



Rotary Club of Wellsboro
March 9, 2017



Jim Paxson introduced the program presenter Deb Meachem, who is the chairperson for the Tioga County Relay for Life. She has been a member of the committee for 15 years.

She highlighted the following details about the relay and invited Rotary to consider forming a team:

- Relay is an extension of the American Cancer Society that helps raise funds.
- The event is July 8th on the Green. The theme is "Colors of the Cancer Ribbons."
- This is the 3rd year on the Green.
- Relay is a 12 hour event and it runs 10am to 10pm
- There are 30 teams registered for 2017. There is no min. or max. number of team members.
- The fundraising goal for this year is \$93,000+.
- Some funds remain local and others are used for programs like Hope Lodge, Road to Recovery, testing services and more.
- You can register a team online at <https://www.relayforlife.org.au/get-involved/register/>
- Other ways to participate are:

- Attend/purchase luminaries at both the mini luminary lighting and the larger luminary lighting at the relay.
- Attend the Event on July 8th to purchase food and support teams.
- Support relay fundraisers...golf tourneys, bus trips, yard sales, BBQs, etc. all yearlong.

Club members asked questions:

- Pros and cons on the location and whether it was better at the high school or on the Green. Deb said she prefers the Green, which has better visibility, but more approvals are required to be down town. Two streets must be closed and port-a-johns brought in.
- Each team raises anywhere from \$500-\$15,000 each.
- What percentage of funds raised go to administrative costs? Deb wasn't sure, but Tim Mc Bride thought less than 7%.



CLUB NEWS, March 9, 2017

Jim Paxson guided the meeting in Mike's absence.

Invocation: Mike Birbeck

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

Guests: Teri Carson invited her son Blair. Jim Meade invited Gale Largey.



Exchange Student Report: The club sang Happy Birthday to Yvesan. He is participating in a Foreign Exchange Student trip to Washington DC on March 15th and not be at next weeks meeting. Yvesan brought his musical instrument called and ersu. An ersu is similar to a Chinese violin. It is a two string musical instrument played with a bow. He played several songs, and provided an impromptu lesson for Jim Meade. Jim played a couple screechy notes for the club. Yvesan has been playing the Ersu for 6 years. 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 Caleb Williams as his Rotarian of the Week.

Secretary's Report:

- Housing for Yvesan has been set up from March 28th until April 9th. Jim Paxson, Tim McBride and Dave Tews will all provide coverage. Jim Tutak and Jim Paxson will provide transportation for Yvesan for his trip to DC.
- Jim is working on setting up a candidate forum for the Tioga County Sheriff campaign. TBA, but likely at the end of April. Both candidates for Sheriff have agreed to participate. We are in need of a moderator for the event.
- Jim P. has raffle and dinner tickets for Laurel Festival Booster dinner is coming up. Please pick them up after the meeting.

Sargent At Arms:

Tim McBride fined Richard because there was an Eagle Scout in the paper that resembled him.

Happy Bucks

- Tim McBride for Blair attending
- Dick Ford for being the only one who received a kiss from Nicole
- Jim Meade for his guest Gale Largey and how Jim Tutak embellished his email to mention 6 kids who weren't Gale's. Gale has 3 not 6!

- Caleb announced the next Countryside film on Wed. March 15th at the Victoria Theater in Blossburg. Farmer Greg Judy is the topic of the film.
- John Swanson announced that although it did not make the paper, the Future Business Leaders of America Club from RLB Middle School competed and won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. John's granddaughter Sarah placed in the competition.
- Ardell said that his wife is recovery well from her knee surgery. He also mentioned a story that he and Gale Largey are quite often mistaken for each other.
- Terry Babb made a connection to the speaker's message... Terry recently stayed at Hope Lodge while receiving treatment for his bladder cancer. He praised the facilities at Strong Memorial in Rochester. He said they provide nice accommodations with a large kitchen for guests as well as a library, lounge area, fitness center and no charge for using any of the facilities.
- Jim Tutak commented on Jim Meade's attempt to play the ersu. He also apologized for the bio mix up with Gale Largey's kids. It is also the 45th anniversary since meeting his wife.
- Hal started to speak but his time was cut short when Jim Paxson rang the bell.
- Richard shared another story of mixed up identities of Bill and Lowell Coolidge.

Songs:

Caleb led the club in sing as Pat accompanied on the piano.
When Irish Eyes are Smiling
My Wild Irish Rose

50/50:

Winner: Yvesan
Wheel: Caleb Williams was asked to pay \$2 for being a good Rotarian

Announcements:

Teri Carson announced the roadside cleanup on Wed April 12th at 5:15 at Nessmuk Lake.

Richard invited Rotarians to celebrate Yvesan's 17th birthday at 8pm (3/9) at the Dumpling House.

Richard also asked that members take a minute to vote on the top 4 finalists in the poster contest before leaving the meeting.

Upcoming Speakers:

3/16 Maria Spencer-Jason White NDPL/Standing Rock experience
3/23 Matt DeCamp
3/30 Club Assembly