hope Shelter and Welcome Central, etc.. Read off all her accomplishments and involvements. Linda made a few comments, stating she is proud to be a part of this community, she finds them to be very generous and caring.
- j. Tamara Sevcik - Fliers on table for Irish Stew - take them to hang in your place of business. These will also be emailed once the email address is fixed. Mike Roth: Relay for Life, April 28th, Over \$11,000.00 raised thus far.

Activities

Pot Drawing – Jana Goodman was the lucky winner. She did not draw the joker.

Rotary Minute

None.

Program

Tom Dials gave his classification talk and introduced Sister Vickie Perkins. He thought it was a miracle to build a 6000 sq foot building for an Interfaith Shelter, which happened because of the people in Leavenworth. Sister Vickie Perkins said they set out to raise \$600K and actually raised \$700K. Most of money came from individuals. Their first meeting was in September 2014 and they opened the first shelter in December of 2014 after determining by talking to people in the community that there were around 58 homeless in Leavenworth. She explained that they do not take calls from other communities, they decline as they are here to serve this community. Welcome Central is also in the building. Shelter is open 7 days a week now too and the great thing is it is paid for! Night shelter guests leave by 7 am and this is all run by volunteers, except

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for intake people which are hired. Day shelter is across the hall so homeless have heat and AC and can get two meals a day, breakfast and lunch. Third entity is Welcome Central which works with the homeless to help them gain independence. She shared a success story with an individual who got on his feet and is now giving back to the shelter. They have two drivers 10-3 every Tuesday and Thursday to get folks to places for essential services. They put on 32,000 miles a year just in Leavenworth & Lansing. They set them up with other services that are available, help them fill out forms to get services, etc. They do provide money for birth certificates to get ID's to get qualified for services. She made a pitch for volunteers as they always need more volunteers. President Tamara Sevcik called the February 28, 2018, meeting of the Leavenworth Rotary Club to order. They have a great building which is paid for but they do have to cover the operational costs, i.e., utility bills, water bills, etc. She is really worried about water bill due to all washing of linens, plus guests own clothes, soon they will be able to take showers there so it will drive up this utility even higher. Tamara asked if any questions- Brian Voorhees- what items do you need besides cash-laundry soap, granola bars, etc. and really need volunteers. Who does food prep and where does it come from - people donate casseroles for lunch and items for breakfast. About 3050 people are present for each meal. Volunteers - training for those covering the night shifts which is offered once a month, short 1 hour long. They shared that it takes 70 volunteers a week but no longer required to do stairs, all on one level. March 14th is next training at the shelter. Don Murphy announced that Pico donated 3 boxes of toothpaste from Heartland Dental. At the end of the presentation, Tamara presented them with a donation check of \$10,000 from Rotary! A picture was taken with Bill Kromer, Brian Voorhees, Tom Dials, Tamara, Sister Vickie & Linda Martin. Money came from Rotarians in our club and they were very excited knowing this could cover a lot of their utility expenses they are worried about covering.

Other Business

None.

Closing

Adjourn (Tamara Sevcik)

Recitation of the Four Way Test by the members:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- Will it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Upcoming:

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| <p><u>Programs</u></p> <p>7 Mar – Keith Thomas: USP Comm Svc Garden (Don Murphy) 12 Mar – Irish Stew 21 Mar – Sister City Int'l (Rick Burns) 28 Mar – Army Leader Exchange Program (Jim Madigan) 4 Apr – Ginger Ballaibe: Pioneer Pals (Tom Dials)</p> | <p><u>Special Events/Fundraisers</u></p> <p>12 March --- Irish Stew Dinner --- get and sell your tickets; sign up to help 17 March --- SPD Parade 14 April --- Operation Food Locker Collection 27 & 28 April --- District Conference 28 April --- Relay for Life 5 May --- OTC Medicine Drive</p> |
| <p><u>Invocation</u></p> <p>7 Mar – Mike Lehnerr 12 Mar – Irish Stew 21 Mar – John Robinson 28 Mar – Wendell Maddox 4 Apr - TBD</p> | <p><u>Meals on Wheels</u></p> <p>5 Mar – Jo Burkett/ Don Murphy 12 Mar – Team Hansen 19 Mar – Tamara Sevcik/Tim Moran 25 Mar – Tom Dials/Randy Johnson 2 Apr – Jo Burkett/Don Murphy</p> |
| <p><u>Scribes</u></p> <p>7 Mar – Tim Moran 14 Mar – no meeting 21 Mar – Tom Dials 28 Mar – Randy Johnson 4 Apr – Lori Simmons</p> | <p><u>President's Priorities</u></p> <p>Have fun, be inspired/inspire, and make a difference! Invite someone to Rotary to see what they are missing. Tell people about our club and what we do in the community.</p> |



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