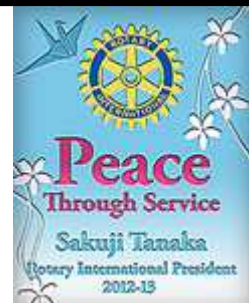




# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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### LAST MEETING

Reported by George Maier

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Fred Lariccia and Vicki Curtis.

**Prayer:** Linda Clements

**Guests/Visitors:** John Solich introduced his father, Frank Solich. Vicki Curtis introduced her guest, Steffanie Schilling.

**Rotabuck:** Bob Ledenican, newly returned from Florida, drew the King of Spades, but knew the secret word. I a second drawing, a Bird Feeder made at Broadmoor last week was won by President Tom.

**Announcements:** Shane Novack announced a social event to be held on Saturday, June 22, at 9:30 P M at Pickwick and Frolic.

Vicki Curtis advised that Deepwood Industries had made lanyards for female members to hang their member badges, and these were available at the check in table.

President Tom passed on, for an absent Rick Cooper, that these are the last two weeks for donations toward a Paul Harris Fellowship in this Rotary Year. We have 28 members who have not yet donated, and we need at least a ten dollar donation from each member to be named an EREY club again this year.

President Tom also announce that there would be a Red Badge Orientation session on May 23 at 5:15 P M at Panera Bread Creekside Commons.

**Induction Ceremony:** Monique Thorniley was introduced as the newest Rotarian worldwide as she was inducted by President Tom. In her "me speech" she

revealed that she was born in Canada but grew up in the Mentor Headlands area and graduated from Mentor High School. She is in the real estate business and is currently a property manager for single family residences in the area.



President Tom makes Monique the newest Mentor Rotarian. Photo by Dan Welker

**Program:** The program, titled "The Toonalution of Big Business" was presented by Greg Stanley, cartoonist and business consultant. The definition of toonalution, a word he made up, is *the evolution from a realistic complex form to a simplistic cartoon form*.

Using a Dilbert type cartoon character, Stanley has written a book that shows how everyday events will mirror proven business practices that will equip one for a successful career. The book contains eleven real world examples, applicable lessons and quirky characters to help one understand ways to succeed at any point in your career.

His presentation used Toonalution number six, which is self assessing one's performance path by increasing the asset value of an employee. He asked "are you a positive or a negative asset" to your employer?

Stanley went on to compare the road to success as a road under con-

struction. Employees are similar to transportation infrastructure, as both are fraught with shortcomings and weaknesses in need of extensive improvements.



Greg Stanley addressing Mentor Rotary. Photo by Dan Welker.

How often have you found yourself stuck in traffic on a road that seems perpetually under construction? How often do you think that your manager views you as a blocked road, slowing down the ability to achieve success? If the latter question applies to you, and you are looking for a change, take the path to creative learning and go "under construction." The benefits of placing an under construction sign up will include being proactive and more of an asset, increasing job security, minimizing stress in one's life, and being respected by our peers.

As he concluded, Greg indicated that copies of his book were available for \$10 at the check in table and that his proceeds would be donated to the club. As it happens, he sold 4 books. His cost for them is \$5 but he sells for \$10 – he donated all his proceeds (\$20) to our club.

## MEMBER NEWS

Word comes from the Willoughby Police Department that they are holding a Retirement Reception for Rick Cooper on June 28, from 5PM to 9PM at LaMalfa Center. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. For tickets at \$25.00 RSVP to Cheryl Thomas at 440-953-4229 or email to cthomas@willoughbypolice.com.

## FROM OUR MEMBERS

Fred Lariccia is asking for volunteers who will be able to help on the United Way Day of Caring. It is Wednesday June 19 starting around 8 or 9 a.m., and is at Deep Wood Center. Volunteers can come for a couple of hours or however long it takes. The project involves mostly cleaning and painting. Volunteers should email their tee shirt size to Fred, who will have a sign-up sheet this Thursday at the meeting.

Bob Zyromski sends a reminder that his Auschwitz-Birkenau presentation next Thursday contains some graphic images that may not be suitable to some viewers.

Lee Quinones sends news that last week's speaker, Greg Stanley,

## JOCOE'S JOURNAL

A fire started on a patch of prairie grasses near a farm. The county fire department was called, but the fire was more than they could handle. Someone suggested that the nearby volunteer bunch be called. Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit could really help, the call was made.

The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck that rumbled straight into the middle of the flames. The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controlled parts.

The farmer was so impressed and so grateful that his farm had been spared, that he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000 on the spot. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds.

"That ought to be obvious," he responded, wiping ashes off his coat.

"The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS.

**May 23**—Auschwitz day of remembrance

**May 30**—Laura Polachek | Community and Volunteer Involvement Director for American Cancer Society

**June 6**—Jessie Baginski Leadership Lake County.

**June 9** – Lake County United Way Day of Caring. All day at Deepwood Center.

**June 20** – Paul Vanik

**June 27** – Installation dinner at Kirtland Country Club – No lunch program.

**June 28** – Retirement Party for Rick Cooper, 5PM to 9PM at LaMalfa Center.

**August 27:** David Joyce, Congressman

## BIRTHDAYS

May 5 – Al Salvatore

May 18—Ted Hieronymus

May 21 – George Maier

May 22 – Tom Parkhurst

May 23—John Krueger

May 23 – Randy Carver

May 23 – Andy Meinhold

May 25 – Fred Lariccia

May 26 – Susan Peters

May 27 – Bob Zyromski

If I have missed anyone, please call 257-9827 or email [d.grose@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

## OUR MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 1177  
Mentor, OH 44061-1177

## OUR WEB SITE

[www.mentor-rotary.org/](http://www.mentor-rotary.org/)

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## MEETING MAKE-UPS

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

### MONDAY

**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).