

Hello everyone,

The following is a review of Wednesday's (7/27) weekly meeting. As you know the meeting was our monthly Club Business Meeting.

1. After the initial opening by our new President Bruce Vandervort the following guest were introduced.
 1. Charlotte Galley joined us and took the time to thank our club for all the help and support her and her family received while she was in the hospital.
 2. Bev Wright's granddaughter Madison was also present and had quite a conversation with Doug Scriba. It seems that Doug has finally found someone at his level.
2. Speaking of Doug, we gave him a few minutes to give us an update on the Rotary/YMCA 5K race which will take place on September 24th in Catonsville starting at Bill's Music House. Doug is asking for more sponsors and volunteers to work from 6:00am – 10:30am. I know it's a bit early for some but it is fun and the work is easy. So come on out and show your support and if you know of any business that would like to be a sponsor let us know.
3. We had all sorts of Happy Dollars, Reggie got to visit the White House, the one in DC not the one at the corner of Rolling Road & Frederick Road. Reggie was there for her work with Americans with Disabilities. Allen announced that his son Brian has finally given up dating the movie stars and married his true love Candice in Yosemite Park. Susan was happy about seeing the March of Piquing and said it was a wonderful movie. Tom spent the weekend with his grandson at in Myrtle Beach.
4. Jason surprised the group with some bad news about our Friend Brian Cooper. We were informed that Brian passed away after his struggle with cancer. There will be a memorial service Thursday, July 28th at 7:30pm at the Catholic Community Church in Relay located on the corner of S. Rolling Rd and Cedar Avenue.
5. Richard gave the treasury report and said we need more money. So let's get some fund raisers going and make Richard happy.
6. Bruce announced that there is a new club starting in Owings Mills/ Reisterstown. Our club agreed to donate a gift up to \$200.00.
7. Steve Baron announced a program that his business, Bay State Chiropractic Center, is participating in. It involves giving school supplies to needy children in the area. He is working with the Western Family YMCA on this project. Steve will bring in more information at our next meeting. This is another opportunity to give to our community and it won't cost you much.
8. Each Lane Director spoke on their 2005 plans. Jason will be working on the Dictionary Project again for October and is looking into a Rotary Park idea in the area. These are two really good projects and with Jason's enthusiasm they should be a great success but we all need to help him. Susan is working on a project with the Dominican Republic for the International Lane. This is another worthwhile project that can be very rewarding. Reggie is working on a lot of ideas being the creative person she is. She is looking at a Summer Social for the club & Guest Bartending night in October or an October Fest at someone's home. We are also looking at a Book Fair in April 2006 that will feature wine and cheese.
9. Don't forget the Catonsville Crafts Festival is coming up on September 11th. I understand there will be a wonderful event for the children but it's a secret. We will need volunteers for the Funnel Cake booth again and we will also be selling soft pretzels. Contact John Galley to volunteer. This was a really fun time last year and who knows, just maybe we learned something and we can really get these cakes right this time. John is planning a prep night on the 10th to get everything ready and he will need help with that as well.
10. Allen announced that the Columbia Town Center Rotary Club is having a Sports Night & Scholarship Fund Raiser on August 24th 11:30am – 2:00pm at Howard County Community College in Room ILB 100 (Kittleman Room). This event will feature David

Dupree, USA Today's NBA Guru as the guest speaker. Lunch will be served. Call 410-992-4772 for ticket information.

Ok, now you have it all. Now don't you feel much better about all we are doing. Pass the word to other and remember, evry member shares the responsibility of recruiting new members. See ya next week.

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