



# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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### March is Literary Month in the Rotary International Calendar

#### LAST MEETING

Reported by Elfie Roman

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne, with several guests introduced, including former Mentor Rotarian and President Marianne Gaydos who was already "wearin' the green" for St. Patrick's Day!

Prayer was lead by Ted Hieronymus Rotabuck was won by another former President and returning Rotarian, Skip Trombetti

**Announcements** included a reminder about the Wine and Beer-tasting Event on Saturday (March 10th) evening at 7 PM at Mentor Honda on Market Street. Over 250 guests are already registered, with lots of great prizes for the Silent Auction, and, new this year... a Live Auction for several super prizes!

Fred reminded us about Broadmoor Woodworking on Monday, March 12th at 1:00 PM at Broadmoor School, with lunch at Noon at Panera Bread on Rt 306.

Bill Robertson reminded us all about the Drama Season that started last weekend with Les Miserables, and many wonderful plays to follow. Bill also reminded us all about the need for GSE host families. And as a member of the Mentor Schools Business Advisory Council, Bill asked for any leads on student summer paid work positions or internships.

**Program:** John Solich then introduced our speaker..."Super Joe" Charboneau who debuted with the Cleveland Indians in 1980, splitting time between left field and being a designated hitter.



Super Joe Charboneau addressing the Rotary Club of Mentor. *Photo by Dan Welker*

Joe had a team leading 23 home runs, 87 runs batted in, and a .289 batting average earning him the 1980 American League Rookie of the Year award. He has had a book written about him, along with a song "Go Joe Charboneau" which was a big hit on the local charts.

In a 1981 spring training game, he suffered a back injury from which he never fully recovered. It led to him being released from the Indians in 1983.

Although Joe has been through a number of other injuries, he was still able to get a hit in professional baseball in four decades--70s, 80s, 90s, and 00s. Along with doing clinics and lessons, Joe has been a minor-league hitting coach for the past eight years.

Although "Super Joe" declared that he was not a good speaker, nor used to speaking before such large groups, he provided a VERY entertaining overview of his background, his experiences as a player, the changes (technology, etc) that the game of baseball has undergone in the past decades, and his current

endeavors as a businessman and coach.

Super Joe shared stories of his Indians and other AL colleagues, player superstitions, the Fantasy Baseball Camp at Classic stadium and which Rotarian is now to be known as having the "best backward throwing arm"?

The audience's Tribe Fever was clearly evident in their rousing applause, and many questions for Super Joe!

#### FROM OUR READERS

The following notice comes from Randy Carver:

We have set the date for our annual Rotary/Carver Golf outing – the event will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Denis Golf Course .

This event has raised \$4,000 - \$7,000 every year for Mentor Rotary with over \$70,000 donated since we started! It would be great to have a good showing from the Mentor Rotary again this year.

This event sells out every year. Full details will be available next month but we wanted to give special notice to the members . If people are interested in preserving space (individual or four-some) they can just call the office. Price is \$99 per golfer or \$375 for a foursome registered together

#### JOCOE'S JOURNAL

One of my college friends asked a group of us for advice on organizing his final report for the year.

"Why don't you use Roman numerals to head the different sections?" another friend suggested.

"I already thought of that," he replied. "But my keyboard doesn't have Roman numerals on it."

On a flight to Florida, I was preparing my notes for one of the parent education seminars I conduct as an

educational psychologist. The elderly woman sitting next to me explained that she was returning to Miami after having spent two weeks visiting her six children, 18 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren in Boston. Then she inquired what I did for a living.

I told her, fully expecting her to question me for free professional advice.

Instead, she sat back and said, "If there's anything you want to know, just ask me!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10** – Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event, 7PM to 10PM at Honda of Mentor  
**March 12** - Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM  
**March 15** – Tim Ausperk, Blackbrook Country Club Golf Pro.  
**March 16** – *Footloose*, at Riverside High School  
**March 17** – *Aida*, at Harvey High School  
**March 21** - Board Meeting, 7:30AM  
**March 22** - 4-Way Speech Contest- Bob Z.  
**March 23** – *Cinderella* at Lake Catholic High School  
**March 29** - Christy Lapaglia – CARES program for Autistic Children  
**March 29** – *Titanic*, at Mentor High School.  
**April 5** – Rachael Rhodes – Kenya Project  
**April 12** - Waite Talbot – Poker and some game theory  
**April 13 – 15** – District 6630 Annual Conference, at Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.  
**April 16** - Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM  
**April 18** - Board Meeting, 7:30AM  
**April 26** - Richard Mook – From Grace to Glory, inspirational story  
**May 3** – Youth in Government  
**May 3** – *Once Upon a Mattress*, at Fairport Harding High School.  
**May 14** - Woodworking at Broadmoor School, 1:00PM  
**May 16** - Board Meeting, 7:30AM  
**June 1** - Rotary/Carver Golf Outing

## 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 974-2494 or email [d.grose@sbcglobe.net](mailto: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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## WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center,  
 5783 Heisley Road,  
 Mentor, Ohio

Thursday at 12 Noon  
 OUR MAILING ADDRESS Mentor  
 PO Box 1177  
 Mentor, OH 44061-1177

## OUR WEB SITE

[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 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 Mitchell's Fish Market, 28601 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere (at Eton Square).