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June is Rotary Fellowships Month in the Rotary International Calendar

LAST MEETING

Reported by outgoing President, Mike Scruggs.

Invocation by Vickie Wildeman

What a great night at Kirkland Country Club for our Installation dinner. It started early for me. I went to Lamalfa for the banner, bell, and gavel. Upon searching the storage area there was a banner and gavel but no bell. Instantly I surmised the jokes where starting early (I've only lost the bell twice this year, but who's counting). After a couple calls I was convinced the joke was on.

Once at KCC no one admitted to possessing the bell. So after the customary meet and greet that accompanied appetizers and libations I brought the meeting to order using a gong that had been scrounged from KCC.

Dr Gary performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies introducing our guests: DGE Dr Steve Zabor and wife Kathryn Craig, special guests Dee Fuldauer and guest Sylvia Fisher, and outbound exchange student Rebecca Steele with parents Tom and Diane.

DGE Steve then presented District awards to the club. The club was awarded the AZ Baker award and the Presidential Citation from Rotary International. I knew we were receiving those awards but I felt an uneasy suspense when he kept me near the podium. We were then awarded the Rotary Club of the Year from the District!

Rick Cooper then joined DGE Steve at the podium to recognize the

year's bumper crop of Paul Harris Fellows. Rick announced a record amount was donated this year by six new PHFs and twelve new multiple recipients.

Dr Gary and Dee Fuldauer recognized the previously awarded Rotarian of the Year Dave Noble. Highlights of Dave's numerous contributions to the club were offered to group. The list was clearly a testament of his commitment to Rotary.

I was then called to recap the year. I spoke of OUR accomplishments, OUR meetings and events, OUR service to the club and district, and OUR commitment to international missions. And the fact WE raised money and WE gave back to our local, national, and global communities. And that WE gave a record amount to Rotary International's Foundation.

I expressed my gratitude to several people. First and foremost, my wife Mary Beth who is always there supporting myself and Rotary. I was grateful to have Rick Cooper who provided guidance and wisdom throughout the year.

Then on a different level Bill Robertson lead the GSE team to the Netherlands and was awarded an additional PHF for his efforts. And Roger Sustar's fundraising for the wine tasting event was over the top this year. For his hard work he was presented an additional PHF.

I additionally anointed Tom and Diane Steele as honorary members while their daughter Rebecca is in South Korea for the next year.

It was now time for Wayne with Mary Kay at his side to be sworn in by DGE Steve. Wayne assisted me in the pinning by supplying a much needed step stool. The other officers and Board member were also sworn

and pinned appropriately.



The long and the short of it. Outgoing President Mike stands on a stool to pin incoming President Wayne Brodhan.



And then President Wayne delivered his inaugural address.

Wayne delivered his message to the club which he said would be outlined in detail at the next club assembly on July 14th and then presented the past president pin and plaque to me. Finally I received the most coveted of all positions.

The podium was again commanded by Dr Gary for "A Moment to Honor" you know who. Of course when Wayne is standing next me the material is not too hard to write and of course we were still looking for the bell. Rick joined in on the fun and seated me in a properly proportioned chair for the festivities. Gary proceeded to recall some of my happenings over the last year only to be corrected by Rick that was not the case. It was all in good fun and I took a good ribbing from the guys. It ended with glasses raised for a toast to a good year.

The nights' final order of business was to present to Wayne a gift of encouragement for his Presidency. Wayne opened a box that contained the *bell* which I found suspiciously over next to a wall after I had made the calls. It was then I decided that the joke was going to be on them.

Paul Harris Fellows 2010/2011

New Paul Harris Fellows

Brunner-Sanden, Nancy
Hach T.R. Jr.
Karchesky, Chester
Newcomb, Kevin
Noble, David
Weiss, Thomas

New Paul Harris Fellows +1 stone Sapphire

Brodnan, Wayne
Brunner-Sanden, Nancy
Newcomb, Kevin
Peters, Susan
Robertson, William
Scruggs, Mike

New Paul Harris Fellows +2 stone Sapphire

Brodnan, Wayne
Estadt, Gary
Newcomb, Kevin

Robertson, William, Awarded by the Club

New Paul Harris Fellows +3 stone Sapphire

Cooper, Rickard
LaMalfa, Marty
Roman, Elfrieda

New Paul Harris Fellows +5 stone Sapphire

Roger Sustar

New Paul Harris Fellow +6 One-stone Ruby

Roger Sustar

New Paul Harris Fellow +7 Two-stone Ruby

Roger Sustar, Awarded by the Club

New Paul Harris Fellow +8 Three-stone Ruby

Ted Hieronymus

Your new Officers for the Rotary Year 2011/2012:

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Wayne Brodnan PHF

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Tom Hough

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Fred Lariccia, PHF

Editor's Note: The following email was sent to the club by Dave Noble, this year's Fred Fuldauer Award recipient:

Dear Rotary Brothers and Sisters,

Please accept my sincere apology for not being available by phone during last week's installation dinner. I truly appreciate the honor bestowed upon me but believe that everyone in the club should receive the same recognition. The Rotary Club of Mentor is

made up of people dedicated to serving others. This commitment runs deep and true throughout the entire club. I hope I will be able to find a similar opportunity to serve here in Tennessee. I miss you all more than any other element of our life in Lake County.

I will continue to hold you near in my heart and think of you and Fred Fuldauer, for whom this award is justly named, frequently. Thank you for your consideration and good wishes.

Dave Noble

PAST BUSINESS

Following are a couple of photos missed from last week's issue:



Frank Suponcic addressing the Rotary Club of Mentor. Photo by Dan Welker.



Randy Carver presents a \$7000 check to President Mike. Photo by Dan Welker.

HUMOR

In keeping with June being Fellowships Month in Rotary, the humor this week comes from Peter Battle, a fellow member of Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) who is a member of a Rotary Club in

South Wales, United Kingdom The following refutes the assertions of a certain politician who claimed otherwise.

**How the Internet started:-
A revelation with an Incredibly Big
Message (IBM):**

Well, you might have thought that you knew how the Internet started, but here's the TRUE story

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband: "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load - but simply said: "How, dear?"

And Dot replied: "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price.

And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP)

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabiah did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted - for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say: "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said: "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied: "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO", said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid(GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

So, that's how it all began. Now you know. Of course this story is true; its source is uh...the internet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30 – Special Program for membership and significant others / host Mike Scruggs

July 7 - International Women's Air & Space Museum

July 14- Club Assembly

July 21- Stress Relief/ Dr. Tom Lemire

July 28- Outgoing Exchange Student / Mike Scruggs

August 4- District Governor: Steve Zabor

BIRTHDAYS

June 1 – Alex Cooper

June 4 – Jeff McMillen

June 8 – Dan Welker

June 14 – Gary Estadt

June 20 – Greg Donnelly

June 21 – Lou Kreider

June 24 – Elfie Roman

June 26 – John Solich

June 28 – John Trebets

If I have missed anyone, please call 974-2494 or email

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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
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2010\2011

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WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center,
5783 Heisley Road,
Mentor, Ohio
Thursday at 12 Noon

OUR MAILING ADDRESS

Rotary Club of Mentor
PO Box 1177
Mentor, OH 44061-1177

OUR WEB SITE

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 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 Bar Louie, 24337 Cedar
Rd., Lyndhurst, OH at 12:00 Noon.
