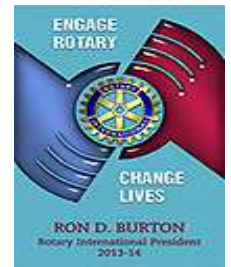




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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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October is Vocational Service Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING Reported by George Maier

Call to Order: by President John Sovich

Sergeant-at-Arms: Fred Lariccia

Prayer: By Jim Macy

Guests/Visitors: Ted Calvert and Paul Newman from Burton-Middlefield Rotary

RotaBuck Drawing: Ticket number 663624 was drawn, and was won by Dan Welker, giving him a prize of twenty dollars. Dan drew the 9 of clubs for the Rotabuck. The word of the day was "spirits".

Announcements:

President John announced that the Oktoberfest party on October 11th was a great success and all those attending had a great time. Many thanks to the volunteers, especially Michelle Johnson, Amy Kapostasy, Fred Lariccia, Joe Tavcar Catering, and the Joey Tomsick band.

Next weeks meeting (October 24th) will be held off-site at the Lake County History Center on Riverside Drive (Rt 84) in Painesville Township.

President John congratulated Mike Brodnan on his recent marriage.

Dictionary Project: Chairman Ted Hieronymus said a sign up sheet for volunteers was being circulated and that the dictionaries will be in by the end of next week.

Drama Awards: Chairman Bill Robertson said we need more Rotarians to participate in this project. It involves attending at least three high school plays to review *performances*. There is an awards ceremony for outstanding achievements.

Every Rotarian Every Year: Mentor Rotary donated an average of \$162 per member in Rotary year 2012-2013, with all of our members participating. We need to continue this during the current year. Our efforts this year resulted in the club being given an extra Paul Harris Fellowship, which was awarded to Past President Bob Zyromski for the many things he has done for the club over the years.



President John presents a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellowship to Bob Zyromski., as District Governor Bob and Immediate Past President Tom look on. Photo by Dan Welker.

members were to predict whether the coin flip would result in two heads, two tails, or one head and one tail. Those that did not predict correctly were then eliminated. After three flips of the coins, the last person standing was Jack Butler who won the jar of maple syrup.



District 6630 Governor, Bob Johnson addresses the Rotary Club of Mentor. Photo by Dan Welker.

PROGRAM

President John introduced Rotary District Governor Bob Johnson to present the status of the Rotary District programs, goals, and achievements.

District Governor (DG) Bob gave a short summary of his Rotary experience with the Burton-Middlefield Rotary, including over 25 years as a member, being its past President, being Rotarian of the year, and participating in six international projects. He recently retired from The US Postal Service.

Governor Bob had a jar of Burton maple syrup to give away and did so by having a unique game of "Heads or Tails" using two coins. All

Governor Bob indicated that this visit to the Mentor club was his 45th club visit since his term began on July 1st this year. Every club is unique and his goal is to visit every club at least once.

Governor Bob discussed his goal for membership. He stated that the District is trending upward in total membership and he is encouraging all Rotary clubs to put special emphasis on increasing membership and developing outreach programs.

Governor Bob also indicated

changes in the grant process for Rotary International (RI) funded programs. These include identifying projects earlier and requiring that local Rotary clubs give more money per member per project to be qualified for RI funding. It will change from \$10 per member to \$25 per member. Proposed projects must be sustainable with funding sources and partners identified to keep project equipment running. Money is to be held in trust for long term sustained maintenance.

Another goal for Governor Bob is to develop a guidebook with general guidelines on how to do a project.

Governor Bob also wants to develop a Rotary Alumni data base for local Rotaract and Interact members. It will have contact information to keep track of them and ultimately bring them on board as Rotarians.

With regard to membership, we need to try some different models, including corporate memberships, family memberships, using social media, connecting with younger clubs, etc.

