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November is Rotary Foundation Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING

Reported by Bob Zyromski

Sgts.-at-arms: Fred Lariccia, Bob Sustar

Prayer: Vickie Wildeman, with a plea for a divine watchful eye over us in our service, and for all troops here and abroad.

Guests/visitors: Shane Novak's guest Larry Luciano, Hopkins Elementary principal, and Jean Manary from that club to the east.

Rotabuck/WFD: Evidently in response to her earlier piety, Vickie Wildeman's tickee no. 877 emerged. But could render only a six of Clubs. Mz. Vickie was right there, however, with WFD "return."

Announcements: Tonya Davis, rep from the Be the Match national marrow donor program, was grateful for our recent addition of 32 potential life-savers. With our October round-up of prospects, the club celebrated 15 years in the program.

Davis noted that where the previous age range for enlistees was 18 to 60 years, next year it will be 18-44. Research has proven that folks within those ages provide a significantly higher success rate for marrow transfer.

The registry process has been simplified considerably. A mere cheek swab renders the necessary DNA from a would-be donor. Ten percent of registrants are contacted as potential donors. A simple blood test follows to further refine donor matches. Today, one in 549 on the national registry is

called to donate. Which, by the way, involves no more than a painless IV, during which stem cells are pulled from the blood, then blood returned to the body.



Tonya Davis reports on the Be the Match program to Mentor Rotarians. Photo by Dan Welker.

PROGRAM: CLUB ASSEMBLY – Prez Wayne and committee chairs

2011-12 Board

Mr. Brodnan presented our fearless leaders: T.R. Hach, Shane Novak, Amy Kapostasy, Jeff McMillen, Bill Robertson, Elfie Roman, Ron Traub, Tom Weiss and Dan Welker.

Website

Hizzoner exhorted the troops to keep personal member data current. Board minutes, newsletters and other items essential and trivial are available on www.mentor-rotary.org.

Board meetings

The third Wednesday of the month at Panera's near Kohl's at 7:30 AM.

Woodworking

Seems there's a run on new students who'd like to participate. Which means more Rotarian shepherds are needed to herd them through the creative process. Why not sign up?

Editor's Note: One does not have to know anything about wood working to participate. When he produces the components, chairman Bill Pickett ensures that our tasks require only a modicum of intelligence as a human being.



President Wayne opens the Meeting. Photo by Dan Welker.

The "well-rounded" Rotarian

Includes dollar donations as well as time and talent. Consider particularly the matching two-for-one campaigns that appear occasionally, supported by the Rotary Foundation and our club.

Meeting courtesy

At times a number of table conversations compete with speaker comments. The difficulty hearing and understanding the main address is understandably troublesome – and impolite. Please be courteous and hold interchanges until strategic times allow.

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MENTOR, OHIO

District involvement

The club has increased its regional involvement over the years, most notably with Rick Cooper as an Assistant District GUV, and now Lisa Nelson who's guiding and relating to five cluster clubs.

Prez Wayne highlighted "Party in the Park" on Sunday, November 13, a district family affair at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The fest runs 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. BBQ dinner starts at 4:30. Tickets are \$50 for any size family, \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-12. Activities include hiking, a treasure hunt, environmental-ed fun on a nearby farm, biking the canal trail and much more.

Strategic Plan

Tom Hough described the plan approved in July. The doc is worth a perusal, elaborating, as it does, on the club's current state, with strengths and weaknesses noted. Strengths include strong membership and attendance, with great diversity among us. However, international projects lack planning. We can leverage assistance from other clubs and engage the district for aid.

Further, key to future success is making the club and its activities far more visible both on local and international levels.



Tom Hough outlines our strategic plan. Photo by Dan Welker.

Mentoring

Vicki Curtis and Chet Karchefsky are spearheading efforts to involve Red Badges, especially with a project in the

initial stages of their membership. Further, vice-presidents now are more active in engaging current members in new and ongoing projects. Prez Wayne exhorted all to become more aggressive at presenting membership opps to friends, neighbors and professional acquaintances.

RI Foundation

Rick Cooper stressed the Friday 10/28 noon deadline for the current RI matching donation program. On-line gifts (minimum \$100) to Polio Plus will triple in value, matched by RI and our club – AND COUNT TOWARD PAUL HARRIS FELLOW STATUS (a gift of \$1,000) for all those members who are not yet Paul Harris Fellows. Gifts by current Paul Harris Fellows will double in points toward multiple Paul Harris awards. And if you miss this chance, a similar offer may be available in the coming months.



Rick Cooper reiterates the value of giving to the RI Foundation.. Photo by Dan Welker.

In any case, register online now with RI. It's easy, will make your next contribution a snap, plus there's lots of neat info on the RI site. Our club number is 3548. And Rick and Mike Scruggs are available for guidance.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership

Vicki Curtis pronounced membership officially at 84. And, of course, we're continually on the lookout for a few

more good men and women.

