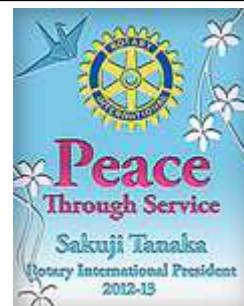




# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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January is Rotary Awareness  
Month in the Rotary International  
Calendar

### LAST MEETING

Reported by Dianne Munson

**Prayer:** Mike Brodnan

**Rotabuck Winner:** Shane Novak

Thanks to Amy Kapostasy for knowing last week's "word of the week"! Any was only the second person called on... nice save, Amy!

**Guests:** This week we welcomed these guests:

Ron Traub introduced Mentor's new police chief, Kevin Knight

Judge Trebets introduced his daughter, Stephanie

T.R. Hach introduced Joe Weir

Karen Bowersox introduced Susan Swartzwelder

Lee Quinones introduced Amy Gladieux and Wayne Reese

Amy Kapostasy introduced Brian Fowler

### Announcements:

Paul Harris Fellows

On February 2, Curt Jones will be receiving a Paul Harris Fellow at the district dinner. President Tom and Wayne also will be attending the dinner to honor Curt, who does such a wonderful job handling the club's financial matters.

### Woodworking

February 4 at Broadmoor School. Join Fred and his gang for lunch beforehand at Panera's Bread on 306.

### Wine and Beer Tasting

Vickie Wildeman reminded everyone about the Wine and Beer Tasting on March 16. She will be asking Doug Grose to forward a message reminding

everyone to register now on our website. Or if you prefer, you can write a check and give it to either Vickie, Tom Hough or Rick Cooper. If you plan to bring a guest, please note your guest's name on the check so we can make appropriate name tags. We also are looking for auction items. Please let us know if you have any items or ideas!

### Painesville Club's Reverse Raffle

TR Hach mentioned that Painesville's club will be holding a reverse raffle on March 2 and that they have been supportive of our events. He will be going to support their fundraiser. Let him know if you'd like to attend or get a table!

### Club Donation

At the last board meeting, the board voted to donate \$250 to Rotary of North Royalton for their international project transporting much-needed medicine to Africa.

### Bone Marrow Drive

Vicki Curtis mentioned that the past bone marrow drive was the best she's been involved with. Thirty-five people signed up; the next drive will be in March. Special thanks to those who signed up to assist: Kevin Kissig, Fred Lariccia, Lee Quinones, Gary, Mark Ruth, Doug Grose, Bob Fritts and Lou Kreider.

### Club Service

Vicki extolled the virtues of club service. Rotary of Mentor offers something for everyone's skill set, and lots of satisfaction and friendships occur as a result! Being an active member of the club is important, and includes coming to the weekly lunches, participating in fellowship activities and committees and assisting with the

duties of Sergeant-at-Arms when called upon (which also is one of the requirements for attaining your blue badge). Committees include:

- Newsletter
- Programs
- Directory
- Golf Outing
- Historian
- Public Relations

### New Blue Badge

Congratulations to Cheryl Noviski for attaining her blue badge status. Cheryl also is our newest board member.



Cheryl displays her new Blue Badge, as President Tom stands by. Photo by Dan Welker.

### Presentation

This week's much-anticipated presentation on Auschwitz and Birkenau and the liberation of Nazi death camps in Europe was foiled by a missing projector and the inability to sync another

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projector in its place! To the pilferer... please return our projector ASAP!! Bob Zyromski has promised to give his presentation at a later date.

### FROM OUR READERS

Bob Zyromski sends us the following about one of his pet projects:

The board has elected to donate \$750 of club foundation funds to Learning About Business, one of the educational gems in Lake County.

As you probably know from a recent presentation, LAB is a Freedoms Foundation award-winning program that provides virtually free a \$1,000 scholarship for each LAB student – thanks to the generosity of individuals, companies, foundations and organizations like Rotary. LAB has never accepted any government funding.

At Lake Erie College on Sunday, June 16, LAB begins its 34th annual week-long free-market competition. A select contingent of 65 bright, eager area high school sophomores and juniors will begin a dynamic, interactive, entrepreneurship adventure. Students will compete in virtual companies operating in a sophisticated market simulation.

Over the years, a substantial number of Mentor High and Lake Catholic students have had the advantage of a LAB experience. And many of our Rotarians have also participated as LAB board members, professional business resource people and donors.

### JOCOE'S JOURNAL

Each day, when I would come home from work, I would drop to my knees and ask my four-year-old son if he wanted to box. I wanted him to learn how to protect himself. We would spar around for a few minutes before supper.

One day, my wife and I took our son to get new shoes. The shoe salesman was friendly and allowed my son to try on several pairs of shoes before we decided on a particular pair that he liked. We asked if he wanted to wear them home and he replied, "Yes!"

The salesman, who was kneeling on the floor in front of our son, held the old shoes in his hands and asked, "Do you want a box?"

The owner of a small deli was being questioned by the IRS about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of \$80,000 for the year.

"Why don't you people leave me alone?" the deli owner said. "I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed three days a year. And you want to know how I made \$80,000?"

"It's not your income that bothers us," the agent said. "It's these deductions. You listed six trips to Bermuda for you and your wife."

"Oh, that," the owner said smiling. "I forgot to tell you—we also deliver."

### UPCOMING EVENTS.

**January 31 – Membership International Service and New Generations**

—Nancy Rattray - Dominican Republic project with some of our club's money and International money

**February 4:** Woodworking at Broadmoor School. 1:00PM to 2:00PM

**February 7 –** Bob Mastronicola LEC Veteran program

**February 14 –** Special Valentine's Day Meeting at M Cellars in Austinburg, Ohio

**February 20 –** Board Meeting

**February 21 –** Sub Zero Mission Liz Cimaglio

**February 28—**Michael Deemer Downtown Cleveland Alliance

**March 11:** Woodworking at Broadmoor School. 1:00PM to 2:00PM

**March 16:** Annual Beer and Wine Tasting Event. 7PM to 10PM at Honda of Mentor.

**March 20:** Board Meeting, 7:30AM

**March 21:** - 4-Way Speech Contest

### BIRTHDAYS

January 5 – Dick Swain

January 19 – Rick Cooper

January 30 – Bill Pickett

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

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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[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 Gavi's, 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).