

Rotary Club of Wellsboro  
March 2, 2017

Invocation: Matt Baker

God Bless America was sang by club members and accompanied on the piano by Pat Davis

Exchange Student Report: Yvesan enjoyed watching the Oscars. His favorite movie La La Land won 6 awards. He reported that his birthday is March 9<sup>th</sup>. He entered the Rotary Poster Contest. He is participating in a Foreign Exchange Student trip to Washington DC on March 15<sup>th</sup> and needs some help with transportation. He has enjoyed watching Wellsboro Boys Basketball play, but they are now finished for the season. He has the school Musical coming up at the end of the month and a First Position Dance Studio recital in the spring. Yvesan picked Maria Spencer as his Rotarian of the Week.

Richard announced that he brought the Rotary Essay and Poster Contest entries. He asked that members take the time to look them over and vote after the meeting. Our club will recognize the top 3 winners, and the top choice will go on to the district competition.



Members vote on Posters Photo by Caleb Williams

Hal Cleek introduced the program presenter Kevin Connelly, who is the executive director at the Deane Center.



Kevin Connelly (right) Photo by Caleb Williams

Kevin said they are in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation. He highlighted the following:

- Revenue reached \$400,000 last year.
- They receive funds from: donations, rentals/tenants, local foundations, and ticket sales
- The Deane Center tries to work with other local programs to avoid competition
- They are big part of the community and work with nonprofits to make facilities available regardless of inability to pay.
- The economic impact is helpful local businesses. Events bring business to restaurants, hotels, and retailers. The Deane Center pairs with the local restaurants to provide combination dinner/show events. They plan events featuring local performers to provide them with a venue to showcase their talents. Kevin pointed out how they keep ticket prices low to attract larger crowds and make it more affordable for everyone.
- Currently the Deane Center has 5 employees.
- Fifth Season has consolidated their home wares and clothing stores into one location, so retail space will be available soon.
- Their goal is to break even this year.
- Warehouse Theater needs a new roof, so grants have been sought for those funds.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Charm City Junction with Ken Kolodner March 11 7:30 pm
- Danny Shipe and Friends April 14th
- RAVE ON! April 22<sup>nd</sup> features the music of Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and more. A dinner combo with Timeless Destination is available.
- History Comes Alive on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Unsung Heroes, James & Dolly Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and Ulysses S. Grant are all featured.
- Moondance, a Van Morrison Tribute Band on May 6<sup>th</sup>. A dinner combo with the Steak House is available.

#### Sec Report:

- Jim is passing around a card for Terry Babb who is having some health issues.
- Thanks to Kevin Connelly for his permission to use Deane Center space for the club Rifle Raffle.
- Jim is working on setting up a candidate forum for the Tioga County Sheriff campaign. TBA, but likely at the end of April. He is looking for club members to assist him.
- Laurel Festival Booster dinner is coming up. Jim Paxson thanked Teri Carson/Wilkinson Dunn for sponsoring the raffle tickets and Trucklite for donating to offset costs as well. Please submit suggestions for Paul Harris recipients to Pat Davis, Bob DeCamp, or Jim Paxson. The suggestions can be for a club member and/or a community member.
- The guns for the rifle raffle will be changed to peak more interest.
- Possible Relay for Life team was proposed.
- Possible Amateur Chef Night was proposed.
- Jim asked that unless you are on call for your job that cell phones are turned off during the club meetings.
- New member nominees will soon be inducted.

50/50: Winner: Kevin Connelly donated the money back to the club.

Wheel: Dick Ford was asked to attend the club next week to learn more about the club.

#### SAA:

##### Happy Bucks

- Matt Baker-Dollar for Dick Ford's kiss from Nicole
- Dick Ford for being the only one who received a kiss from Nicole
- Maria for Sydney's Distinguished Honor Roll accomplishment
- Teri for Spring
- Mike H. for trip to Milan and upcoming trip to California
- Jim T
- Richard
- Craig West is going to see grandchildren. He also announced the Wellsboro Men's Chorus Chicken BBQ coming up on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Firemen's Annex.

Richard announced that they are still working out the plans to house Yvesan from March 28<sup>th</sup> until April 9th

#### Upcoming Speakers:

3/9 Relay for Life Representative

3/16 Maria Spencer-Jason White NDPL/Standing Rock experience