



Today's Presentation

This morning's program, entitled Be More WV, will be jointly presented by Mr. Allen Keyser & Ms. Elizabeth Granzow. Be More WV is an exciting new initiative coming to the Eastern Panhandle to support the local fire service. Jefferson & Berkeley Counties recently received almost \$2 million in federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help local volunteer fire departments recruit more members. The goal is to recruit 225 additional volunteer firefighters over the next 4 yrs. The program has a tuition reimbursement component which will also assist local college students who become volunteers while in college or university. Mr. Keyser & Ms. Granzow are honored to be chosen to help grow the Volunteer Fire Service in the Eastern Panhandle.

Mr. Keyser is a retired Volunteer Fire Chief with more than 30 years of volunteer service. He is also a retired Fire Captain & Deputy Fire Chief from the Montgomery & Frederick County, MD, fire departments. Ms. Granzow, a Shepherdstown Rotarian, is a retired Fire Captain from the Prince George's County, MD, Fire/EMS Department. She has written & published a book series for first responders to the terror attacks of 9/11/2001 in New York City and Washington, DC. Also, she is the Grant Administrator for the Berkeley County Fire-SAFER Grant.

Last Week's Speaker

Last week we were joined by Ms. Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director of Read Aloud West Virginia (RAWV), the state chapter of the national non-profit organization Read Aloud 15 Minutes. The national goal of RA is for parents to read aloud daily for 15 minutes to each child from birth. Why? Because the number of words a child knows on entering kindergarten is a key predictor of his or her future success in life. The reading gap is startling. Only 48% of young children in the US are read to each day. By the time a 5 yr old enters kindergarten, those read to each day for 15 minutes will know more than 30 million more words than a child not being read to.

RAWV was founded as a non-profit in 1987. Ms. Bond, a native West Virginian, has been involved with the organization as a volunteer or paid staff since its inception, and became its Executive Director in 2007. She has a B. S. degree in political science from West Virginia University, and currently serves on the board of the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.





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Announcements

- Rachel Moreno will be holding two fundraising events for Relay for Life. They will both be held at the Christ Reformed Church. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held February 16th and there will be a pancake breakfast on February 18th.

Annual Wine Tasting Dinner Details



Shepherdstown Rotary Club's 16th Annual Wine-Tasting Dinner will be held beginning at 6:30 pm, Friday, March 10, at the Bavarian Inn. The dinner will feature fine dining accompanied by wines specially chosen from the Inn's award-winning wine cellar of 600 labels. The wines served, which are always affordably priced, will be available for purchase afterwards by the bottle or case. Wine expert Christina Morris Thornton, of Winesellers Ltd. & the Country Vintner, will preside over dinner, explaining the history & characteristics of the various wines served. The ticket price for the dinner, unchanged from last year, is \$70 per person, with \$20 of that amount tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to support our Club's Rotaract chapter at Shepherd University, its Interact chapter at Jefferson High School, & other Club programs for children & young adults. Please join us for this festive annual event! Feel free to share this invitation with friends & neighbors & to reserve a table for the entire group! Dress is business formal, with black tie optional. Tickets are available through Peter Smith, Vocational Services Chair, at <sheprotarywtdinner@gmail.com> , at 304-876-1139, or at Club meetings on Tuesdays.

Last Week's Guests

50/50 Winner

Rachel Moreno- Relay for Life
Cornelia Hochman- York Hill

Carl Moore

Area Rotary Meetings- Attendance Makeup:

Charles Town - Wed. at 12:15 - Hollywood Casino **Martinsburg** - Thur. at noon
- Holiday Inn **Martinsburg Sunrise** - Tues. at 7:15 - Holiday Inn **Hagerstown** -
Wed. at noon - Fountainhead CC **Hagerstown Sunrise** - Fri. at 7:30 - Academy
Theater **Berkeley Springs** - Thur. at noon - Earth Dog Cafe **Hancock** - Tues. at
12:30 - Park N Dine **Leesburg** - Thurs. at 6:30 - River Creek Club
Leesburg (am) - Tues. at 7:30 - Tuscarora Mill Restaurant