

ROTARY CLUB OF TOWSONTOWNE
EARLY EDITION
Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Greeter: George Brown
Pledge of Allegiance: Wayne Caskey
Invocation: Rob Brown
Early Edition Writer: Brenda Dandy

(Just as an aside, this writer did the EE exactly a year prior to today, and the very same people were listed for the same jobs listed above....coincidence!)

The meeting was called to order dutifully by lovely Ellie at 7:10 a.m.

Induction: Our well-known Rob Brown installed Joto be our next prez... very special....wonderful quote from Rob to Jo “Leading volunteers is like pushing a wet rope up a hill in a straight line (not an easy task) . When this happens, as the leader, listen to the members .” He mentioned the theme of the year for Rotary as “family – continuity – change.”

He said a few more words and then crowned her with a lovely tiara....wow! Ellie presented her with the bell and gavel....changing of the guard.

Jo thanked everyone, especially Rob Brown. She named all the new Board members and created a new position - Vice President – Linda Tice. She will be representing us as liaison at meetings for other events. Congratulations to Linda. Jane will continue as Treasurer, but would like to have the opportunity to not have to sit at the sign-in desk every time. Ergo, members will be taking turns at sign-in. Jo’s theme will be “think outside the box” and then proceeded to bring out a box for us to add our thoughts and suggestions.

She mentioned a hair product Big Sexy Hair, which has it’s motto “caring is sexy,” which she compared to us.

Good luck with your year!

Hugs – oh yeah!

*Guests: Jeanne Noll – guest of Ed Podowski
Nancy Hafford (Towson Chamber of Commerce), Helen Rigler, Sue and Bob Gaston, Jessica Glendenon and Rev. Nancy Webb (family and friends of Queen Jo)*

Health and Well Being: New procedure – the President (Queen) will be in charge of health and well being. Contact Jo with your information. Mention was made that Lynne Garber was on her way to California to be with her father, who is ill.

Rotary Tidbit: Tanya (I think) mentioned something that I didn't get. I'm sorry.

Sergeant at Arms: Our new Sergeant at Arms, Dick Tillman sporting helmet collected many happy \$'s...mention was made of the resemblance between the new and past sergeant at arms, especially donning helmet...wonder why!!... a good many \$'s were given to thank Ellie for the past year as Prez and a welcome to Jo for her new year as Prez. Some happy \$'s – Carl gave thanks for being named “Rotarian of the Year” – Bob Koenig so happy that David is now the new photographer for the club – Le for the new Queen and the Queen Mother – Wayne just back from Switzerland – Ellie received a commission - Kathy so happy her family came for a visit and happy when they left – Dwight happy to meet his son's mother and father in D.C. – Bev asking for speakers for coming year...something about the Phillies....and one month exactly til retirement from Air Force - Tanya happy not to be Vanna White any longer, happy to pass that job to Ed (as Vanna White!?) – Jack didn't have many \$'s, just got the bill for his hip replacement – Ameous for our great country of 235 years – Mamood spoke about the eye bank and the children, how very important it is that we pursue the work of the eye bank to help these children.

Ameous mentioned and I quote “When Jo tells us to go to hell, we had better start packing.” Whew!!

Announcements: Dwight mentioned the pot luck dinner to be held for the Ukrainian Judges at George and Emily Brown's Saturday, July 9. Contact them if you're able to attend.. Linda mentioned the picnic being held Sunday, September 2 , 2 p.m. at the home of Neil and Nancy Young. Sign-up sheets were passed around for those to attend and dishes they wish to bring. (Suggestion: by Diane Eaton – bring wine or other beverage - put on sign-up sheet).

Votes were taken to elect Suzanne Pearce, Diane Eaton, Chris Siciliano and moi to be on the Towsontowne Foundation Board....Chris 3 years, Diane 2 years, and Suzanne and I, one year.

Jo ended the meeting asking Rev. Nancy Webb for words of inspiration.

*50/50: Le Mebust was the winner and took home a wonderful bottle of wine.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30*