

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week started off with Perfect Attendance awards. Of course Kenny's in the front row with more years of perfect attendance than our club has been in existence. But I (Jeff) somehow have 4 Years under my belt. Hey, Bob, move out from behind Lessie!

Thanks to Alex for taking the group pic!

Our program last week was an introduction to our Committees and their Chairs.



Doug Caffall chairs our Foundation Board. Its focus includes brick & mortar projects as well some "fuzzy" projects/grants like yearbooks for Newberg's Catalyst High School program.



Casey Hostetler, our illustrious president, chairs our newly minted Public Image Committee which focuses heavily on social media and our club's web site

to share who we are and what we do.

Rachel Powell (right) is Community Service doing Christmas/Thanksgiving Families, Pancake Breakfast, Freshman Socials, and Roadside Cleanup (to name a few).

Michelle Bechtold (center) is our Youth Exchange coordinator promoting peace, culture, and expanding the life experience of inbound and outbound students.



Membership Committee is led by Mike Jones with a focus on creating and nurturing interest and retention of club members. Mike noted that our club has a 92% member participation in club events and projects.

Member activities include classification talks, inductions, calling absentee members to know everything's okay. The committee also coordinates Brunch Buddies and Fireside events to foster camaraderie.

Bill Rogers (right) and Amy Ouellette (center) represented our International



Committee. They try to fund travel for as many members to our sister club, La Plata, Colombia, as wish to go. Its funding comes almost completely from SummerFest proceeds.

We also partner with other clubs, and they with us, in our international projects.

The Program Committee was represented by former president, Mark Moisan (left).

Quite simply, the Program Committee schedules, books and confirms speakers.

International Committee recently bought a van to transport La Platan seniors with no family support. We're rebuilding a

community center for about \$150k. Try doing THAT in The States.

The Membership Committee is trying to plug holes in the New Member experience.

In Youth Exchange news, we have four each, inbound/outbound, this year with next year being 4 long term outbound and 3 short term with 3 long term inbounds. September will see interviews for 2023-24 candidates.

Community Service is kind of a "moving target." What does the community need now and how can we serve that need?

Last year we served 50 families with food and gifts in the NCC gym.

And Pancake Breakfast sold 2,300 breakfast tickets in 2022.

Public Image doesn't "do" events, it shows up for them and puts them out in the social space to maintain and make aware Rotary's presence and purpose in the community.

The Foundation doesn't do events. Its tool of choice is the checkbook. We provided funding for the dog shelter, Providence, Cultural Center's kitchen, to name a few.

On its board are Doug, Ted, Rob, Kenny and (not-perfect-attendance) Heath.

The committee meets monthly on a Wednesday morning.

Community Service usually picks the 2nd Wednesday when meetings are needed.

Youth Exchange will meet next on Feb 15 at 5:00, if anyone expresses interest.

Membership meets the 1st Monday at Mike and Kathleen's home.

With members from multiple clubs, International meets every other month via Zoom at 8:00 am on the 1st Wednesday and/or via email.

Program Committee meets occasionally after Thursday morning meetings.

What kind of person would be a right fit?

Programs: anyone with an interest in managing weekly speakers and activities.

International: outgoing, likes travel, passion to serve, bilingual is a plus.

Membership: someone that enjoys process and organization.

Community: someone tech savvy, or servant heart.

Public: someone that treats their phone like an appendage.

Foundation: Understand finance and be a Rotarian.