

Sherrill Rotary Club Meeting Notes

- 11/2/17, 6 pm, Sherrill American Legion.
- Present: Sandra Corney, Bob DeWaine, Kim Frarey, Elise Hereth, Coach Bill McAlee, Dennis & Donna Schonewetter, Clark & Merry Speicher, Scott Swayze, and Jennifer Wengert.
- President-elect Elise presided, let the pledge, and gave the invocation.
- Sherrill Rotary welcomed our newest Rotarian, Jennifer Wengert, to the club at this meeting. Jennifer is a financial advisor who works in New Hartford and lives in Verona. She has attended several of our meetings already and will be formally inducted into the club on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at our 6:00 pm meeting at the Sherrill American Legion. Plan to attend this meeting to welcome our newest Rotarian!



- AG Clark reported that the club needs two Rotarians to attend the District Grant Management Seminar on 11/18/17 or 1/6/18. Please let Clark know if you are willing and able to attend one of these seminars. Prior experience with the Foundation or District Grants is NOT necessary.



- YEO & PE Elise reported that we are still working with a VVS HS Senior as he applies to be an outbound exchange student next year. Should he be accepted into the program, this will cause the SRC to accept an inbound exchange student. So... be on the look-out for suitable host families to provide room & board for about three months during the 2018-19 school year.



- Please remember that henceforth there will be an assumption that all active members of the club will be in attendance at each evening meeting. If any member of the club will be unable to attend an evening meeting, then it is his or her responsibility to text Sergeant-at-Arms Kim (REGRETS ONLY) on or before Monday evening of the meeting week with their regrets.



Failure to text Kim means that the meal will be ordered and must be paid for by the member when he or she next attends a meeting. Kim's cell phone number for a text is 315-225-3799 (her email is k.frarey@iCloud.com for anyone not able to text or call).

- Coach Bill McAlee provided the program for this evening's meeting. When he was a member of the Wet Mountain Valley Rotary Club in Colorado, he started a free public transportation system. This free public service was run entirely by unpaid Rotarians (and Eileen McAlee!) and provided badly needed transportation to medical facilities and other destinations that this very rural community could not easily reach. The transportation system has been successful and grown through the many years it has now been in operation.



- There being no further business, Elise led the club in the Four-Way Test, and adjourned the meeting at about 7:05 pm.

- The next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, 11/9/17, at 7 am, at the Nothin' Fancy Café.**

Sherrill Rotary Club Officers 2017-18

President:
Martha Group
President Elect:
Elise Hereth
Vice President:
Merry Speicher
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TBD
Immediate Past President:
Donna Schonewetter
Foundation Chair:
Clark Speicher
Membership Chair:
TBD
Program Chair:
Scott Swayze
Secretary:
Dennis Schonewetter
Sergeant-at-Arms:
Kim Frarey
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Bob DeWaine
Youth Exchange Officer:
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District 7150 Volunteers

Elise Hereth: Youth Exchange Cmte
Dennis Schonewetter: PDG, Trainer, Parliamentarian, Interact Chair, Conference and TRF Gala Committees
Donna Schonewetter: Conference and TRF Gala Committees
Clark Speicher: Area 3 Assistant Governor, Conference Cmte





5 things you might not know about ending polio

The road to eradicating polio has been a long and difficult one, with Rotary leading the fight since 1985. Going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 10 so far this year has required time, money, dedication, and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease.

Here are five things you may not know about the fight to end polio:

- 1.** Ice cream factories in Syria are helping by freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during immunization campaigns.
- 2.** Celebrities have become ambassadors in our fight to end the disease. They include WWE wrestling superstar John Cena, actress Kristen Bell, action-movie star Jackie Chan, golf legend Jack Nicklaus, Grammy Award-winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, and world-renowned violinist and polio survivor Itzhak Perlman.
- 3.** Health workers and Rotary volunteers have climbed mountains, crossed deserts, and sailed to remote islands, risking their lives to vaccinate children against this disease. Rotary has funded more than 1,500 motorbikes and 6,700 other vehicles, as well as 17 boats, to make those journeys. Vaccinators have even traveled on the backs of elephants, donkeys, and camels to immunize children in remote areas.
- 4.** In Pakistan, the polio program emphasizes hiring local female vaccinators and monitors. More than 21,000 vaccinators, 83 percent of whom are women, are achieving the highest immunization coverage rates in the country's history.
- 5.** Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, more than 16 million people who otherwise might have been paralyzed are walking today. In all, more than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since 1988.

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