



### Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:

Joshua and Jennifer Webb had a baby by, all are doing well!

At our last Board meeting the Board asked that we resume having in-person new member orientations, so we are having a combination new member orientation and membership mixer at the Hub Suites on Queen Street on March 30<sup>th</sup>. New member orientation will be from 4:00 – 4:45, and the mixer will be from 5:00 – 6:30. Combining these is just another example of the great ideas that are coming from our membership committee.

The Pancakes for Polio Breakfast is May 30<sup>th</sup> at War Memorial Park.

The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at The Woods.

April is Rotary Foundation Month. Chris Johnson will be speaking with us about that.

RYLA will be June 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> at Shepherd's Spring just a 30-minute drive from here. Applications are available.

April 21<sup>st</sup>, I want to have a Club Assembly, with all the committee chairs and project people making a brief report.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have another of our annual health screenings. See Dana, she needs a dozen volunteers.

Last week Pete talked about two avenues of Ukrainian relief – Rotary International or ShelterBox.

Our club will receive a Shelterbox Award for sponsoring a Shelterbox.

Our Installation Dinner will be July 7<sup>th</sup>, NOT be June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pam and Michelle are heading that up, stay tuned for updates.

**Guests:** Nathan Cosner was a guest of Steve Roach.

Cody Roos was a guest of Manuel Washington.

### Student Guests:

*Martinsburg Seniors,*

*Cyrile Ngassa and Laya Chennura*

**Program: Brandon Hall & Bill Christian, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion – Berkeley County Sheriff's Office**



- **What is LEAD?**

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking program that allows law enforcement officers to give low-level offenders the opportunity for rehabilitation in the place of incarceration. The goal of LEAD is to help individuals who suffer from a substance use

disorder by diverting them from jails and prisons to treatment and recovery programs. The LEAD program also reduces recidivism and the workload of law enforcement professionals while improving overall community safety.

- The goals of the LEAD program are to:
  - Decrease recidivism
  - Lower county incarceration costs
  - Improve community-police relations
  - Reduce opioid overdose deaths
  - Reduce crimes related to drug abuse



- **Background and History**

- LEAD got its start in 2011 in Seattle, Washington and gave individuals referred to the program up to 30 days to report to a treatment facility. The program has grown and expanded to Albany, NY and Santa Fe, NM and incorporated the use of social referrals from friends and loved ones. The most recent large city success comes from Baltimore, MD where law enforcement focus on specific inner-city areas hit hardest with addiction. They incorporate wraparound care such as dedicated LEAD officers, case managers, homeless outreach coordinators, and behavioral health therapists.

- **LEAD in West Virginia**

- Originally started in Kanawha County in 2014 as a joint effort between US Attorney's Office and Prester Center. Law Enforcement officers issued warrant arrests for 75 individuals. This "round up" led to over 200 individuals entered a quality-of-care treatment program with an initial success rate of 75%. Proven as a successful, evidence-based program to combat SUD, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' expanded the LEAD program in 2019 to include six comprehensive Behavioral Health Centers that cover 18 counties.

- **Long Range Milestones**

- Expand LEAD to all 55 counties
- Make LEAD a joint community effort between Prosecuting Attorney/County/State/Local LE/Public Defenders
- Include diversion training at Police Academy



*"We've been interested in getting the LEAD program established for several years.*

*Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes-Delligatti has always been on board with it, and Sheriff Harmon is now on board, as well. We have done a lot already to reduce the burden on the jail, the (Berkeley County) Day Report Center and reduce the burden on the judiciary," Community Corrections Director, Tim Czaja said. "Frequently, deputies in the community come across people who are guilty of committing a crime that is directly related to substance use disorder. Traditionally, they're booked, taken to jail, and sometimes, they go before a magistrate. These people tend to keep the courthouse busy. This is a way we can bypass that, while still holding them accountable and giving them an opportunity to engage in treatment."*

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### March Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Glover, Christine	1-Mar
Branner, Dustin	2-Mar
Hollida, Fred	2-Mar
Crabill, Leslie	4-Mar
Beckwith, Andrew	5-Mar
Roberts, Scott	8-Mar
Lorensen, Maria	9-Mar
Smith, Diane	9-Mar
Truax, Steven Robert	9-Mar
Blair, Robby	11-Mar
Jenkins, Vicki	13-Mar
Lanager, Kimberly	15-Mar
Miller, Vonda K.	21-Mar
Arnett, Tiffany	29-Mar

### Member Anniversaries:

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Arndt, Doug	1-Mar	33
Arndt, Jeff	1-Mar	33
Collis, Craig	1-Mar	30
Hollida, Fred	1-Mar	35
Janes, Brad	17-Mar	6
Marriot, Norman	3-Mar	0
Slick, Scott	1-Mar	4

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Wedding Anniversaries	
Brookreson, Joe & Susan	25-Mar
Weidman, Ernie & Carolyn	31-Mar

