



The Weirrotarian

Weirton Rotary Club, Inc. - Weirton, WV

Serving the Weirton Community

**A Brief History of the
January 18, 2012,
Rotary Meeting**

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Ringing of the Bell (if we had a bell) ***and the Four Way Test:*** Since we were without a Sergeant-at-Arms (maybe somewhere keeping the bell company) this duty was performed by President JoAnn Babela. So I guess JoAnn wins the "No Bell" prize. Hope it doesn't go to her head – they pretty much give those things to anybody nowadays.

Singing of America:
Led by visiting Rotarian (?)
Jim Williams.

Invocation:
Also given by President JoAnn Babela.

Visiting Rotarians:
None this week.

Guests:
Amy Cattrell. You might have guessed that Amy was the guest of Bill Cattrell. But the bulletin has long guessed that guessing who the guests are guests of gets to be greatly grueling. (Enjoying this? Now let's try "I'm a sheet slitter, and I slit sheets.") By the way, Amy was the guest of George Kondik, just in case anyone remembers the original topic.

Raffle:
No raffle this week, but don't worry about it. Your odds of winning are mathematically no different than if we'd actually had a raffle.

Rotary Business:

-Since it's January, and Williams Country Club is closed, today's meeting was held in the beautiful Washington Room of the Weirton Holiday Inn (or maybe it was the Jefferson Room...or the Franklin Room...I don't know – one of those NFL players).

-President JoAnn Babela started the meeting off with a few entries from the "Steve Kladakis Joke Book" – available in the "We'll Actually Pay *You* to Take This Off Our Hands" section of Barnes & Noble.

-Once the laughter subsided, JoAnn informed the club that our Charter Night will be held February 25 at Williams Country Club and passed around a sign-up sheet for the event. More details and chances to sign up will be available in the coming weeks. As in past years, you're paying for it, so you might as well attend.

-Dr. Singh was presented with a special award for being a three-time Paul Harris Fellow. This puts him in the running with Dr. Jay for the title of Rotary "Octomom" for producing the most Paul Harris Fellows. Come to Charter Night to find out the winner.

Program:

Today's program was from Andrea Stole of Valley Hospice. She began her program by telling us what "hospice" is – a service for people with life limiting illness. It's not an actual place, even though Valley Hospice maintains two care centers: Valley Hospice Care Center North in Steubenville and its Care Center South, Liza's Place, in Wheeling. Both of these centers are available when extra patient support, such as special treatment or procedures are required, but Valley Hospice is committed to providing care wherever it's needed – usually the patient's or patient's family home. Valley Hospice serves seven area counties, is 26 years old, and served over 1400 patients last year.

Ms. Stole then told us of Valley Hospice's veterans program, "A Hero's Salute." In collaboration with local veterans' organizations, this program's goal is to increase access and improve care for those who have served our country, as well as meet the more complex end-of-life needs of veterans, especially those who have seen combat or were POWs.

Ms. Stole ended a fine program by answering a lot of good questions from the club.