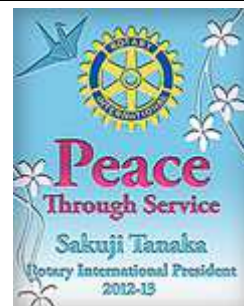




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November is Rotary Foundation Month in the Rotary International Calendar

LAST MEETING

Reported by Bob Zyromski

Sgts.-at-Arms: Fred Lariccia, Cheryl Noviski, Bob Fritts

Prayer: Lee Quinones, grateful for the kind weather and fine repasts served up in style by the staff at LaMalfa. And mindful for the safety of our armed forces.

Guests/visitors: David Bill from Victory Lane Assembly of God; Michele Johnson who keeps Lee Q, Bob F and the other financial wizards in tow at Raymond James; and numerous spouses and significant others present to toast the Thanksgiving holiday season (including one guest ID'd on the list only as 'concubine' ... draw your own conclusions).

Two other special guests held forth loud and clear in the live-music department: Robert Pierce, a former Riverside thespian who garnered two Rotary drama awards (for the roles of the Cowardly Lion in "Wizard" and Tevye in "Fiddler"); and his sidekick with the dexterous digits, Lee Schmitz. Both are CIM Masters grads.

Rotabuck/WFD: Lee Q's 150 failed to turn up any loot, as Lee himself knew the scenario. Probably a perk for giving the invocation.

Announcements: Shane Novak reminded the troops that next Saturday's OSU-UM wingding at Grand River Yacht Club begins at 11 a.m. unless you're itchin' to come earlier. Then just do it . . . to get a jump on the

brats, chili and other delights.

The fall high school play schedule's inviting. Join reviewers for some live weekend entertainment, and help the drama awards program with your judging. Contact Bill Robertson for details.

Fred Lariccia noted Monday at 1:00 p.m. will be woodworking at Broadmoor, with the (non-obligatory but still yummy) pre-repast at Panera's on 306.

Our November 29 meeting is at Classic Jet Center at Lost Nation Airport. From Rt. 2 take Lost Nation Rd. north just past the two large airport hangars on your right. Turn right onto Jet Center Place and go the short distance toward the sports complex entry. But, do NOT enter its driveway. Rather, turn 90 degrees right onto the preceding driveway. The building straight ahead is your target. (Directions will also be emailed soon.) If you get lost on the 29th, call Mandi Oak at 440-954-9282.

The Dictionary Dude announced that a semi has just unloaded the valued wordybooks. He's about to call for help with sticking the stickers in 'em.

Vicki Curtis declared January (minus its first week) new-member-welcome month. She has invite cards for your prospects. Why not invite prospective members to join us on January 10, 17, 24 or 31?

Vickie Wildeman reminded us that our next tasting blast will be Saturday, March 16, 2013 – again at Honda of Mentor. Deadline for nonprofit applications to get event

proceeds is December 1. The goal: \$20,000.

John Wilson noted that a number of District 6630 clubs are donating to victims of hurricane Sandy, and urged us to join the campaign.

Prez Tom, in Ron Traub's absence, reveled in Better in Mentor's \$3,900 largess to the club. And noted a \$500 gift already in hand. Plus "another \$250 floating around out there."

Our December 13 Farmpark Christmas gig for special youngsters and the teen bowling bash still need welcoming hands. Pick up a gift request from the wish list or a bowling partner from Tony Mancari or Joyce Merlini. Contacts: acmancari@aquaamerica.com and/or jimmerlini@aquaamerica.com. Important: Bring gifts to our December 6 meeting or drop them off at AquaOhio on Station St.

PROGRAM: Rick Cooper – Rotary International Foundation

With a little help from foundation board member Mike Scruggs, Cooper elucidated the program's purpose, funding, methods and programs.

The foundation's purpose is monumental: To advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) supports short-term, humanitarian projects that benefit the community. It's funded through a portion of District Designated Funds (DDF) to support local or international projects.

For example, DSG funds totaling \$17,000 helped Ashtabula, Barberton, Hillcrest and other clubs with numerous projects, including our recent \$1,700 grant for landscaping the Mentor Senior Center.

