



# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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April is Magazine Month in the  
Rotary International Calendar

### LAST MEETING

Reported by Linda Clements.

**Sgt.-at-arms:** Tom Weiss and Thom Sivo

**Prayer:** The prayer was let by Bob Fritts who did a great job praying over the music that was playing at the time.

**Guest/visitors:** John Wilson, originally from the Hillcrest Club, will be joining our club. Welcome to John. Also visiting were Billy Welker and Annemarie Barnett who is new to the United Way.

**Rotabuck:** Number ...728 was drawn and the lucky winner was Judge Joe Gibson. He picked the 4 of clubs. Sorry, Judge.

**Word for the day:** There was no word last week. (Editor's Note: That cost me a buck on my first day back)

**Upcoming and special events:** Bill Robertson told the club that the Theater Awards will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event for all who attend.

Randy Carver distributed handouts about his 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing which will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Denis Golf Course. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Nation Marrow Donor Drive, The Salvation Army, Crossroads Cleveland Ronald McDonald House, Hospice and Magnolia Clubhouse. 100% of all net proceeds go to the charities!

**Announcements:** President Wayne discussed the events of the Wednesday Board Meeting. The following checks were approved: Kenya Water Project for \$500, Project Hope for \$1000, and

there was a transfer of \$5000 to the scholarship account.

The Club will be offering to pay for the cost of the installation dinner for all new members who have joined the club since July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a way to encourage the new members to become involved in the club and share in that very special evening.

There is a bone marrow drive at Lake Catholic today. At the District Conference our own Fred Lariccia was honored as his family attended. Congrats to Fred for being such a great guy! The District 6630 Golf Outing will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at Quail Hollow Lunch is at noon. It will be a scramble.

We have met with the Mentor Senior Center with regard to the landscaping project. We will need help with this project. The Rotary Foundation will be doing a \$2 for \$1- more information to follow. This will be for online donations only.

Next week our speaker will be Richard Mook, an inspirational speaker, who will tell his story From Grace to Glory.

There will be a Happy Hour(s) next Friday at Frank and Pauly's. Be there or you won't be happy!

At the District Conference, Past Pres. Mike Scruggs gave President Wayne a token, with the Rotary Wheel on one side and the 4-Way Test on the reverse. This token is designed to be passed on to people in the club that the donor believes deserve recognition for service to the club. Each recipient is to retain the token until he or she finds another deserving member and passes it on to that member at a club meeting.

Wayne passed his token to Dave Lehmer for his immediate willingness to help put together a great plan for the landscaping project at the Senior Center. Mike Scruggs said that the token recipient must carry the token with him/her at all times un-

til it is passed along.



President Wayne passes the token (seen below) to Dave Lehmer. Photo by Dan Welker



**Speaker:** It's a sure bet that many did not know the ins and the outs of high stakes poker. We learned about what goes on in a "big time poker game" and more from Waite Talbot, Poker Master.

He began playing as a child. While on vacation as an adult in Las Vegas, he found himself with some time on his hands and went to see the World Series of Poker at the Rio. Throwing over golf for poker, Waite decided to become as good as he could be.

He went to "Poker School" for four days at Caesars Palace. He met Ray Romano as well as lots of poker professionals at the poker school. To be a

good poker player you have to know some math and what beats what. To be a great poker player you have to have a great deal more knowledge of people and their reactions.



Waite tell his fellow Rotarians how to get rich playing cards. Photo By Dan Welker.

He spoke of "TELLS". Tells are those human reactions that you just simply can't control. They happen. People naturally like to look at things they like and do not look at things they do not like. That is the reason that many players wear sun glasses, hats, hoods etc.

A "Hollywood" occurs when you look away quickly. He asked us to look at our feet. Apparently, they are very telling. If both feet are pointed at you when you are talking to another person, they are interested in you and what you are saying. If one foot is pointed to the side, it indicates that the person is ready to exit.

If when talking to a woman, (men that is) and she has her legs crossed that is a good sign. If the foot is bouncing that is even better. There is really "no telling" what Elfie's crossed foot meant as it was bouncing towards Roger. They were right next to this writer and it couldn't be missed.

These automatic reactions usually can't be prevented and these high level poker players try to see these reactions as they play. The "Poker Tell" separates the kitchen poker game from the casino game.