Governor Bob gave an update on the Polio Plus project, whose goal is to rid the world of polio. This project has been funded since 1982 and there are now less than 200 active cases of polio in only three countries. October 24, 2013, is World Polio Day and there is a goal to have every Rotary club donate \$26.50 from every member to this project by 2018. This will raise \$35 million dollars which will be matched by Bill Gates on a 2 for 1 basis. Thirty-five million raised by Rotary will result in seventy million dollars donated by Gates. This will be the final effort to eradicate polio in the world.

District Governor Bob summarized his strategic plan as follows:

1. Energize membership development
2. Refresh Rotary image
3. Increase collaboration and cooperation between clubs
4. Provide greater continuity for club president transitions.

Governor Bob also indicated that we need to get more people to the District conferences. We should consider keeping the costs at one price and perhaps subsidizing it. Next District Conference will be at Quail Hollow on April 4-6,

2014.

In conclusion, District Governor Bob reminded us that the theme for the coming year is, "Engage Rotary and Change Lives." The meeting was adjourned.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL

A REALLY BAD DAY

I was sitting there at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting, and my boss fired me.

"When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen, and I don't have any insurance.

"I left my wallet in the cab I took home.

"I found my wife with another man ... and then my dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all....

"I buy a drink, I drop a cyanide capsule in, and I sit here watching the poison dissolve, and then you show up ... and drink the whole damn thing!

"But that's enough about me. How are you doing?"

UPCOMING EVENTS.

October 24 - Off-Site- Lake County Historical Society

October 31 – Hope Chest and Project Amigo

November 4 -Woodworking at Broadmoor School

November 7 – Veteran's Day Lunch, Diana Ross Vet Mom

November 7 – *Amadeus* at Mentor High School, 7:00PM

November 8 – *Almost Maine* at Fairport High School, 7:00PM

November 9 – *Every Baby Sitter's Nightmare* at Harvey High School, 7:30PM

November 14 – Learning About Business, Lake Erie College

November 14 – *Our Town* at Lake Catholic High School, 7:30PM

November 15 – *Lend Me a Tenor* at Perry High School, 7:00PM

November 16 – *The Games Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays* at Riverside High School, 7:30PM

November 21 – Lake Health System, History – Michael K/Greg Sanders.

November 28 – Thanksgiving, No Meeting

November 30 – OSU/Michigan Football game.

December 5 – OFFSITE at new Fredon, 8990 Tyler Blvd

December 9 - Woodworking at Broadmoor School

December 12 – Christmas Entertainment

December 19 – Annual Kids Party Farmpark and Bowling.

December 26 – Holiday, No meeting

January 6 - Woodworking at Broadmoor School

February 3 - Woodworking at Broadmoor School

March 10 – Woodworking at Broadmoor School

April 7 - Woodworking at Broadmoor School

May 12 - Woodworking at Broadmoor School

BIRTHDAYS

October 16 – Vickie Wildeman

October 17 – Joe Gibson

October 23 – Bill Robertson

If I have missed anyone, please call 257-9827 or email d.grose@sbcglobe.com

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do...

Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to all concerned?

Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

OFFICERS

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2013\2014

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Cleveland East at Nighttown
Restaurant 12387 Cedar Road
Cleveland Hts. At Noon.
THURSDAY
Cleveland at Windows on the River
in the Flats, Bridge View Room,
Third Floor, Windows on the River,
Powerhouse. Nautica Entertainment
Complex, 2000 Sycamore at 12:00
FRIDAY
Chagrin Highlands (Beachwood
area): at Mitchell's Fish Market,
28601 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere (at
Eton Square).

WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center,
5783 Heisley Road,
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Thursday at 12 Noon

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www.mentor-rotary.org/

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

www.rotary.org

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Following are a few nearby Rotary
Club meeting sites and times for make-
ups;

MONDAY

Willoughby at Dino's in Willoughby at
12:00 PM

TUESDAY

Painesville at Hellreigel's Inn at
12:00 Noon.

WEDNESDAY

Burton-Middle field at Welshfield Inn
Banquet Hall, 14001 Main Market Rd.,
Burton, at 7:00PM