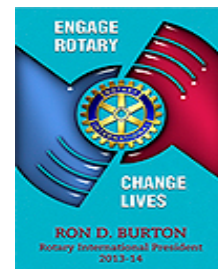




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December is Family Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING

Reported by Douglas Grose

Chair: Immediate Past President Wayne Brodnan

Prayer: Neil Sawicki

Sergeant at Arms: Fred Lariccia

Rotabuck: Rick Cooper

Announcements: Fred Lariccia announced that the next woodworking would be Monday, December 9, at Broadmoor School from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. Those who wish may also meet at Panera Bread on 306 for lunch around noon.

Tony Mancari asked that all gifts for the kids Christmas party be brought to the Aqua office on Station Street, or to the next meeting at LaMalfa. Also he is still looking for 3 volunteers to match with children at the Farm Park.

Rick Cooper reported on our sick list. Ted Hieronymus is coming along well, but the news on Dick Swain is not nearly as good. He remains in very serious condition at University Hospital. Rick also asked for a volunteer to deliver dictionaries to Lake Elementary School. Contact Rick if you can help.

Rich Wilson reported that AWT was hosting "The American Made Movie" at Atlas Cinemas, Great Lakes Mall on December 10 at 1:00PM. This is a movie extolling American manufacturing know-how, a subject both he and Roger Sustar support. All Rotarians are invited to attend.

Wayne gave us a brief report on the OSU/Michigan game party, and then introduced Roger Sustar and his daughter, Alyson Scott to tell us about Fredon, past, present and future.

Photos courtesy of Dan Welker

Program: Fredon's new plant is located on Tyler Boulevard, between Hopkins and Heisley Rd. When the sign announcing "Fredon" is first seen, one can barely see the building, which is located some distance off the boulevard, reached by a wide and winding driveway. All in all, an impressive first impression for the visitor.

Roger advised us that he formed the company 44 years ago and now, after moving in to these new premises he was retiring as president and turning the reins over to Alyson. After warning his audience to turn off our cell phones he promptly sat down, leaving newly crowned Alyson to make the presentation.

Formed in 1969, Fredon is a precision machining and grinding company, with FAA certification. They specialize in complicated, difficult to machine, projects and fully 40% of their employees have been with them for more than 10 years.

More than three quarters of their business is generated by the aerospace, transportation and defense industries. This new state of the art facility, with 70,000 square feet of manufacturing space, is 47% larger than the one they left behind, and situated on 10 acres. Thus, they are primed for as much as 30,000 feet expansion.

As part of their commitment to their industry and the community, some years ago they worked with Lakeland College to begin a degree program in manufacturing, the Associates Degree in Advanced Manufacturing. More of this community involvement is found in their support for the Alliance for Working Together, or AWT, since its beginning. As part of their AWT involvement they have sponsored a RoboBots competition with local high schools since 2010. These



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good works will continue and no doubt be expanded in coming years. Following this formal presentation, guides were available for a tour of the facilities.



BRITISH HUMOUR

•I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there, I noticed four grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later and they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!

•My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop, and they were £70! Blow this, I thought. I can get one cheaper off the web.

•Statistically, six out of seven dwarfs are not Happy.

•My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning. Can you believe that—2:30 a.m.! Luckily for him, I was still up playing my bagpipes.

•My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

•Local police hunting the "knitting needle nutter," who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

•A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns, he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports

the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says, "Oh, I forgot to tell you. Today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

•Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

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

December 1 – Mike Brodnan

December 3 – Linda Clements

December 20 – Ron Doll

December 20 – Rich Wilson

December 29 – Mike Scruggs

If I have missed anyone, please email jason.lea@mentorpl.org

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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MEETING MAKE-UPS

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

MONDAY

Willoughby at La-Vera Party Center
32200 Chardon Rd Willoughby
at noon

TUESDAY

Painesville at Hellreigel's Inn at
noon

WEDNESDAY

Burton-Middle field at Welshfield
Inn Banquet Hall, 14001 Main Mar-
ket Rd., Burton, at 7 p.m.

Cleveland East at Nighttown Res-
taurant 12387 Cedar Road Cleve-
land 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).