

ROTA-BITS



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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September is New Generations Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING Reported by George Maier

Call to Order: by President John So-

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Sergeant-at-Arms: Jason Lea and Joe

Tomsick

Prayer: By Andy Meinhold with remembrance of the anniversary of the 9/11

tragedy.

Guests/Visitors: Eric Estadt, son of Gary Estadt; Judy Burr, Executive Director of Project Hope for the Homeless

RotaBuck Drawing: Ticket number 663114 was drawn which was won by Tony giving him a prize of twenty dollars. A second drawing for a wooden cat made at the Broadmoor woodworking session was won by Judge Joe Gibson. **Announcements:** President John announced that the signup for the Oktoberfest party on October 11th was very good.

Then he announced that the Board meeting will be held next Wednesday at Panera Bread.

He also said that the Board had approved a \$1,000 contribution for Project Hope. President John presented the check to Judy Burr, the Executive Director of Project Hope, who thanked the Mentor Rotary Club for supporting the financial goal of raising \$575,000 for building addition and improvements.

Ms. Burr said the facility on Freedom Road is being expanded with a 5,200 sq. ft. family wing for families with children. This will enable Project Hope to serve an additional 400 people per year, including 80 children.

Mrs. Burr also thanked the Mentor Rotary for helpin building the shelter last year.



Judy Burr and President John with our check. Photo by Dan Welker.

PROGRAM

T R Hach introduced Daryl Rakosy of theLeukemia and Lymphoma Society. As the campaign director of the local chapters Light The Night Walk, she has directed the raising of over \$800,000 for the Society

Ms. Rakosy presented a briefing on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society(LLS) . Its mission is to find cures and ensure access to treatment for all blood cancer patients. These include leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

Ms. Rakosy stated that LLS drives blood cancer *research* and over the last sixty years \$875 million has been spent on blood cancer research and studies. Due to the research funded by LLS, blood cancer survival rates have quadrupled since 1960 and half of all new cancer drugs tested have been approved in the United States.

Ms. Rakosy pointed out that the LLS has provided over \$44 million in co-pay assistance in 2012 and has provided free information and support services for patients and their families.

The Northern Ohio Chapter serves 31 counties in northern Ohio and has given over one million dol-

lars in co-pay assistance during the past year. Ms. Rakosy states that the Northern Ohio Chapter has a goal of raising \$750,000 from the Light The Night Walk, which will be on Sunday, October 13th, at Wade Oval in University Circle.



Daryl Rakosy addresses the Mentor Rotary Club. Photo by Dan Welker.

Light The Night Walk festivities kick off at 5 p.m. Activities include live music, food, t-shirts, balloons, kids' area, a garden of hope, a remembrance ceremony, and a survivor ceremony. A short leisurely walk begins around 7 p.m. in the surrounding area. Over 5,000 people are expected at the Cleveland event.

Ms. Rakosy urged members to support the LLS Light The Night Walk through fundraising teams to do the walk, or by supporting individual walkers with pledged donations. A \$100 donation make you a Champion for Cures and you get a T-shirt, food and refreshments, and march in the walk with a balloon.

For further information, contact the Light The Night Walk by phone at 877.LTN.WALK or visit lightthenight.org

on the internet. Support from friends, family, and co-workers for the walk brings hope and inspiration for these blood cancer patients.

The meeting was adjourned.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL An old adage updated by fourth graders:

A bird in the bush usually has a friend in there with him.

A bird in the hand is always safer than one overhead.

A bird in the hand is dead.

A bird in the hand makes it hard to blow your nose.

Eli, a poor country farmer won \$480,000 in the Lottery. As a treat he took his wife and their four children to see the Labor Day parade in New York.

They booked into the Sheraton International at the corner of Park Circle and Central Park North. Having never been further than their local town in Arkansas they were bowled over by glitz and excitement of the "Big Apple".

Eli and his son Clem were especially mesmerized by a shiny box with silver walls. They had never before met with doors that could move apart, and then automatically come back together again. Neither had seen an elevator before. Therefore, they were amazed when a little old lady entered the shiny box and the door closed. The lights outside on the wall flashed for a minute, then the doors opened and out came a beautiful young woman.

Eli turned to his son Clem and said, 'Son, go get your mother.'

UPCOMING EVENTS.

September 19 – Kip Marlow, Entrepreneurship.

September 26 – Frank Reimholz, Telecommunication.

October 3 – John Boros, Assure Vaule October 10, 2013- No Meeting- Meeting Changed to October 11, 2013-Oktoberfest (Details To Follow) October 17 – District Governor Bob

Johnson, State of the District and our

membership

October 24 - Off-Site- Lake County Historical Society

BIRTHDAYS

September 6—Cheryl Noviski
September 8 – Bob Ledenican
September 9 – Neil Sawicki
September 11 – Mark Ruth
September 17 – Vince Granito
September 18 – Doug Grose
September 29 – Vicki Curtis
If I have missed anyone, please call
257-9827 or email d.grose@sbcglobal.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

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MEETING MAKE-UPS

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

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

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).