

## CLUB NEWS September 1, 2016

President **Mike Hummel** chaired today's meeting.

**John Murphy** offered the invocation

We sang "God Bless America" accompanied by **Pat Davis** at the piano.

### Guests:

Steve; a vacationing Rotarian from Harleysville, Pennsylvania.

Tabor: sister and guest of **Caleb Williams**.

Joe; brother and guest of **Caleb Williams**.



## PROGRAM: WELLSBORO VARSITY FOOTBALL

**John Johnston** was in charge of finding a speaker for today's meeting. Matt Hildebrand, Wellsboro Area School District's Head Varsity Football Coach, came as his guest. Mr. Hildebrand is not just a fourth grade teacher or football coach, he's the football coach who is breaking records and taking our team places it hasn't ever gone before (or at least hasn't been in decades). With Mr. Hildebrand as coach, WASD's football team has become 2013 NTL Champions, 2015 District IV Class A Champions, there have been 4 All Star players, and 6 players to continue to play in college. Mr. Hildebrand doesn't take all the credit, he claims, "It happened because of a lot of other people." and named other staff members, the players, their parents, the community, and the school administration.



The tactics Mr. Hildebrand uses for coaching the football team are things that can be used both on and off the field, they're applicable in season and during the off season. He employs positive examples, high standards, skills usable in the game and in life, techniques for facing adversity, and strives to build a family instead of just a team. He would like to give the community a team to be proud of and give the players a foundation to take them through the rest of their lives. The off season training benefits the students who play sports year round and they get credit for using the weight room. The team engages in Thursday night dinners, football camp, a seasonal family picnic, and they go on outings such as snow tubing and the trampoline park in Williamsport. The team also participates in many community service projects like going for visits to The Green Home, escorting Green Home residents to the Town Band concerts, and manning a table at some of Wellsboro's First Friday events.

We watched a few videos and looked at several pictures during Mr. Hildebrand's speech. As the mother of a young man, myself, I was relieved to hear that some of the coaching process involves helping the players learn to "fall correctly" and other means to prevent concussions and other injuries during game play or practice. It was a very interesting peek at what goes on behind the scenes; they're not just playing a game, they're forming bonds and developing into productive adults. Way to go, Coach!



#### Club Announcements

- We have received a district grant for \$2,500.00 for score boards at the Little League Field.

#### Secretary's Report:

- The Ellicott City, MD, flood relief project resulted in \$1,250.00 and we've received a "Thank You" from the American Red Cross for our efforts

SAA - Fines and Happy Bucks: Today **Tim McBride** collected around \$27.00 in fines and Happy Bucks today; including a few members who have birthdays this month!

**50/50** this month benefits Seeds of Hope. The 50/50 winner today was **Richard Black**, who asked that his \$19.00 be contributed back to the charity. The Wheel Spin went to **Tim McBride** - he must tell the group about an article he liked in the Rotary magazine.

#### Upcoming

**9/8/16 Tim McBride picks speaker**

**9/15/16 Chris Morral picks speaker**

**9/22/16 Jim Paxon picks speaker**

**9/29/16 Club Assembly- learn about the new website and we will have our group photo**