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THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNT VALLEY WEEKLY UPDATE

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Meeting at the Greene Turtle Hunt Valley first Wednesdays 12 noon. See www.huntvalleyrotary.com for monthly calendar!!

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FEBRUARY 3, 2021

COMING EVENTS:



February 11 – Happy Hour – 5:30

February 17 -- meeting -- noon TBA (need a speaker!)

March 3 – meeting – noon --Lt .Col. Paul Kanning, MD Air

National Guard



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***March 12 – student 4WT submissions due

March 17 – meeting – noon – Robin Stocksdale, Gilchrist

***March 26 – 4WT judging completed



April 24 – Adopt-A-Road Spring Spruce-up

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

President Keith opened the meeting with the bell and the pledge and introduced Mona Mohamed and then our speaker, Larry Schmidt.

Announcements: Repeating from last newsletter in case you missed them—Important!

>>Dues: Our website manager, Wild Apricot, is requiring that the club “upgrade” our PayPal account so that online payments will go through their portal. If that’s OK with you, you will need to give them your password. Lynne feels it would be much simpler—and at no cost to the club—if members pay their dues by check, easily done on your bank’s online bill-pay, payable to “Rotary Club of Hunt Valley.” Rather than address payments to the PO Box it would be more convenient for Lynne if checks were to be sent to her home address, c/o 1208 Dulaney Woods Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030. If you would prefer to do this, please go onto the website and discontinue your auto-renewal if you are currently set up that way. (Quarterly membership dues of \$100 are due on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Your dues status can be found on the website.)

>>4-Way Test: Mark your calendars now for Friday, March 12th. This is the due-date for all students participating in this year’s virtual Four-Way Test competition... and a call for judges! We need 12 judges for the HS oratorical judging. Please let Matt know that YOU will be one! As all judging will be done online, you can make it fit with your schedule wherever you are. For more information on this year’s program, see our updated website at <https://huntvalleyrotary.com/resources-for-schools>. Even better, while you are there be sure to watch Matt’s YouTube interview with Captain Rick Rubel on “Character Development and the Four-Way Test.” Matt is doing presentations for all clubs on 3 dates this week per 1/30 email from our DG.

>>Storage! We need space to store our stuff! Who has some???? Garage? Basement? Attic?

>>Speakers! Whom do you know??? Speakers can “zoom in” from anywhere. ☺

Larry’s Talk: Larry has been in private practice since 2004. His work primarily focuses on land use matters--zoning, development, historic preservation--and environmental issues and related litigation. Larry says one never knows where or when an opportunity can come along. He recounted having to give a eulogy at a moment’s notice for someone he barely knew. His meeting Jim Smith afterwards led to a surprising change in direction. In his practice, Larry is usually representing the interests of a business or a developer. One challenge was finding a classification for a tattoo parlor as no such listing was included in allowable businesses in that zone. Larry thought about trying for beauty salon, but that was a stretch. As the building also had an apartment and the artist’s designs were original, the tattoo parlor was dubbed an acceptable “residential art salon.” ☺ Larry successfully advocated for Hayfields in the effort to make it a country club and to create a housing development on property that had been an award winning farm beginning in the 1790s. Another challenge was securing a location for Bill Kidd’s Volvo salesroom opposed by NIMBYs and CAVE people. It took years, but the effort was successful, replacing a self-serve car wash that operated 24/7. Mays Chapel Elementary was also bitterly opposed by retirees in nearby condos though the Bd. of Education had owned the property for years, well before Mays Chapel was developed. Balto. Co. is seen as a model nationally for its protection of farmland north of Shawan Rd., Loveton Farms being unusual. Larry says it’s interesting what people will oppose. Solar fields are particularly odious as they consist of 8/9 acres of solar panels and the equivalent loss of farmland. Thanks, Larry!

THIS WEEK’S VISITORS:

Prospective member Mona Mohamed, friend of Nancy, joined members Keith, Bill, Steve, Nancy, Lynne, Matt, Donna, Dorrie, Gay, and Jane on Zoom for a great talk by Lawrence E. Schmidt, principal of SGS Law.



Larry Schmidt has been a member of the Bar for 42 years. He served as Balto. Co. Zoning Commissioner for 13 years and is a former member of the Board of Education for Balto. Co., serving as its President from 2011 through 2014. Larry was born in Towson and is Matt and Donna May’s neighbor.



OF SPECIAL NOTE! IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:



Happy Hours now on 2nd Thursdays.... By ZOOM for now –5:30
Board meetings 2nd Mondays of the month – next one Feb. 8 - by ZOOM - 5:30

Rotary’s main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self.

ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Ginger 2/25/03, Bill and Linda 2/11/09, Jesse (rejoined) 2/6/16, Nick 2/6/19

BIRTHDAYS:

Jesse 2/16, Nick 2/23

Do you have a suggestion for a speaker, off-site meeting, or service project? Contact Jane for referral to the correct committee chair.

The Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do:
Is It The Truth?

Is It Fair To All Concerned?
Will It Build Good Will and Better Friendships?
Will It Be Beneficial to All Concerned?