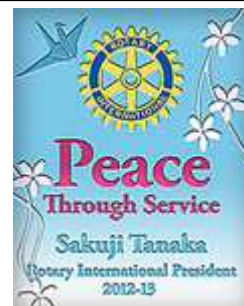




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March is Literacy Month in the Rotary International Calendar

LAST MEETING

Reported by Dianne Munson

Prayer: Wayne Brodnan

Rotabuck: Vince Granito won the pot and picked the Queen of Hearts—time to start over!

Bob knew the word of the week: Money (how appropriate!)

Welcome guests Michelle Johnson and Monique Thornly

Announcements

The Wine Event: We are wrapping up the final numbers but it appears that it went just as well, if not better than last year!

At its last meeting, the Board decided to move the Trout Club event from June to August next year in order to spread out the events a little more.

The next board meeting is April 18. It will be a strategic planning meeting, and everyone is invited to attend.

Assistant Governor Scruggs mentioned that the district conference will be at Quail Hollow April 12, 13 and 14. There's no cost to attend. Break out sessions will be Saturday morning, and hospitality suites Friday and Saturday nights. Registration is online... look for District 6630 on the website. Participants only have to pay for meals. We will be announcing the top three winners of the four-way test after lunch on Saturday.

Bill Richardson pointed everyone's attention to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) fliers on the tables. Young people ages 14–30 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend the event run by the club's district committee. Participants are chosen for their

leadership potential. Rotary Clubs and the Rotary District cover all expenses for the participants.

Shane mentioned that there will be a Happy Hour at Tony Sacco's at Great Lakes Mall on March 22, starting between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (they're at the old Talbot's location). Everyone is welcome to join!

Vicki Curtis announced the next Be the Match next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Lakeland Community College.

She also passed an envelope for Feed Lake County. The board will match, dollar for dollar, any amount collected at today's lunch.

Presentation

Bob Z introduced the three participants of this year's Four-Way Test: Hannan Koerner (Mentor High School), Sean Manning (Lake Catholic) and Leila Mansour (Mentor High School).



President To, MC Bob flank our three speakers. Photo by Dan Welker.

Well rounded and obviously well read, these students presented their essays with passion and integrity. After today's presentations, we all can be proud of the students and their teachers at both Mentor High and Lake Catholic.

Each student's essay topic answered the questions of Rotary's Four-Way Test:

1. Is it true?

2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Hannan applied the four-way test to the U.S. government's recent covert drone attacks in Pakistan. Although the goal of preventing further terrorist attacks is noble, she concluded that this is a pressing, unethical and immoral activity based on the premise that basic morality doesn't change based on where someone is born, and that people are suffering and dying as a result of these strikes.



Sean spoke on social capital through civic engagement. After going through both the pros and cons of being involved in one's community, he concluded that enhancing the overall social capital by being involved in your com-

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munity is ethical if used for benevolent purposes.



Leila spoke about the rising costs of a college education. Increasing 4,000 percent over the past 20 years, college loan debt is at a staggering \$1 trillion. In her essay, she concluded that the high cost of a college education should not prevent hard-working students from attaining the higher education they desire and that it indeed is not fair.



Judges Greg, Gary and Lee had a tough job because each student presented an informative and thoughtful essay.

But in the end, they chose Sean as the winner. Congratulations, Sean!

HUMOR

As the judges deliberated MC Bob Z passed along some paraprofessionals to keep us distracted. Following are a few examples:

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To *steal* from many is research.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right. Only who's left.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

March 28—Elfie Roman – American Idol and Spec Olympics

April 4—Matt Miller Mentor Schools Superintendent

April 11—YMCA Dreamhouse "report" - Elfie Roman organized—Tonda B DiPlacido

April 18 – Club Assembly

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Glenn Pizzuti

March 3 – Bob Ruthenberg

March 4 – Ray Kirchner

March 17 – Jim Macy

March 20 – Lisa Nelson

March 24 – Shane Novak

March 26 – Phil Plestis

March 28 – Waite Talbot

March 31 – Jack Butler

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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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 Restau-
rant 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).