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## **Rotary Club of Slippery Rock**

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 **January 4, 2016**

# **Members Present:**

Jeff Berta, Ron Fodor, Reg Greenwald, Steve Harding, Ken Harris, Kim Hohmann, Val Kefeli, Al Liebling, Joe Lofton, Harold McDowell, Mary Messer, Walter Powell, Art Richards, Abby Smith, Brad Smith, Paul Suorsa, Warren Smith, Barb Walwik, Lauren Zuschlag

# **Guests Present:**

Phyllis Smith

**Upcoming Meetings/Dates of Interest**

 Jan. 11 Rotaract President Susan

 Jan. 19 Club Social at Red Rock Falls

 Jan 29-31 Winter Fest Events

**Announcements**

 -Ron Fodor is running the meeting today in Ken's absence. Welcome to our guest today -Phyllis Smith.

-Ken Harris brought several copies of our updated membership list to distribute. Please let Ken know if you were not at the meeting but you'd like a copy. Jeff Berta commented on the great growth of our club- we now fill the entire two sided sheet of paper with our member information!

-Ron asked all members present to share a tidbit about their holidays- visits with family, gifts received, etc.

-Steve Harding filled us in on WinterFest sponsorships. He, Ken and Ron are approaching some $500 sponsors and he asked that we all think of some potential $100 sponsors. The $100 sponsors will have their name on the official WinterFest posters and the large WinterFest board that will be displayed at Giant Eagle and all of the WinterFest event locations throughout the weekend. They will also receive a mention in the WinterFest ad spots on radio and TV. Steve has a solicitation letter that outlines the sponsor benefits for us to send to our contact or he will be happy to make contact as well. Please get in touch with these gentlemen to provide them leads on sponsors!

-Reminder to sell your book of 20 raffle tickets for the Giant Eagle gift card.

-We will have a WinterFest table at Giant Eagle during the next two weeks, where we will promote the WinterFest and sell raffle tickets. We need members to staff this table from 3-6 on weekdays and 10-6 on weekends. Please contact Ken Bennett with your availability to help.

**Program: Abby Smith Classification Speech**

Today we enjoyed a classification speech from Rotarian Abby Smith. Abby is 22 years old. She was born and raised here in Slippery Rock. One of her passions is dance, and she danced competitively on the Dotty McGill's Dance Team, where she trained for 15 years.

One of Abby's first Rotary experienced was RYLA at Westminster College, which she attended as a high school junior. After graduating from SRHS, Abby deferred college for one year and did a Rotary Youth Exchange to Brazil. She has presented to our club about this fantastic experience, where she spent time with four host families, met her Brazilian sister Fernanda and made incredible memories. Abby also went on the friendship exchange to Kosovo this past summer with her father, Brad Smith, and other Rotarians from our club and district.

Abby is now a junior at Hope College in Holland MI. She is studying business there. She is involved with the Student Ambassadors, a sorority, a Mexican dance group and Hope United for Justice, among other things. Abby will be completing a term in London in May 2016!!!

Abby has attended meetings of the Holland Rotary club, which meets on campus at Hope, and she told us a bit about their meetings and projects.

What a wonderful ambassador for our club and all of Rotary! Thank you, Abby!

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