Matching grants complement contributions raised by clubs and districts for international service projects involving Rotary clubs in two or more countries.

Barberton funded pediatric wheel chairs in San Salvador, Brunswick teamed with a Dominican club to develop a tilapia system project, and we coupled with Boulder for Cameroon otolaryngology aid, and with Santiago Monumental for a clean water venture.

Cooper explained an on-screen graphic tracing a new *funding* method. Money given to the foundation's annual fund remains there for three years. After that, half of the district's contribution is returned to the district. These monies are divided between the two types of grants (local and international). The result: With matching funds from RI, international grants have the opportunity to grow 3½ times.

A graphic example showed how a district matches an initial \$12,000 club donation. The World Fund then matches the district's, plus matches 50 percent of the club's donation as well. Thus, a \$12,000 club donation grows to \$42,000.

Another distinction: Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund. Money contributed to the permanent fund is never spent – only the interest. Therefore, the annual fund is more akin to a checking account and the permanent fund more like a savings account.

And the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) strategy? It means every club can donate to the foundation through individual members, club fundraisers, part of a 50/50 program, birthday checks, weekly dollars and other creative methods.

So how can you help? Sign up for Rotary Direct. Write a check to the

Foundation and give it to liaison Cooper. Contribute directly via the Internet. Or contribute in someone else's name.

For a \$1,000 donation you'll be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Contribute \$100 a year to the foundation? You're a Sustaining Member. And a club that averages \$100 per member per year becomes an EREY Club.

Other vehicles like large bequests, living wills, living trusts, life income agreements, life insurance, real estate, donor advised funds and others can make a major impact for the foundation. Talk to Coop about the many possibilities for your munificence.

You might also want to check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1TT-fn872U&hd=1> and www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1TT-fn872U from the Rotary Club of Elizabethtown, KY and District 7390.

KUDOS

To the following members who helped several students at Broadmoor School construct Turkey Stands: Bob Wigton, Doug Grose, Tom Weiss, Jack Butler, Vicki Curtis, George Maier, Bob Boyd, Mike Scruggs, Mary Beth Scruggs, Dick Swain and Bill Pickett. Special KUDOS to Bill Pickett who prepared all the component parts.

DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS.

Submitted by Bob Zyromski

(Or the uncertainty of the English language)

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and family values.

Bill said, 'I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, did you?'

Larry replied, 'I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?'

A little boy went up to his father and asked: 'Dad, where did my

intelligence come from?'

The father replied. 'Well, son, you must have got it from your mother, cause I still have mine.'

'Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully,' the divorce Court Judge said, 'And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week.'

'That's very fair, your honour,' the husband said. 'And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself.'

A doctor examining a woman who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside, and said, 'I don't like the looks of your wife at all.'

'Me neither doc,' said the husband. 'But she's a great cook and really good with the kids.'

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

'How was he killed?' asked one detective.

'With a golf gun,' the other detective replied.

'A golf gun! What is a golf gun?'

'I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan

PICS FROM THIS WEEK

By Dan Welker



Our entertaining guests.



Our Prez smiles at a 3900 dollar check.



Rick Cooper explains the art of giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

November 22 - TURKEY DAY NO MEETING...
November 29 – Off-site meeting at the Classic Air Park
December 6 - Frank Kovach - Cochlear Implant Surgery
December 13 - Christmas party with the kids – no regular meeting
December 20 - Brass Band – spouses welcome
December 27 - Holiday Cheer at Brunner's

BIRTHDAYS

November 3 – Dan Snyder
 November 11 – Tom Lemire
 November 12 – Tony Spena
 November 17 – Denis Nowacki
 November 21 – Chet Karchefsky
 November 21 – Bill Snow
 November 25 – Lee Quinones
 November 28 – Bob Sustar
 November 29: - Cliff Shandle
 November 29 – Carl Myers
 November 29 - Karen Bowersox

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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WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center,
 5783 Heisley Road,
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 Thursday at 12 Noon

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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 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).