Drama Awards

Bill Robertson noted that play schedules were available for participants and prospects. Attending plays can be a social highlight. Spouses and families (even extended) are most welcome, whether formally judging or not. And a "tryout" is most welcome, if you want just come, see a play or musical, and experience the event without the adjudication duty.

Dictionary Project

Ted Hieronymus pronounced dictionaries officially "in." A sticker-sticking party is gathering. Contact Ted if you'd like to help out prepping the word-books for distribution. And, if you haven't signed up for a session with third-graders, do so. The visit to an *alien* environment plus the kids' enthusiasm at receiving such gifties is funsome, indeed.

OSU/Michigan Football

Tom Hough has the event in motion. The November 26 tussle in Ann Arbor is sure to provide countless thrills and reversals, especially in this curious season of dipsies and doodles. Sideboards and works are in process. With details forthcoming.

Wine and Beer Tasting

Vickie Wildeman noted that in only five years, our Wine and Beer Tasting event has become the club's largest fundraiser, lately garnering \$17,000. Our upcoming fiesta will be Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Honda of Mentor. Put it on your calendar now, and join 300 or so of your closest pals and friends-to-be.

Besides libations, there's luscious catered grub, auctions galore and more. Past events have aided the Humane Society, student manufacturing scholarships, MRDD and others. Council on Aging is our next beneficiary.

Woodworking

Fred Lariccia reminded us that the second Monday of the month is the chance to provide hands-on guidance for Broadmoor youngsters who find the construction projects with new pals a real treat. Many thanks to yeoman Bill Pickett who continues a long tradition

on the wood-cutting edge.

Farmpark Christmas Party

Lou Kreider's baby, the holiday bash treats physically or visually challenged kids from the Mentor and W-E school systems to a close-up Rotarian encounter with hammers and paint pots and glitter and such. Plus bunches of Jungle Terry's squiggly and wiggly beasties and the finale: presents from Santa himself.

Begun in 1985, the program has been hosted by the Farmpark for the past 14 years. In recent years, Rotarians have treated some of the older youngsters to a bowling party, as well.

New Generations

Mike Scruggs reminded us of the new effort to attract dynamic younger members to the Rotary fold. New Generations will bring all youth programs together in an effort to lure high school and college kids to join. So, be on the lookout for hot prospects locally.

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER

November

10 Thu noon: Veterans (bring a vet)
18 Fri 4:30 p.m.: happy hour @ Rounders

26 Sat time TBA: OSU/Michigan party

December

08 Thu noon: holiday music
15 Thu 10 a.m.: Farm Park Christmas party
22 Thu noon: holiday cheer @ Brunner's
29 Thu noon: holiday social @ LaMalfa

And one final reminder from Waite Talbot: Saturday, November 5 is the steelhead fishing adventure at Hogback Ridge. Troops assemble 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans at Rte. 2 and 306. For details, ring up The Waiter (not The Wader . . . or maybe so) at 440-667-2351.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL

* Shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.

* A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.

* A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.

* In emergency situations, you can survive in the wilderness by shooting small game with a slingshot made from the elastic waistband of your underwear.

* The guitar of the noisy teenager at the next campsite makes excellent kindling.

* It's entirely possible to spend your whole vacation on a winding mountain road behind a large motor home.

As a concierge at a posh resort, I was often asked about the ski facilities. One day, a couple who had just checked in after a long flight came by and asked me where the lift was.

"Go out the door," I told them, "past the pool, 200 yards down the block and you'll see it on your right."

Their tired faces suddenly looked even more exhausted, until the man behind them spoke up.

"They're from England," he said. "I think they're looking for the elevator."

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3: Rotary International Foundation

November 10 AmVets Post 352
...Honoring Veterans

November 17: Cleveland's Great Millionaire's Row

November 18: 4:30 p.m.: Happy Hour at Rounders

November 24: No Meeting ...Happy Thanksgiving

November 26: Saturday, time TBA: OSU/Michigan party

December 1: Open...pending

December 8: Holiday Music

December 15: Farm Park Christmas Party

December 22- Offsite- Holiday Cheer at Brunner's

December 29- Holiday Social @ LaMalfa

BIRTHDAYS

November 3 – Dan Snyder
November 11 – Tom Lemire
November 12 – Tony Spena

November 17 – Denis Nowacki
November 20 – Doug Anderson
November 21 – Chet Karchefsky
November 25 – Lee Quinones
November 29: - Cliff Shandle
November 29 – Carl Myers
If I have missed anyone, please call 974-2494 or email d.grose@sbcglobe.net

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?

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WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center,
5783 Heisley Road,
Mentor, Ohio
Thursday at 12 Noon

OUR MAILING ADDRESS Mentor

PO Box 1177
Mentor, OH 44061-1177

OUR WEB SITE

www.mentor-rotary.org/

MEETING MAKE-UPS

Following are a few nearby Rotary Club meeting sites and times for makeups;

MONDAY

Willoughby at Gavi's, 12:00 PM

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Burton-Middlefield at Punderson State Park Lodge, Newbury, 7:00PM
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 Bar Louie, 24337 Cedar Rd., Lyndhurst, OH at 12:00 Noon.
