



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

GRAPEVINE

February 3, 2022

Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:

At our Board meeting Tuesday, we concluded that one of the programs we need to revitalize is our new member orientation, stay tuned for some announcements about.

I will continue to send any weather updates or cancellations out by email and will try to consult with the Executive Committee. If possible, weather decisions will be made by 2 PM Wednesday.

The Lewisburg PA club has organized a polar bear plunge fundraiser this Saturday.

The Altoona PA club is organizing a Rotary Foundation walk and District Picnic on May 14th, Altoona, PA.

The Four-Way Test Contest will be 6:00 PM, February 24th, at the Holiday Inn.

There will be a celebration of life for John Lucas, April 30th at 1PM. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Martinsburg

The Pickleball Tournament is Mar 12 & 13th at the Randy Smith Center in Inwood.

The Pancakes for Polio Breakfast is May 30th at War Memorial Park.

The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18th at The Woods.

Guests: Suzanne Novak was a guest of Manuel Washington, Jennifer Webb was a guest of Joshua Webb, Lauren Epperly was a guest of Keri Goodwin, and Norman Marriott was a guest of Manuel Washington.

Student Guests:

Hedgesville High School students Danica Propst and Chase Snyder



Program: Pat Blanc, St Joe Principal

- Founded in 1883 by The Daughters of Charity from Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- Continue tradition of their foundress the first American born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seaton who in 1810 established the first parochial school in the United States in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- In 2004 the Daughters of Charity withdrew from the administration of St. Joseph School.
- K-12 School until 1970
- Currently has a student population of 324 serving preschool 2-year-old through 8th grade
- One of 24 Catholic school overseen by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



Saint Joseph School
Martinsburg, WV

- Over 90% of the students live in Berkely County
- 57% of the students are of Catholic faith
- 10% Asian population 16% identify as two or more races
- 28% preschool population, 22% middle school, 50% K-5
- 7% eligible for free/reduced lunch
- 47 employees: teachers 27, aides 9, custodial 3, cafeteria 2 +volunteers, nurse 1, administration 3, secretary/receptionist 1, finance
- COVID converted to virtual instruction during the 2000-2021 school year
- Realized communicating with parents and offering support was more important than the online platform being used.

Principal Announces Retirement at the End of School Year

For the past three years, Saint Joseph School has been blessed to have Patrick Blanc as its principal. He led us through several challenges, including a difficult economy, COVID-19 and distance learning, always with God as a guide.

His wife, Linda, is retiring in the near future from Jefferson Medical Center after a career spanning more than 43 years, and their sixth grandchild is expected to arrive in March. With those milestones on the horizon and a goal of cherishing as much time together with family as he can, Pat will retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

He had a goal of serving as a Catholic school principal, an achievement he fortunately reached at SJS.

Father Gallagher will work with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to fill the position. We are confident that a capable, reverent and effective person will be appointed as the new principal, and Pat plans to serve as a mentor to our new leader. He also plans to serve us as a substitute teacher.

Pat has provided solid leadership, and inspired our children and families with his kind spirit and devout faith. We wish him the absolute best in retirement and will cherish the rest of the time we have with him.



- Obtained critical daycare license for all teachers enabling parents to bring their children to school to work on virtual assignments with teachers' oversight.
- Enrollment decreased from 294(2019) to 224(2020).
- Provided Chromebooks for families upon request
- Vast majority of parents want in person instruction
- Offer advance math classes, Spanish for high school credit
- Participate in State and County Academic Field Days
- Spanish starts in kindergarten
- Sports include cross-country, volleyball, basketball, tennis
- All students attend weekly Mass and religion class



February Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Cohen, Steven	16-Feb
Frye, Douglas	15-Feb
Goodwin, Keri	23-Feb
Novak, Sharon	5-Feb
Sherman, Trent	24-Feb
Shull, Carol	24-Feb

Wedding Anniversaries:

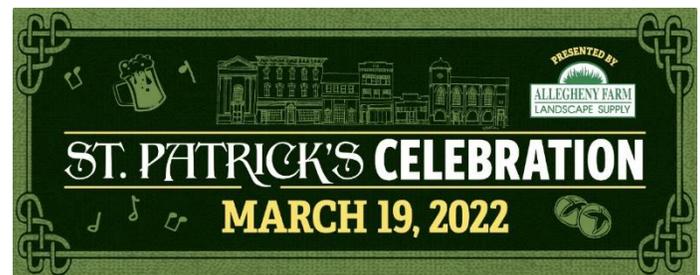
Wedding Anniversaries			
Branner, Dustin & Laura	20-Feb	26	
Martin, Craig & Karen	27-Feb	51	
Mulford, Pete & Betty	28-Feb	46	

Member Anniversaries:

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Arnett, Tiffany	2/1/2017	5
Bartoldson, Elaine	2/27/2014	8
Cohen, Steven	2/10/2022	0
Crabill, Leslie	2/1/2017	5
Hite, Michael	2/21/2008	14
Lanager, Kimberly	2/17/2021	1
Regalia, Tracy	2/27/2020	2
Roberts, Scott	2/18/2016	6
Snyder, Carolyn	2/1/2017	5
Spencer, Chad	2/1/2017	5
Webster, Elizabeth	2/10/2022	0
Wertman, Bill	2/11/2016	6
Wortley, William	2/5/2004	18

Future Programs:

- Feb 10 – Max Oats, Motown Music
- Feb 17 – Ami Sirbaugh, Children’s Home Society
- Feb 24 – Robby Blair, Main Street Martinsburg
 - EVERONE BRING ONE***



Club Presentations:



We presented Mr. Funkhouser and Vickie Elliott with a check to support the Hedgesville HS Interact club.

Jon Elliot was presented with his Martinsburg Rotary membership badge.





Past President and Are Governor, Pam Wagoner, presented the group with the new Rotary International Recruiting presentation. She will be taking this to other local Rotary Club's to show the presentation and discuss implementation. Each Club can personalize the slide show to reflect their own members doing things in their communities. We also discussed potentially using this very informative presentation for New Member Orientation. The slide show can be found under Club Files on DACdb.

Our Pickleball committee has been very busy obtaining sponsorships and doing media coverage for our upcoming tournament.



We will be Thanking our sponsors on all media coverage including Facebook and in our newsletters.

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