

August 26, 2010



The Rotary Club of New Brighton met at the Rotary-Lions Shelter in Big Rock Park for its annual farewell to summer steak night meeting. **President Bob Rowe** called the meeting to order with the pledge followed by the invocation by **Brian L Daniels**.

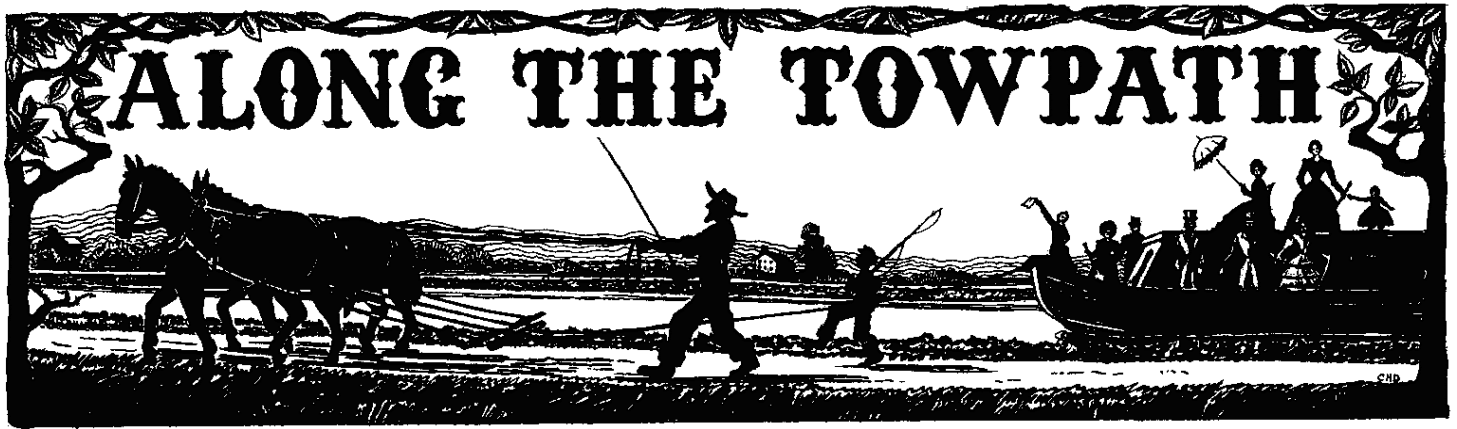
We were happy to welcome Rotarians and guests from our neighboring Rotary Clubs tonight. Club President Gary Ford, Jim Antonis, George Merges, and guests of Gary, Rick and Jill Creese represented the Aliquippa Club. Bill and Jan Elliott represented the Beaver Club. Club President Otis McAliley, Assistant District Governor Walt Sickles, Whitey Mikush, and Linda Tomas represented the Ambridge Club.

The Ambridge members dressed the table as a Christmas party. The domed Christmas hats and ate off of Christmas plates with nutcrackers lining their part of the tables. The weather truly felt that way. Next year will be a Hawaiian theme. Jim Sisley did a great job in preparing the steaks while Art slaved over the cast iron pans frying mushrooms and onions. Fellowship was flowing. We made sure Rick and Jill had a good time as we kept them involved and explaining what is Rotary.



Thursday September 16 is the chartering night for the new **Rotary Club of White Oak**. Our club has purchased the Four Way Banner to present to the members. **PDG Rick Martin** has purchased the White Oak Club Banner. We are hoping to have at least all of the club presidents to attend this event. Cost will be \$40.00 per person. Stratigos located at 131 Colonial Manor Road North Huntingdon, PA 15642 will be the location of the chartering dinner. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. We will have a choice of Prime Rib or Baked Scrod. **Current Trustee and PRIVP Lou Piconi** and **District Foundation Chair Denny Crawford** will be two of the featured speakers along with **District Governor Cindy Sakala**.

Our first **MULTIPHASIC Blood Test** will be held on **October 30** at the New Brighton High School Main Gymnasium. This is our new fund raiser. We need to make sure we will be there to help so circle that date for early morning service.



A get well card was signed by everyone for **Past President Gary Borland**. Our traditional Hallmark card was signed by the members.

October 21st will be the **official visit** of our **District Governor Cindy Sakala**. Let's all try to be there that night with at least two new members. Membership is critical this year. It was good to see that Gary Ford brought with him guests. We need to be asking and bringing guests to our meetings. We are now back at the Grand Valley Inn next week. Starting time will be 6:15 PM. We have a program scheduled for September 2.

Board meeting will be held on September 2, the first Thursday of the month after the meeting. On **November 6** at the Embassy Suites, Moon Township will be the first **Rotary Leadership Institute** for our district membership. New members and current club officers are encouraged to attend. It will start at 7:30 AM and will be over at 3:30PM. Cost is \$90.00 per person. **DG Cindy Sakala** will reimburse \$25.00 for the first 40 registered attendees.

I would be remised if we didn't joke about falling off our chairs when Diane showed up for the meeting. She had the last laugh. The winning number was 633. Several people shouted they had the number. Brian D Daniels realized after he read out the number that the winning number is 633633. Diane won the largest pot in recent years. We won't tell Bob or your accountant.

November 10 will be a **dinner and a movie** at **The Club at Shadow Lakes**. The movie will either be *The Final Inch* or *The Shot Felt Around the World*. This will be a great evening to bring prospective members to learn about Rotary. We are encouraged to change our regular meeting to this night.

The Rotary Zone Meeting in Elyria, Ohio was postponed until Saturday, September 25. Topics of discussion will be on 1) Strengthening Clubs, 2) Engaging in Humanitarian Programs and 3) Image Building and Rotary Branding. All are very important topics for our club. Maybe more members could come along with Bob and Rick.

There were only 4 new cases of Polio during the week ending August 25. The cases are two in Pakistan one each in India and D.R. of the Congo and two in Tanzanian. Year to Date there have been 616.

Bigger, Better, and Bolder is our work ethic for this year.

Building Communities, Connecting Continents,
Rick Martin, Old Dog Editor