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MEETING OF JULY 28, 2014



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GREETINGS & INVOCATION by Bryce Ginther

GUESTS: Holly Flynn from CONSERNS-U and Katie Powers from REACH



Program Chair Jim Colabelli with Holly Flynn & Katie Powers

WELCOME BACK Bill Whipple

PROJECT SIGNUP SHEETS

DOORS OF HOPE, Tuesday, August 12: *Patton and Daniels*

MONTHLY PASTA DINNER @ WSL Firehouse, Saturday, August 9

12 – 7, Setup & Cook: *L&L Ellis, Loveridge & Colabelli*

3 – 5:30, Setup & Serve: *Lane, Brownrigg & Metchick*

3:30 – 7, Cashiers: *Ward*

5 – 7:30, Serve & Takedown:

BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, August 21

11 – 1:30 Set up: *Davis*

1-3:30 Canteen: *Daniels* Registration: *Ward*

3:30-6 Canteen: *Jensky* Registration *Linda Ellis*

6-7 Clean up: *Davis*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eve Ward reminded us that she is still looking for funds to purchase school supplies for needy children in our district. She and Bryce Ginther take on the task of getting the lists of needed supplies from the schools and purchasing them in bulk.

Eve also announced that instead of the customary Camp Rotary Night in June where we helped get the camp ready for summer, this year we will be helping Joel Uline close up the camp in late August. We will not be having a steak roast party. There will be food, but the emphasis will be on work.



PRESENTATIONS



John Brownrigg received his 21 year perfect attendance pin tag, and *Jean Hamlin* her first year pin tag.

They considered pinning each other.

Would that mean they're going steady?

PROGRAM: Chair *Jim Colabelli* introduced speakers Holly Flynn from CONSERNS-U (Community Network of Schodack, East Greenbush, Rensselaer, Nassau and Sand Lake – United), a Catholic Charities Program; and Katie Powers from CONSERNS-U and REACH (Rural Ecumenical Action Community Helping), which serves Averill Park, Sand Lake and surrounding areas. REACH is a part of CONSERNS-U.



Holly explained that there are 55 volunteers working through CONSERNS-U to provide assistance of many sorts to needy families. They operate a “Client Choice” food pantry in Rensselaer. Applicants are referred by clergy, social workers or school personnel. Anonymity is an important consideration so clients are not embarrassed. Families approved to receive benefits come in once a month and choose 5 days’ worth of food, based on family size, from all food groups. There is also a program for school

clothing and supplies. School nurses recommend needy children, parents sign them up, and a volunteer meets them at Wal-Mart to help them shop using a \$100 gift card. Back-to-school supplies are chosen from the schools' lists of needed items. They have a Christmas Store: a toy distribution that differs a little from ours in that the parents are invited to "shop" for their children themselves rather than having the organization box the toys for each family. Holly mentioned that CONSERNS-U has a Facebook page, and urged us to view and "like" it.



Katie is a Program Assistant at CONSERNS-U and the REACH Coordinator. She lives in Averill Park, and her children go to Averill Park Schools. She works with school nurses, pastors and other to help provide services not available through Social Services, and she tries to meet clients at a place convenient to them. Services might include emergency financial assistance, referral to an appropriate agency, or classes on parenting skills, for instance.

The Wojeski Children's fund is supported by the Wojeski Group of East Greenbush and administered by REACH. By soliciting donations through parties and raffles, they are able to provide gifts of \$100-\$150 to each of 150 children referred by clergy or schools for things not available through Social Services. They might be for sports equipment so the child can join a team, equipment for a child to go to camp, a dress for prom, or for medical co-payments.



Bryce Ginther presented Certificates of Appreciation to Holly and Katie, and the Club enthusiastically thanked them for their engaging presentation on a very worthwhile program.



HAPPY DOLLARS

\$ **Bob Pasquarelli** is sad that he and Joan had to put down their beloved Scotty dog, but happy that they have adopted two five-year-old Havanese "puppies" named Opal and Noir. They are adorable but working on house-training.



Opal



Noir

- \$ **Pat Lane** is happy for tonight's program, and assured us that Program Coordinator Colleen Pidgeon, whom she knows, would be pleased with Holly's and Katie's presentation. Pat also had a happy dollar for Jean Hamlin's daughter's due diligence making sure that Pat and her home would provide a suitable environment for her mom while Jean's apartment is being renovated.
- \$ **John Mulligan** is happy for his granddaughter's successful participation in the grueling 12+ hour Iron Man competition at Lake Placid.

- \$ **Jim Rogers** had three happy dollars, one for each of the mountains his daughter and grandson recently climbed in their quest to conquer the Adirondack 46.
- \$ **Jim Colabelli** had one happy dollar each for Holly and Katie and their fine program.
- \$ **Sue Jensky** was happy to learn about CONSERNS-U and impressed with their good works.
- \$ **Jean Hamlin** was happy to avoid a Safe Driving Award from a police officer who stopped her last week leaving the Kiwanis meeting. Claimed she crossed the white (?) line, but Jean doesn't believe it. Your Ed. figures he was trying to pick her up, but after hearing her Minnesoooota accent figured he'd get clocked if he got fresh, so he gave up and let her go. Jean had another happy \$ for Pat's hospitality; if you need a place to stay, that's the place to go, she says. She had another \$1 for a handsome young man named Keith who stopped by and expressed surprise that Pat got his name right (the twin grandsons look exactly alike unless they are side by side). Jean is skeptical that he's really related to Pat as he talks right.
- \$ **Bill Whipple** was \$5 worth of happy for a wonderful-sounding trip with his family traveling in London, Rome, a seven-day cruise around the Mediterranean, then back to Rome and London.

DOOR PRIZE, provided by **Jim Colabelli**, was won by Bob Loveridge
 50/50 with \$22 was won by **Skip Patton**
 PROGRESSIVE 50/50, worth \$947.50 with only 9 cards left, was won
 by **Jerry Tysiak!**



Next Week: PROGRAM CHAIRS: **Barb Fioravanti, Janet Malecki and John Mulligan**
 PROGRAM: **Service Leadership Programs Committee update**
 GREETER/INVOCATOR **Bill Whipple**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*“The love of one’s country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?”
 ~Pablo Casals*



Joe Trupia hard at work at the door



John and Jean dancing to the podium