A question was asked about what successful "reads" Waite has. He recounted (no pun intended) a time when he read the player next to him as he got

his cards and was able to ante enough to get him to fold. He said a good rule of thumb is not to look at your cards until it is time to make you play so that your expression does not reveal anything. He could tell that the person next to him had nothing interesting by how he reacted when he looked at his cards.

Elfie asked about math ability and card counting and if it was illegal. Surprisingly, counting cards is not illegal but casinos invite you in to play and they can ask you to leave and not come back if you are counting cards. In blackjack, the casino loses every time the dealer loses. In poker, the casino makes money on every play.

What money does it take to get into a big game? At the World Series of Poker a big winner can walk away with between \$8 and \$10 million dollars. The top 20% in the game will win \$20,000 and up. You can get into a game for \$30-\$40 and build your money up. The pros show up with about \$10,000 to play. There is often \$1 million in cash - \$100 dollar bills bundled up into \$50,000 bricks. Those are thrown around the table.

Can a player pretend his reaction? The "Hollywood" is not as easy as one would think. Waite played with Shane last evening and he thinks that Shane believed his "Hollywood" as he bet \$25,000 (in poker chips not money) and Shane folded. There was a whole explanation of flops and rivers.

Poor poker players play the cards that they hold in their hand. Great card players play any 2 cards and a handful of chips!

Thanks for a great and interesting presentation. I guess it is true... "You have to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, know when to run!"

President Wayne reminded us that we can still donate to the United Way food drive at the old Ethan Allen store at the mall on Saturday until 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

## KUDOS

To the following members who helped 12 Broadmoor students con-

struct Easter Bunny Faces: Bob Boyd, Jack Butler, Tom Weiss, Carl Myers, Bob Wigton, Shane Novak, Fred Lariccia, Bill Pickett and Karen Bowersox. Special KUDOS to Bill Pickett who made all the components.

## MORE KUDOS

To the following members who helped at the Bone Marrow Drives: Wayne Brodnan, Kevin Newcomb, Waite Talbot John Solich, and Fred Lariccia, who tested 16 On April 14<sup>th</sup> at the District Conference, and to Jack Butler, Vicki Curtis, Thom Sivo Wayne Brodnan and Fred Lariccia who tested 44 students and teachers at Lake Catholic High School on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## UPDATE

The following report came from Shirley Shandle on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Hi to all!! Cliff came home today !!!! Needless to say, he is sooooo glad to be home! He is progressing quite well -- walking with a walker -- still cannot put full weight on his leg, but it is healing, albeit slowly. We will be having in-home physical therapy & nursing, as needed. We are hopeful that he will be healed completely in another month - we go back to see the doctor who did the operation on May 22 .

Thanks for all your cards, prayers, visits, etc. --- & please keep him in the prayers!!!

## PUNOGRAPHICS

Submitted by Bob Zyromski

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

PMS jokes aren't funny; period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

Velcro — what a rip off!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

The earthquake in Washington obviously was the government's fault.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 26** - Richard Mook – From Grace to Glory, an inspirational story

**May 3** – Youth in Government

**May 3** – *Once Upon a Mattress*, at Fairport Harding High School.

**May 10** – Scholarship Presentations

**May 14** - Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM

**May 16** - Board Meeting, 7:30AM

**May 17** - John H. Hairston - Say Yes to Work

**May 24** – Club Assembly

**May 31** - John "Harold" Bowersox (Tentative)

**June 1** - Rotary/Carver Golf Outing

**June 7** – Trout Club Dinner, No Luncheon.

**June 13** - Board Meeting, 6:00PM at Wayne's home.

**June 14** - Pat Szarnicki, Chief of Field Services DMV - The BMW's achievements

**June 21** - LEC President – Michael Victor

**June 28** – Installation Dinner at Kirtland Country Club

## BIRTHDAYS

April 10 – Dave Noble

April 12 – Ray Brunner

April 14 – Mark Schneider

April 20 – Ron Traub

If I have missed anyone, please call 974-2494 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,  
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Thursday at 12 Noon

## OUR MAILING ADDRESS

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

[www.rotary.org](http://www.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 Mitchell's Fish Market, 28601 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere (at Eton Square).