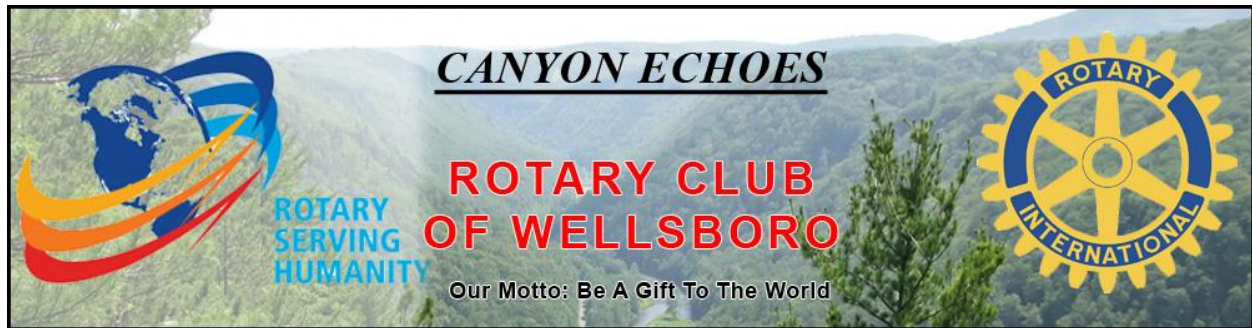


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CLUB NEWS FEBRUARY 16TH, 2017

Craig Devenport chaired today's meeting.

John Murphy offered the invocation.

We sang "God Bless America" accompanied by Pat Davis on piano.

Guests: None today.

FE Student Report; Yvesan said he skied at Sawmill this past weekend. He fell a lot but hopes to get better. He has a Philadelphia trip coming up and hopes to get rides.

Announcements

Craig Devenport noted that the Rotary District recently held a meeting in Towanda which he and Club President Mike Hummel attended. The meeting's focus was to discuss District clubs membership and club meeting format. One type of membership could be "Associate Member," where the new member paid no membership fee for the first quarter. Another type: "Corporate Membership," where a company / organization pays for membership and designates a representative of the company to attend. A leadership meeting is scheduled for February 25th to focus on Rotary Leadership. Its focus will be helping Rotary club members become better members.

Our newest member, Jim, proudly announced that with the Wellsboro Rotary Club's help, Mountain Valley Realty collected 313 winter coats and donated them to local citizens in need. Mountain Valley Realty plans a backpack donation drive for Spring.

Secretary's Report

Jim Tutak reported no incoming mail, thus, nothing to report this week.

Annual Laurel Festival Booster Dinner

Jim Paxson said the booster dinner will be May 3rd this year. Raffle items are almost ready to go to printing. This year a new prize will be "Dinner and a Movie." The grocery shopping prizes will also be included again. And the announcement of this year's Paul Harris Awards will be announced as in former years.

SAA - Fines and Happy Bucks: SAA Tim McBride collected fines for the following charges: Dick Ford for "skipping out" of "club duties" with the flimsy excuse of being in the hospital. Hal Cleek for there being snow in Alaska. Richard Black for being Richard. Jim Paxson for having his photo in the paper.

Tim collected these Happy Bucks: Terry Babb was happy announce the one-person play coming to town: Hamilton Gibson is sponsoring The Actual Dance, a play written and acted by Sam Simon about his experience of his wife being diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. It's a play about the experience of cancer with a happy ending. Maria Spencer said she was happy to have escorted Yvesan to Williamsport. Jim Meade said he was happy to be here today. Carol Druck was happy to have "bumped into" a bunch of guys making a lot of noise recently... they were led by Tim McBride, she claimed. Richard Black was happy to announce the upcoming WHS musical High School Musical II.

Club Sing-a-long

With Pat Davis's accompaniment we sang #44, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

50/50: This month the 50/50 goes to Wellspring.

The winner of the drawing today was Teri Carson. She gave her winnings to Yvesan. Craig Devenport spun the Wheel and will report on an article for Rotarian Magazine next week.



Craig Devenport Julie VanNess Teri Carson

PROGRAM: CHAMBER SPONSORS WELLSBORO WINTER CELEBRATION

Teri Carson told the club her originally planned speaker Sara Gordon with the Foster Children's Program; however, Sara became ill and could not come today.

Teri introduced today's speaker Julie VanNess, Executive Director of the Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce.



Julie told the club members all about the Wellsboro Winter Celebration coming up this weekend from February 16th to 19th. The Endless Mountain Music Festival Jazz Fest kicks the weekend off with a concert on Thursday at the Coolidge Theater in the Deane Center. Other events include the one-person play

The Actual Dance in the Warehouse Theater Friday, Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon. There will be a dog sled race on Saturday (or if the weather is too warm, a dog sled display). Chili Taste-offs will take place at many main street & off-main street businesses. Other activities will include Chainsaw Carving, Ice Carving, Cookie Decorating, Bubble-mania, and the Great Snowball Hunt: grand prize to the lucky "hunter" is \$101. Sunday there will be a Mt. Tom Challenge with folks charging up and down Mt. Tom just for the thrill of it!



The four-day event provides a variety of fun event for all family members. Come out and enjoy.