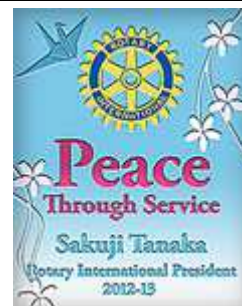




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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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As we begin the new Rotary Year of 2011/2012, take a minute to check out this year's Theme and Logo above.

LAST MEETING

Reported by Linda Clements

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne. The Invocation was given by Amy Kapostasy who gave thanks for the blessing of Rotary. A lovely dinner was served.

Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Gary Estadt, opened the program and thanked everyone involved for the wonderful meal. He introduced the special guests that were present this evening: Wade Obde, Thomas, Diane and Becca Steele who is back from Korea, Tom Petro and his wife Sylvia, Ed and Dawn Byler, in-laws of Tom Hough, Rich Kotila and Richard Mole of the Andover Rotary, and Dee Fuldauer was not able to be present. Past Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized.

Rick Cooper was then asked to present the District Awards. Governor Steve told Rick that he is proud of the accomplishments of our Club. We are the 5th highest in support of the annual foundation in our district out of 57 clubs with \$180 per capita. We finished second, only to the Cleveland Club, in total contributions. We did reach "Every Rotarian Every Year" status which is a huge honor.

Rick then asked all current Paul Harris Fellows to stand. The new Paul Harris Fellows were then introduced and inducted. They are: Karen Bowersox, Linda Clements, Alex Cooper, Joseph Gibson, Thomas Hough, Andrew Meinhold, Shane Novak, and Vickie Wildeman. The new Paul Harris Plus 1 members are Randy Carver and David Lehmer. The new Paul Harris Plus 2 is Fred Lariccia. The new Paul

Harris plus 4 are Rick Cooper and Gary Estadt, The new Paul Harris plus 8 is Roger Sustar and Ted Hieronymus is a plus 9 with a star. Several members have chosen to honor their wives as Paul Harris Fellow: Mary Kay Brodnan, Joan Estadt, Patricia Newcomb, and Elfie Roman honored Rick Jackson.



New Paul Harris Fellows join a burgeoning bunch in our club putting their money where it really counts.



More accolades and fulfillment in the Paul Harris Fellow department.

The Presidential Paul Harris Fellows are Curt Jones (+1), Wade Obde and Vickie Wildeman (+1) The EREY Paul Harris Fellow is Kevin Newcomb(+5)

Dr. Gary Estadt presented the Rotarian of the Year Award. Last year's recipient, Dave Noble, could not be present so the immediate past winner, Ted Hieronymus, presented the award which has been re-named

the Fred Fuldauer Rotarian of the Year Award in honor of Fred, a long-time Secretary of this club, who passed away in 2004. The award this year was presented to a very deserving 24 year veteran of the Mentor Rotary who is dedicated to the small businesses of Mentor, Roger Sustar. Roger declined to speak, but Lou Kreider did note that it appeared that anyone who got an award has been under 5 ft. 6 in.



Roger and Ted gettin' tight during the plaque hand-off. Mr. Sustar became the latest in a distinguished line of Rotarian of the Year awardees.

President Wayne did a wrap up of his year as president. Wayne said that he has never been disappointed in this club and that it has been an honor to serve. He did tell the incoming prez Tom to pay attention as he saw that his wife, Mary Kay, was more excited about his year than he ever expected. There will always be a club member to step up, always is a past president to question and you are never alone in leading the club.

We had a great deal of fun this year at the beach party, happy hours, baking bread, the clam bake and the wine tasting event. We raised over \$50,000 for our own foundation from our numerous outings.

We have 12 additional members- 9 new and 3 returning. We registered

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MENTOR, OHIO

120 new bone marrow donors and our goal will be 200 for next year.

We participated in four international projects. Becca Steele went to Korea and we sent Chloe Kapostasy to RYLA. We completed the Senior Center landscaping project. In December, we celebrated the life of Katie Chisolm who was the recipient of donor Tom Preto. Cliff Shandle began this program.

