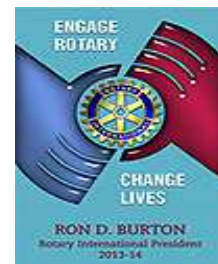




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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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August is Membership and Extension Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING

Reported by Bob Zyromski

Sgt-at-Arms: Michelle Johnson and Jason Lea.

Prayer: Lou Kreider, with great thanks, and a plea for guidance for all of our service above self.

Guests: Michelle Hale, T.R.'s office manager. And former longtime member Bob Ruthenberg.

Rotabuck/WFD: John Wilson plucked 758. And, with no WFD in print this time, Gary simply asked his askees, "What word am I thinking of?" Fair enuf. Unless you were the somewhat nonplussed Mr. Lariccia. With CityFest headliner band tickets as rewards, Dan the Man pulled T.R.'s 754, and Dr. E and George Maier were also winners.

Announcements: Lee Q indicated that November 7 would be Vets Day, and hopes for at least two full tables of ex-military types. Consider your acquaintances for an invite. Program suggestions welcome.

Prez John noted that he and Vicki were recent 1330-AM 'personalities.' And then welcomed visitors to the Wednesday a.m. board meeting at Panera's on Mentor Ave.

Ron Traub's still looking for a handful of race-registration volunteers for the CityFest Run/Walk on Sunday the 25th.

And don't forget the 5:00 Friday happy hour at the Local Tavern (the former Sawyer House).

PROGRAM: CityFest: Jill Korsok, Mentor Recreation Program Manager
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The lively lady described the latest, greatest adaptation of the once Better in Mentor Days affair. Old-time fun "freshened up," as she opined. With this year's new old event highlighting Mentor's 50th year of formal existence.



Jill Korsok explains the first annual CITYfest to Mentor Rotarians. Photo by Dan Welker.

Korsok also noted that, whereas past shindigs were administered by loyal and active volunteer committee groups, the current one has become a city function.

The date is next weekend (Friday, 23 and Saturday, 24), moved advantageously (Korsok hoped) from the weather issues of the former parties' third weekend in September date. The schedule also avoids competition with other local festivals.

She pointed out that, with

BeachFest in July, and lecture series in spring and fall, the City has an enriched array of recreational opportunities for citizens and locals.

So, what's new with this transmutation of the festival? In a word, LOTS. Like . . .

- The Cincinnati Circus with aerialists, stilt walkers, trapeze artists (yes, you can try the swingy-swing for a modest fee).

- Britbeats concert and fireworks (you know you love 'em). The Beatles cover band will play in the stadium. Tickets are ten bucks or fifteen reserved, both available at the rec department beforehand or at the fest.

- Walkaround beer and wine. Plus a sit-down wine and biergarten. Turns out 7,000 Mentorites can't be wrong. And can be listened to. That's the number surveyed by Korsok and crew in trying to learn preferences in festival fare, activities and procedures.

- Then there's community-run games, laser tag, huge inflatables, swimming pool and ice arena activities, a Mentor Family Feud program, and wine tasting and beer sampling.

"Leftovers" are favorites: the parade, of course, and touch-a-truck (where kids can get the thrill of a lifetime scrambling over fire engines, plow trucks and other municipal staples).

Another fave: Skyhoundz Canine Disc Competition World Qualifier. If you like to see your furry friends fly (after Frisbees, of course), don't miss this pack of pooches going at it Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00.

And, of course, no fest of any sort would be without a feast. CityFest will have plenty of favorite staples like pizza, pasta, hamburgs and fries. Plus ice cream, smoothies, *spiral* potatoes on a stick, BBQ, elk brats and bison chili.

Then the finale comes on Sunday with two family events: the five-mile run and two-mile walk, then a classic car

cruise-in.

Especially if you're a tune-o-phile, Friday and Saturday will more than satisfy your ears. The Battle of the Bands winner (from local high schools) plays 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. And Disco Inferno will heat up the night from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Amphitheater.

Saturday's musical frolic begins in the Amphitheater at 5:00 p.m. with Angry Young Men. Then Chicago-based BritBeat presents a Beatles reincarnation complete with multiple costume changes and effects. Finally at 9:00, Monica Robbins brings her TV personality (and unmatched voice) to the Amphitheater stage with her country-music pals The Ninja Cowboys to finish off the night

Action is spread over the entire civic center complex. So, if you step on anybody's toes, your feet are wa-a-a-a-a too big for mass participation.

Finally, Korsok was extremely grateful to generous sponsors. Major contributors and helpers are AquaOhio, Classic Auto Group, Eye Light International, Lincoln Electric, Medical Mutual, City of Mentor, Parker, Petitti Garden Center, Red Wine & Blue, STERIS, tbh, Waste Management and Yuengling.

For more info, check out mentorcityfest.com.

P.S. We recognized the super service of Tricia Deboe and Jake Hoefle (say "Hay-flea") our steady-as-she-goes deliverers of good grub and sweets and treats.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL

An applicant was filling out a job application. When he came to the question, "Have you ever been arrested?" He wrote, "No."

The next question, intended for people who had answered in the affirmative to the previous question, was "Why?"

The applicant answered it anyway: "Never got caught."

In San Francisco, a man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into a local branch, grabbed a deposit slip and wrote, "This is a stickup, put all of your money in the

bag."

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and that they might call the police before he even reached the teller window. So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo.

After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller. Thinking quickly, she told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America.

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said "OK" and left. The Wells Fargo teller then called the police who arrested the man a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at Bank of America.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

August 22 – David Joyce, Congressman

August 29 – Club Assembly

September 5: Tom Lix – Cleveland Whiskey.

September 12 - Daryl Rakosy LLS - Light The Night

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

August 2 – Tim Blankenship

August 8 – Ed Peltz

August 9 – Curt Jones

August 20 – Wayne Brodnan

August 27 – Jim Sippola

August 31 – Bob Wigton

If I have missed anyone, please call 257-9827 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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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

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).