



Club Members Support Fountain Project Design Committee Moves On to Next Stage

January 17 – Following a presentation and discussion of the proposed “Four-Way Test Fountain” project, members present for this special Club Assembly supported proceeding to the next stage of the Fountain project: (1) redesigning the fountain to conform to city engineers specifications; (2) obtaining a legally binding maintenance contract with the city; and, (3) developing a fund-raising plan to present to the club to ensure financial support of the project before proceeding.

Members heard a summary of all the work and the recommendations of the Design Committee in a brief presentation by President Bob Stevens. He noted that the circular fountain would be located at the southeast side of Center Square, in an area in front of the entranceway to the Lehigh County Government Center (pictured here).

The center of the fountain would have a blue and gold Rotary logo. For safety reasons, the City recommended adjustments that will limit the depth of the water. Around the circumference of the fountain, the Four-Way test would be engraved on a stainless steel collar. Four benches also would be placed around the fountain.

Both the concept and the architectural renderings have been approved by our mayor, fellow Allentown Rotarian, Ed Pawlowski, and by City Hall’s director of planning, Mike Hefele. They also have agreed that the city of Allentown will provide all of the ongoing maintenance and utilities



costs. The Committee estimated the project cost at \$75,000, including contingencies.

The Committee suggested that the fountain be funded through the sale of engraved bricks in three sizes, pavers that would be laid around the fountain, priced at \$200, \$800 and \$5,000. These would be sold to members of our club, business and corporate sponsors, and other Rotary clubs.

Following the summary presentation and clarifications by Warren Armstrong, chairman, and Dave Hornung, members discussed the project around their tables, and then reconvened in plenary for a discussion and vote by ballot.

With 34 members present, 19 voted to “support the ‘Four-Way Test’ Fountain as a project for our club,” with 11 indicating they did not support the project. Of those voting to support the project, 16 stated on the multi-part ballot that they would financially support the project, with four estimating their total contribution at \$650. Selecting other optional check-boxes, one member promised his compa-

ny would contribute; four agreed to assist in raising funds from members; and three volunteered to solicit funds from community sources.

Thank you to Warren Armstrong and Design Committee members Wendy Body, Dave Hornung, Rusty Sullivan and Ben Walbert for their good work in bringing this project to us, and for their commitment to complete the next steps in the process. Our Board of Directors requested that when the agreement with the city is executed, the design finalized with three bids secured, and a fund-raising campaign plan is drafted, that we hold another Club Assembly meeting.

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From the President



BOB STEVENS

Location, Location, Location

This centennial year brings opportunities to think about so many important issues facing our club.

The Four-Way Test Fountain proposal is spurring conversations about how we best can advertise our Rotary presence in the community. The Scholarship Committee and other interested

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members are engaged in conversations about how best to spend our scholarship funds, and whether there should be a more local connection, more directly benefitting the students.

The Community Service Committee and Foundation Board conversations have considered bringing focus to our service within the Allentown School District.

In all these conversations, formally and informally, we really are discussing the meaning of Rotary, and the mission of our Allentown club. How appropriate for us to do this in our centennial year!

Now we have yet another opportuni-

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Roger MacLean's Second Career

Dec. 13 – Roger MacLean, after serving the City of Allentown in the police department for 39 years, most recently as chief, provided a fascinating look at his career. Upon retirement, he was asked to join the Lehigh County Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center. In his new position, he is assisting two crime analysts, providing his experience and insights to help in their work, and he is also acting as liaison to crime investigators in the field.

Roger began as a patrolman on the streets and went through the ranks to become chief, serving in that position for the last eight years. As chief, he supervised a staff of 276 and oversaw an operating budget that tops \$30 million. By way of comparison, there were just 164 in the department down from a previous staff

of 219. Budget cuts clearly affected Allentown's crime situation. In 2005, crime was on the rise including 21 homicides in the city.

He was able to hire officers, putting them on the street. Roger also sent new hires to four months of field training programs. In hiring, he looked for youth and enthusiasm, which he knew was needed to make up for lost experience. He then defined the city into four sectors as a more effective way to meet the needs of the city. On retirement, crime statistics showed a 26.6 percent decline from 2007, and 111 security cameras have been put in place throughout Allentown. He is very pleased with, what he calls, a "fantastic police department."

On a personal note, he is the father of six children. He provided



ROGER MACLEAN

some fatherly stories about where they are today and what they are doing.

Roger's talk really reminded us of the Rotary slogan, "Service above Self."

~ Jim Harper

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ty, occasioned by the Holiday Inn's proposal to change our contract terms.

The food choices remain the same: salad or soup; rolls with butter; two entrees each Friday (either chicken or beef or pork; and a vegetarian entree); chef's choice of one starch and one seasonal vegetable; chef's choice of dessert. But the price increases to \$15 (not including parking).

We've taken surveys about the food and the location of our weekly meeting, and the results have been mixed about both. Now our Board of Directors recommends that we discuss and vote on the location.

On Feb. 7, after a brief program at America on Wheels, options will be discussed, including the possibility of

continuing to meet at AOW. (Note we will meet at AOW on February 7, 14 and 21 due to other events at the Holiday Inn.)

Please plan to attend this important meeting!

Save the date!
Centennial Gala
June 27, 2014
Lehigh Country Club



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS CINDY LAMBERT AND JOHN KRISTEL!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7th - Warm Weather
Getaways
- Sally McCorrison

Feb. 14th - Helping Families
Resolve Homelessness at
the 6th Street Shelter
- Jessica Dreistadt

Feb. 21st - International
Service Partnership with
Mexican Rotary Club
- Alicia Ruiz Orbin

Feb. 28th - Classification Talk
- Rabbi Seth Phillips

March 7th - Classification Talk
- Judy Belaires

Monte Carlo Night

Join in the fun at our annual Monte Carlo Night on Monday, February 24, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Home. This event will be held in the Raker Center located at 850 South Fifth Street, Allentown.

Volunteers are wanted and prizes are needed. Items we are looking to use as prizes are full-size personal care items such as shampoo and conditioner, hand lotion and sun block, "AA" batteries, DVD's, and stamps.

Contact Pat Meehan at 610-351-8771 or patrick.meehan@macktrucks.com and let him know how you would like to help or sign up at the meetings on Friday. Do not miss out on this great opportunity to give service to our community!



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Location for
February 7, 14, 21
America on Wheels
5 N. Front Street
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