Pres. Wayne presented some additional awards to members. John Wilson was presented with a pin. John has joined the club and was previously a very active member of the Hillcrest Club for 35 years. He thanked the Club for his warm welcome and hopes to spend the next 35 years here. Tom Preto was named "Honorary Rotarian for 2012-2013 for his unselfish sacrifice and dedication to our bone marrow program. Special Paul Harris Fellow Awards were presented to Wade Obde, Curt Jones, Vickie Wildeman and Kevin Newcomb. Fred Lariccia was recognized as our special district honoree.



Prez Wayne once again recognizes Tom Preto's momentous contribution to both the reality and aspirations of our bone marrow donor program.



The hand-off moment is complete, and Tom Hough (rhymes with loaf, not guff) is set to dive into action for 2012-13.

Our new President, Tom Hough

was then inducted and the gavel was passed for the new year. This was followed by the swearing in of the other officers and Board members.

One additional special award was given to our exchange student, Becca Steele, who received a scholarship for \$1500. She will do a meeting presentation on her experience at a later date.



President Tom congratulates Becca Steele, our foreign scholar to South Korea, and sweetens her scholastic pot with an additional stipend for college.

Dr. Gary then introduced our new President, Tom Hough (pronounced with a long O like loaf), who spoke about his plans for the upcoming year.

Tom first thanked now past President Wayne for his tireless dedication and leadership. He feels humbled and honored by the appointment and noted that this is not typical of most bankers. The theme for this year is "Peace through Service". Although not a football theme like "maybe next year" (ahhhh those Steeler fans), it will be a challenge to define this theme for our Mentor club. He plans to go forward with the bone marrow drive and Farm Park, Bread Day, Beer and Wine Tasting. Tom was sure to thank his wonderful wife for her help in the planning of this event. They are unique in that both are Rotary members.'

The beautiful gavel plaque for outstanding service was then presented to outgoing President Wayne.

Now for the "honoring of Wayne" by Dr. Gary and company. Gary called Wayne the "Best Dressed President but feels like the stress of the job has taken its toll and Wayne has aged a lot.

Gary has been thankful for the height of this president as his practice has doubled as the Rotarians have neck injuries for trying to look Wayne in the eye. Many such as Kevin had to wear cervical collars to help correct this problem. To fix this problem, Rick and Kevin presented Wayne with a made to order shirt with his face printed on the front so it is finally in the line of view for most people of normal height. For once, you can look Wayne in the eye without neck injury!!!



The reward at the end of a fruitful Rotary year in Wayne's World is a new lid for our departing prez.



Mr. and Mz. Prez share a huggy-bear moment, one of many throughout the evening celebrating club members' achievements.

Gary noted that he has observed that usually nothing rattles Wayne – he is able to handle the unexpected very well. There was one exception this year and it was at the Wine Tasting Event. During the live auction, his wife, Mary Kay, was very excited and was bidding with great fervor (to say the least)! With paddle in hand, Mary Kay kept bidding for the Trout Club Prize well up to \$1000. As a re-inaction was presented, she was presented with her very own trout club (you guessed it – a club with a trout on the head of it) There was another time that Mary Kay rattled his

composure with a comment about the national bone marrow registry calling it a BONE__?



MC Gary fires up the crowd for a session of Mary Kay Brodnan's favorite – and well-rehearsed – pastime, bidding on auction treasures.

Gary presented new President Tom with a Steelers Terrible Towel.

The meeting was adjourned to the bar to celebrate this passing of the gavel.

Editor's Note: All of the pictures in this issue were taken by Bob Zyromski.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL

Ten Dog Rules

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. Ok, fine, the dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only!
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

Rummaging through her attic one day, my friend Kathryn found an old shotgun. Unsure how to dispose of it, she called her parents.

"Take it to the police station," her mother suggested.

My friend was about to hang up when her mom added, "And Kathryn?"

"Yes, mom?"

"Call them first and let them know you're coming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5: Rick Cooper, Active Shooter Class

July 12: Holly Hummel, How Guide-stone improves lives in Lake County and throughout Ohio

July 19 – Off Site - YMCA Dream House visit.

July 26: Becca Steele – Korean trip

September 10 – First Woodworking at Broadmoor for the new school year.

BIRTHDAYS

July 2 – Nancy Brunner-Sanden

July 6 – Bob Boyd

July 6 – Dave Lehmer

July 9 – Marty LaMalfa

July 31 – Roger Sustar

If I have missed anyone, please call 257-9827 or email d.grose@sbcglobe.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 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).