



Rotary Club of Wellsboro
March 30, 2017

Matt DeCamp introduced his Guest, Jim Stephens, who works as a commercial airline pilot and who relocated his family to Wellsboro a few years ago. Jen, his wife, was with him today. They love living in Wellsboro, with its small town feel and strong cultural life.

As a commercial airline pilot, he worked for American Airlines, and now works for United Airlines, and commutes 250 miles to Newark for three to five days at a time. He is most proud of his employer, which has a reward program for employee-initiated cost savings. 20% of those dollars saved from this program goes to free tickets for wounded vets who need to travel. Most of the vets transported have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which often shows up 10 years after the triggering event. The free travel vouchers include family members. In the last four years to this point, about seven thousand wounded veterans have flown thanks to this program. He said it is an outstanding example of how a public-private partnership can work.



In response to questions, Jim said he flies Boeing 737 aircraft on domestic flights, but will probably move up to the A330 airbus for European flights in the near future. As aircraft get more and more automatic, he can set the auto pilot as early as 18,000 feet after take-off, and for longer and longer stretches of the flight. But he still does all the take offs and landings.

CLUB NEWS, March 16, 2017

President Mike Hummel led the meeting today.
Ardell Thomas gave the invocation.

Shelby Osgood, our next foreign exchange student, announced that the High School Spring Musical will open this weekend, and will perform for 2 weeks.

Exchange Student Report: Yvesan said that the District meeting was fun, and that he was going to dance in the Spring Musical, High School Musical II.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:

We welcomed Christina Vandergrift to the Club today!



Secretary's Report:

Candidates Forum will be held in the third week of April, and both candidates are willing to come. The search is on to find a neutral party to be moderator of the event.

Rifle Raffle: 2 Henry Big Boy Rifles will be raffled off, in addition to Gift Cards.

Trailer Project: We are in the painting stage, and hope to have it ready to use for Memorial Day.

BOOSTER DINNER:

Jim Paxson reminded everyone that the Laurel Festival Booster Dinner would be held on May 3d at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro. We agreed that we should begin to refer to it as the "Rotary Sponsored" Booster Dinner, since we are the largest contributor to the Laurel Festival Queen Scholarship Fund. Jim encouraged everyone to sell tickets, and to submit names for the Paul Harris Community Service Awards, of which there will be two. A new fund raiser this year will be to auction off the services of a Rotarian. Donations were solicited with a sign-up sheet going around.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM:

For the first time, Wellsboro Rotary will host a Relay for Life team. The event will be held on July 8 on the Green in Wellsboro. Jim Tutak, Jim Paxson, and Tim McBride volunteered to lead the committee.

ROAD CLEAN-UP:

Terry Carson reported the day in April 12 at 5:15. Expect to spend an hour. Everyone Come Out!

Sargent At Arms:

Dick Ford was caught off guard, and collected a few Happy Bucks.

- Ardell was happy that they had such a large turnout for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic organizational meeting

Songs:

Craig led the club in sing as Pat accompanied on the piano.

- Smile, Sing a Song
- Sing Rotarians

50/50: to benefit Tioga County Homeless Shelter

- John murphy won the Raffle and donated it back.

Winner: Tim McBride, who donated it back.

Wheel: Jim Tutak 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.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We honored 2 Students of the Month at the meeting, today:



Janessa Davis, Grade 12, Athletics
Kaycee Hulslander, Grade 9, Fine Arts
Rebecca Janelli, Grade 11, Academics