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## **Rotary Club of Slippery Rock**

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**December 7, 2015**

# **Members Present:**

Ken Bennett, Reg Greenwald, Steve Harding, Ken Harris, Kim Hohmann, Jim Hughes, Judy Hughes, Sharad Joshi, Bob Lanning, Joe Lofton, Harold McDowell, Karen Pierce, Art Richards, Paul Rizza, Chris Scott, Warren Smith, Stacey Steele, Doug Turner, Barb Walwik, Lauren Zuschlag

# **Guests Present:**

Gary Hughes and Darla Motta

**Upcoming Meetings/Dates of Interest**

Dec 13 Holiday Party at Ken’s

Dec. 14 Joyce Ainsworth

Dec. 17 Lunch with Hank Anna

Dec. 18. Bell Ringing at Giant Eagle

Jan 29-31 Winter Fest Events

**Announcements**

` -Ken welcomed our guests Gary Hughes and Darla Motta from the Grove City club. Also a big welcome back to Art Richards- we missed you!

-Sign-up sheets were passed around for the following events:

12/13 Holiday Open House at Ken's (2-6pm)

12/17 Lunch with Hank Anna

12/18 Giant Eagle bell ringing

-Our speaker next week will be Joyce Ainsworth, Director of Human Services for Butler County.

-Barbara Walwik reminded us to return to her our blue plastic cups filled with coins to count for your Rotary Foundation contribution! Six of our members have already returned them and their gifts total $290.22! Please return yours by March to count for this year's giving.

-Ken provided an update on Drug & Alcohol efforts- We received a district grant to support our drug & alcohol programming. Rather than create a new program, we are working to partner with the existing Reality Tour in Grove City and supporting that successful program. This will require heightened communication with Slippery Rock residents/schools/organizations to get them to become aware of, and eventually participate in, the Grove City Tour. We got the $1000 grant from District which is matched at $1000 from our club. These funds will initially go toward a direct mail piece to inform SR residents of the Feb/March/April Reality Tour dates and provide background and information on the Tour. We also will publicize the Reality Tour through signage and our table at Giant Eagle, among other vehicles.

-Judy Hughes shared that the District is looking for committee chairs for several committees- please think about these opportunities and how you or other Rotarians whom you know may be a good fit for the roles.

-Chris Scott shared that the Pittsburgh Met Opera auditions took place on Saturday. It was a wonderful day! He spoke with several people from the Met Opera about Slippery Rock and our great University.

**Program: Club Assembly- WinterFest Planning**

WinterFest, which will take place January 29-31, 2016, has a twofold purpose-

1. Create greater awareness of Rotary in our community- including our service and the fellowship that we share

2. Raise money for our service efforts

Ken asked all club members in advance to participate in one (or all!) of the events during WinterFest weekend. Our shared efforts will go a long way in ensuring the success of this first year, and we can make this a repeat/annual event.

**Friday 1/29 Program:** Dance Marathon, which is being headed by Rotaract. They will need a few Rotarians on Friday afternoon/evening to help at the event. They've done a great job in lining up the DJ, prizes, food, teams, etc. for the evening.

**Saturday 1/30 Program**: Reg provided details of the Saturday festivities. It will likely take place from 1-5pm. Activities will include: golf, ice skating, cross country skiing, and a cornhole contest. Inside the community center there will be chili tasting and a live band playing. Giant Eagle will be one food vendor among others. The focus of this event is family fun…and if we raise some money, that will be a bonus!

**Saturday volunteer needs:** Reg asked that everyone please give an hour or two of their time on that day to help with the various activities- both inside and/or outside!

**Sunday 1/31 Program:** Barbara and Stacey reported on the Sunday concert- time is TBD, but probably 3-5pm. The first portion of the event is a silent auction/reception with refreshments. The concert will follow. Performances will include Amanda Runge from Rotary International, our own Rotarians Colleen Gray and Chris Scott, the SR High School Chamber Singers and others. The theme of the concert is "dream the impossible dream" and the focus is PolioPlus fundraising.

**Sunday volunteer needs:** Amanda Runge is coming to stay in SR with her parents. They arrive on Friday and they will need a host to help show them around. Help is needed at the silent auction with managing bids, fielding questions, etc. We will need people to take tickets at the concert and also ushers. The auction will require more help than the concert!

**Event Publicity:** Ken and Steve Harding are overseeing publicity for WinterFest. We will do most of the publicity to our local community through our table at Giant Eagle. High school parents/students will be reached by the participation of the SRHS Singers and the Rotaract club will reach SRU student population.

In conjunction with WinterFest efforts, we will be once again raffling off a gift card to Giant Eagle. Next week we will discuss the raffle in more detail, but all club members please be prepared to sell just one book of raffle tickets for $5 each.

Between raffle tickets, auction bids, advertising sales and concert ticket sales, we could potentially raise $10,000 during WinterFest weekend and make great strides with getting the Rotary name out in the community! Stay tuned as more details take shape in the coming weeks.

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