



# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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### January is Rotary Awareness Month in the Rotary International Calendar

#### LAST MEETING

Reported by Dianne McDermott

**Meeting Chair:** Wayne Brodnan  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Fred Lariccia  
**Guests:** Too many to mention.  
**Prayer:** Shane Novak  
**50/50 Winner:** Lee Quinones

#### Announcements

- The annual wine and beer tasting event will be March 10, 2012 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Honda of Mentor this year. The beneficiary is Lake County Council on Aging. \$40 per person includes hors d'oeuvres. Register online at [www.mentor-rotary.org](http://www.mentor-rotary.org) or call John Solich at 440.360.0857.
- Congratulations to Bob Sustar who obtained his blue badge.
- Dianne McDermott spoke about United Way's Super Raffle and will be available next week for those who want to purchase tickets to Lake County's largest raffle – 59 donated prizes – proceeds to benefit 74 programs through 48 United Way-partnered agencies.
- There will be a club assembly on February 2 to update contacts and February 9 will be a special Valentine meeting.
- Current club needs: a webmaster and a volunteer coordinator for the beer and wine tasting event.
- February 7 is the Boy Scouts "Friends of Scouting" annual breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at LaMalfa.



Ted led the club in singing Happy Birthday to Rick Cooper, who feigns embarrassment by the extra attention. Photo by Dan Welker.

#### PRESENTATION

Club members had the privilege to hear from two organizations today: Leadership Lake County and Leave a Legacy in Lake County.

#### Leadership Lake County

Elizabeth Petro explained the organization's youth program, which is divided into a high school program and a sixth grade program. The overall purpose is to have the youth meet with community leaders in order to develop leadership skills. Through fundraising efforts, the program generates an average of \$9,000 per year, which goes to purchase school supplies for students. The organization also partners with the Salvation Army. Emily, a senior at Perry High School, spoke about how the program helped her to learn more about business in Lake County. She explained how the program helps the students also learn to solve problems and develop leadership skills. Current sophomores are eligible to

apply for next year's program starting now. Visit the organization's website at <http://www.leadershiplakecounty.org/> to learn more.

Jessie Baginski, new executive director for Leadership Lake County, also thanked Mentor Rotary and welcomed members who have been through the course to invite others to attend.



Elizabeth Petro elucidates Leadership Lake County to Mentor Rotarians. Photo by Dan Welker.

#### Leave a Legacy in Lake County

Jim Collins spoke about the benefits of leaving a legacy and what it means to the community. He then introduced Kathie Purmal, executive director of the Lake County Historical Society, who talked about the *benefits* of planned giving and a charitable remainder trust. She said that those who make the most difference in a community are its leaders, who are mostly grouped in Rotary Clubs or Chambers of Commerce. She then went on to share fascinating facts about Lake County history in an educational and entertaining way through a series of "Bet Ya Didn't Know" facts. She also mentioned that there will be a fundraising Casino Night at La-Vera Party Center in mid-February, benefiting

the Historical Society. Kristine Popa, Lake Health Foundation, then spoke more about the Leave a Legacy program and the various member organizations, tax annuities and the benefits of planned giving.



Jim Collins, a Willoughby Rotarian urges Mentor Rotarians to consider leaving a Legacy to Lake County....



...followed by Kathie Purmal adding to the same theme. Photos by Dan Welker.



President Wayne presents a check for \$500 from Mentor Rotary to Leadership Lake County for its youth program. Photo by Dan Welker

### JOCOE'S JOURNAL

During court one day, the judge quietly passed the clerk a note that said, "Blind on right side, may be falling. Please call someone."

Understandably alarmed, the clerk called for help before whispering to the judge that paramedics were on their way.

Puzzled, the judge pointed to a sagging Venetian blind on the right side of the room and explained, "I was thinking maybe someone from maintenance!"

A couple just started their Lamaze class and they were given an activity requiring the husband to wear a bag of sand to give him an idea of what it feels like to be pregnant. The husband stood up and shrugged saying, "This doesn't feel so bad."

The instructor then dropped a pen and asked the husband to pick it up.

"You want me to pick up the pen as if I were pregnant, the way my wife would do it?" the husband asked.

"Exactly," replied the instructor.

To the delight of the other husbands, he turned to his wife and said, "Honey, pick up that pen for me."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 26-** Dr. Crystal Schneider/dentistry

**January 26** – Past Presidents Diner, 6:00PM at LaMalfa

**February 2** Club Assembly

**February 9** – Valentine's Day Program

**February 13** – Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM

**February 15** – Board Meeting, 7:30AM

**February 16** – Reach Across America

**February 18** – District 6630 Gift of Life Benefit.

**March 10** – Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event, 7PM to 10PM at Honda of Mentor

**March 12** - Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM

**March 21** - Board Meeting, 7:30AM

**March 22-** 4-Way Speech Contest- Bob Z.

### BIRTHDAYS

January 5 – Dick Swain

January 19 – Rick Cooper

January 30 – Bill Pickett

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?**

### OFFICERS MENTOR ROTARY CLUB 2011\2012

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**WHERE WE MEET**

LaMalfa Center,  
5783 Heisley Road,  
Mentor, Ohio  
Thursday at 12 Noon  
OUR MAILING ADDRESS Mentor  
PO Box 1177  
Mentor, OH 44061-1177

**OUR WEB SITE**

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