



Rotary Club of Martinsburg

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March 17, 2022

Club Business/Announcements from President Steve Truax:

Joshua and Jennifer Webb had a baby by, all are doing well!

Our pickle ball tournament fundraiser went extremely well. We'll be talking about what to do with the funds we raised at our next Board meeting April 5th. My thanks to everyone who helped and especially to Rob Lowe.

The Pancakes for Polio Breakfast is May 30th at War Memorial Park.

The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18th at The Woods.

April is Rotary Foundation Month. Chris Johnson will be speaking with us about that.

RYLA will be June 15th through 17th at Shepherd's Spring just a 30-minute drive from here. Applications are available.

April 21st, I want to have a Club Assembly, with all the committee chairs and project people making a brief report.

April 23rd, we will have another of our annual health screenings. See Dana, she needs a dozen volunteers.

Last week Pete talked about two avenues of Ukrainian relief – Rotary International or ShelterBox.

Our Installation Dinner will be July 7th, NOT be June 23rd. Pam and Michelle are heading that up, stay tuned for updates.

Guests: Tammy Hawkins was a guest of Darrell Schull.

Mark Ingle was a guest of Eric Stenger.

Student Guests:

Martinsburg Seniors,

Shelby Henson & Colin O'Kelley



Program: Matt Umstead, Director of Strategic Planning & Communication for Berkeley County

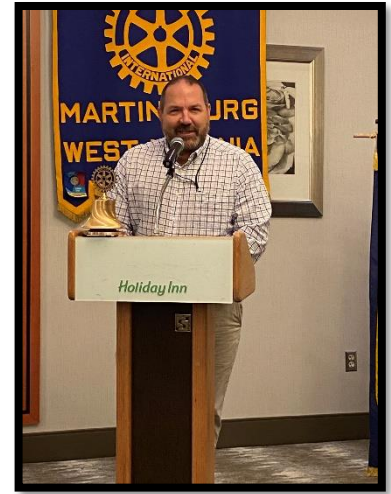


Matt Umstead presented information on the Berkeley County 250th Celebration this year, including upcoming events and some fun facts.

- Martinsburg was named after Thomas Brian Martin.
- In 1977 Davy Crockett dropped out of school, got in a huge fight with his father and then ran away from home. He ended up in Berkeley County. He worked on a farm in Gerrardstown for many years.
- May 15th is the actual birthday of the county.

The upcoming events and other information can be found on berkeleywv250.com. Some of the upcoming events include:

- 250 Trees For 250 Years, Kick-off ceremony is April 11th at the Adam Stephen House on John Street.
- Discover Berkeley History exhibit located at the Martinsburg Public Library. The exhibit will change every 2 months.
- Countywide Community Pride Cleanup is May 14-21.
- Explore Berkeley Challenge is April 11-May 14.
- Founders Day Weekend Celebration is May 13-15. There will be birthday cake at Poor House Farm Park on the 15th!!!
- Color Me Berkeley 5K Run is May 15th at Poor House Farm Park.
- Tuscarora Creek Duck Derby is on May 14th as part of Founders Day Weekend. The race begins at 2:50PM.
- Reflections on Berkeley Art Exhibit is May 18-June 25. Works of art selected for the “Berkeley County, WV: Future, Past, Past” exhibition will be displayed in the Berkeley Art Works Gallery of the Berkeley Arts Council in Martinsburg.
- Juneteenth-West Virginia Day Celebration is June 18-20. Juneteenth-Black History program @ Blue Ridge Community & Technical College followed by Tours of Sumner-Ramer School. Freedom Fest: Live music and other festivities in Downtown Martinsburg in collaboration with Main Street Martinsburg and the Martinsburg Roundhouse.
- Independence Celebration will be Sunday, July 3rd. Celebrate all day long with live music and a variety of family-focused activities capped off by a firework show at the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport! Gates open at 2:50 p.m., of course! Rain date: July 10, 2022.



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March Birthdays:

Member Birthdays	
Glover, Christine	1-Mar
Branner, Dustin	2-Mar
Hollida, Fred	2-Mar
Crabill, Leslie	4-Mar
Beckwith, Andrew	5-Mar
Roberts, Scott	8-Mar
Lorensen, Maria	9-Mar
Smith, Diane	9-Mar
Truax, Steven Robert	9-Mar
Blair, Robby	11-Mar
Jenkins, Vicki	13-Mar
Lanager, Kimberly	15-Mar
Miller, Vonda K.	21-Mar
Arnett, Tiffany	29-Mar

Member Anniversaries:

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Arndt, Doug	1-Mar	33
Arndt, Jeff	1-Mar	33
Collis, Craig	1-Mar	30
Hollida, Fred	1-Mar	35
Janes, Brad	17-Mar	6
Marriot, Norman	3-Mar	0
Slick, Scott	1-Mar	4

Wedding Anniversaries:

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Brookreson, Joe & Susan	25-Mar
Weidman, Ernie & Carolyn	31-Mar

Future Programs:

- Mar 24 - Gary Wine, Assistant County Administrator of Berkeley County
- Mar 31 - Doug Hartman, Director of Fleet Generation – First Energy
- **Apr 5 – Board Meeting**
- Apr 7 - Maria Lorensen, Hospice – Palliative care program
- Apr 14 - Wes Mackall, Valley College
- Apr 21 – Club Assembly
- Apr 28 – Donna Van Meter, James Rumsey

Community Announcements:

- The Home Show this year will be on March 26th and 27th at The Roundhouse.
- Mock interviews will be conducted at Hedgesville High School Friday, March 25th, at Martinsburg High School Tuesday, March 29th and Musselman High School Thursday, April 7th. They are looking for volunteers to do the interviews, and they will be conducted from around 7:45 AM until 11:30 AM at the latest.
- James Rumsey is having a Career Fair April 14th. They are looking for both businesses to sign up for a table and for job seekers to attend the fair.
- The 5th Annual Fulton Walker Jr. Scholarship Golf Classic will be held April 29th, see Robert Sowell for details.
- Anna Howard, president of the Berkeley Arts Council (BAC), asking if I could spread the word to our Rotary Club members about the calling for submissions to the BAC's upcoming exhibit in honor of the 250th anniversary of Berkeley County's founding. They are adding a literary, music, performance, and video component in addition to the usual visual arts section.
- The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle are sponsoring a “Stefani Pierson Champion for Youth Dinner” May 19th.
- The Chamber of Commerce Gold Tournament will be held June 29th at the Woods

