



The Weirrotarian

Weirton Rotary Club, Inc. - Weirton, WV

Serving the Weirton Community

A Brief History of the
June 24, 2009

Rotary Meeting

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Ringing of the Bell, and the Four Way Test:

I didn't hear a bell; I didn't see a bell; and our Sergeant-at-Arms is either John White, Mike Gianni, or Stan Robinson. This transitional period at the end of every June between administrations always makes it tough for the bulletin to maintain its goal of total and complete accuracy. (It's a goal – nobody ever said anything about reaching it). Anyway, Rhonda Quattrochi presided over today's meeting, and I wish she would every week, since she also provided a printed program of the meeting's events, thereby making this bulletin an unnecessary waste of your time (a possible new, easier to reach goal for future bulletins).

Invocation:

Given by Cindy Koval.

Singing of America:

America, the song not the country, was today replaced by *This Lynne Is Your Lynne*, written by the brilliant Bill Cattrell and led by the equally brilliant Jim Williams. America the country seems in the process of being replaced too, but that's another subject.

Visiting Rotarians:

None reported and none in Rhonda's program.

Guests:

Anton Ros, Kate Myers, and Stacey Myers – Lynne's husband, daughter, and granddaughter, respectively.

Birthdays:

None reported and none in Rhonda's program.

Anniversaries:

None reported and none in Rhonda's program.

Raffle:

For the second week in a row Weirton Rotary Raffle's non-winner was Jim Williams. Today Jim proved he was capable of not winning all on his own by drawing the non-winning card without the assistance of others. That's what makes Weirton Rotary Raffle the great thing it is (That and the fact that P.T. Barnum was right)

Rotary Business:

Today we celebrated the inauguration of our 55th President, Lynne Ros. That's what it said on Rhonda's program from where, you may have gathered, most of this bulletin was lifted. But Since George Kondik served twice, would that make Lynne our 54th President? More importantly, does it matter?

Actually, most of our traditional ceremonies involved in the inauguration of a new president took place the previous evening at Steubenville Country Club in an event put together by Cindy Koval and her Inauguration Committee. There, the world was first introduced to "This Lynne is Your Lynne," Bill Cattrell's composition destined to sweep the nation, and the Bob Rine memorial limerick also written by Bill Cattrell and read by Jim Williams in the voice of Bob Rine. Jim Dowdy presented Lynne with the Tam – a hat with a deep significance to Rotary that seems to change each time Jim presents it. Cindy asked me to present Lynne with the Robe – a scarf, actually, with the names of the 54 (or 53?) previous Rotary presidents stitched to it, and whose deep

Rotary significance is known only by Ray Greco and those within the sound of his voice (that would be no one). Wires and cables were presented by various Rotarians, including JoAnne Babela and Bill Cattrell. All of the presenters were impeccably prepared (to go to the bar for another drink), and it was a nice affair.

At today's meeting, the significance of Rotary – not including punctuality – was presented by Bill Galloway. Bob Gracey administered the oath of office, and the all-important exchange of presidential pins will occur whenever our Past President drags his butt back from the beach.

These ceremonies normally close with remarks from the new President, but Lynne apparently cannot get the Program Director out of her system and introduced today's program: her granddaughter, Stacey Myers, to tell us about her recent trip to Thailand.

Stacey visited Thailand with her church group, whose ultimate goal is to set up an orphanage and school there. She told us about the food and marketplaces there and had a slide presentation showing some of everyday life for the people there. At 17, Stacey is the youngest person in her church to ever make such a trip and gave us an interesting and informative program.

Lynne had actually given her closing remarks about her plans as President the night before. They included an Octoberfest fund raiser and a policy of "quality" over "quantity." So I guess that's it for the bulletin.