### Future Programs:

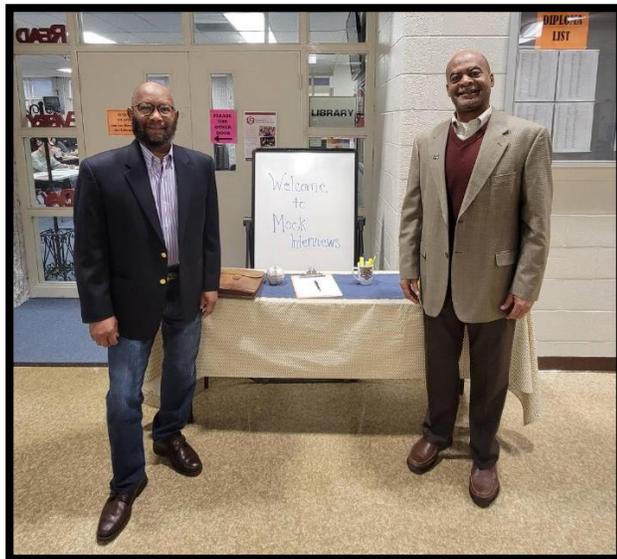
- Mar 30 – 4PM, New Member Orientation @ Hub Suites on Queen St.
- Mar 31 - Doug Hartman, Director of Fleet Generation – First Energy
- **Apr 5 – Board Meeting**
- Apr 7 - Maria Lorensen, Hospice – Palliative care program
- Apr 14 - Wes Mackall, Valley College
- Apr 21 – Club Assembly
- Apr 28 – Donna Van Meter, James Rumsey

### Club Presentations:



(President Steve Truax is presenting new member, Robbie Blair, with his nametag.)

### People of Action:



(Rotarians, Robert Sowell and Charles Mason at Hedgesville High School Mock Interviews.)

## Community Announcements:

- Mock interviews will be conducted at Martinsburg High School Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Musselman High School Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers to do the interviews, and they will be conducted from around 7:45 AM until 11:30 AM at the latest.
- James Rumsey is having a Career Fair April 14<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for both businesses to sign up for a table and for job seekers to attend the fair.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fulton Walker Jr. Scholarship Golf Classic will be held April 29<sup>th</sup>, see Robert Sowell for details.
- We learned last week that this May 15 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of Berkeley County, West Virginia! The Berkeley Arts Council (BAC) is having an exhibit in honor of this anniversary from May 18 to June 25 at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street. They are soliciting literary, musical, performance, and video contributions in addition to the usual visual arts section. The deadline for submissions is April 10th. The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle are sponsoring a “Stefani Pierson Champion for Youth Dinner” May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chamber of Commerce Gold Tournament will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Woods
- The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle are sponsoring a “Stephanie Pierson Champion for Youth Dinner” May 19th. It’s named this to honor the memory of the previous director of the B&GC for many years she died in her 30’s of cancer leaving behind young children of her own. She worked till near the end trying to do everything she could for the clubs.



Proudest Papa goes to Manuel Washington! His amazing, beautiful, smart daughter, Dr Regina Washington is a recipient of the Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence Award. This award recognizes one African American alum from each of the university’s academic colleges whose faith, hard work, and determination has positively affected the lives of people on UK’s campus, the city, nation or beyond.



After many months of not seeing one of my absolute favorite Rotarians....she finally appeared. Her presence filled me with so much happiness I had to announce it as my very 1<sup>st</sup> Golden Moment. Our meetings aren’t the same without you Sandy Hamilton!!!

**Rotary Club of  
Martinsburg  
MIXER**

**March 30th 5-6:30PM**

142 N. Queen St. Martinsburg  
Main Street Martinsburg  
@ Hub Suites

**Spring**

“Spring” into our MIXER! Join us and our host, Main Street Martinsburg to celebrate Spring and mingle with fellow Rotarians and guests. We promise lots of fun with games, prizes and delicious food and drinks. Bring a guest and wear your brightest attire to remind everyone Spring flowers are on their way!

**RSVP to Renee Pifer  
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**Hosted by  
Main Street  
Martinsburg**

**Rotary**  
*PEOPLE OF ACTION*





*Discover* BERKELEY  
HISTORY EXHIBIT

DECEMBER 31, 2021

*through*

DECEMBER 30, 2022

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**250 TREES** *for* **250 YEARS**

KICK-OFF CEREMONY: APRIL 11, 2022

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**COUNTYWIDE PRIDE  
COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

MAY 14-21, 2022

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**COUNTY SEAL  
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

MAY 19, 2022

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**EXPLORE  
BERKELEY CHALLENGE**

APRIL 11-MAY 14, 2022

*\*Events and dates are subject to change\**

**FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND  
CELEBRATION**

MAY 13-15, 2022

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**TUSCARORA CREEK  
DUCK DERBY**

MAY 14, 2022

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**COLOR ME BERKELEY  
5K COLOR RUN**

MAY 15, 2022

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**REFLECTIONS ON BERKELEY  
ART EXHIBIT**

MAY 18-JUNE 25, 2022

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**JUNETEENTH-  
WEST VIRGINIA DAY  
CELEBRATION**

JUNE 18-20, 2022

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**INDEPENDENCE  
CELEBRATION**

JULY 3, 2022

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*Celebrate*  
**WITH US**

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