



Last Week- Club Assembly

Last week was Club Assembly, the day each month when Standing Committees of Shepherdstown Rotary Club meet to review achievements, and then develop new programs & projects, along with identifying leaders for them.

Today's Speaker

This morning's speaker is 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.

Upcoming Birthdays

Michelle Casuccio- January 10
Paul Kradel- January 14

Last Week's Guests

Kay Reiser- Initiate Peace Award
Mark Everhart- Shepherdstown Town Council
Vida Manthos- Sky Truth

50/50 Winner

Dana Orsini

Special Announcements

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14th! We will meet at McMurrin Hall at 9 a.m. to start taking down holiday decorations.
- Horses with Hearts sent a thoughtful Thank You note with kind words about our donation.
- Southern WV Flood Relief- Children's winter coat drive items will be delivered on January 18



Shepherdstown Rotary Club

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January 10, 2017

Committee Meeting Topics

Vocational Service

- Wine-Tasting Dinner. As has been noted previously, this event has been scheduled for Friday, March 10.
- We will award Rotary Reads grants during March. Requests for proposals will be sent in January.

Club Service

- Movie Night- Dick Klein will investigate a movie night for the club.
- Hagerstown Suns Game- Discussed having an outing in June or August

Community Service

- Adopt A Spot Cleanup- Suggestion to paint bridge vs. removing graffiti
- Rumsey Bridge Lights- Discussed style of lights, cost and next steps moving forward

International Service

- South Africa Water/Sanitation- Tables at Charity Ball raised \$1,175 for further water/sanitation upgrades at public schools in area of Capetown, South Africa.
- Haiti Water Project- Planning and defining scope-of-work. Walt anticipates returning to Haiti in late February or early March.

Youth Service

- New Generations name has changed to "Youth Services"
- Rotaract member Rachel Sweeny posted a donation booth under the Smallwood & Small pavilion at the Shepherd University Football game tailgate party. She collected \$140.00 from fans in attendance, the money will go towards the shipment of school supplies and text books, in Liberia, Africa for the "Library for Students in Rivercast, Liberia" Project.

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