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September is New Generations Month in the Rotary International Calendar.

LAST MEETING Reported by Linda Clements

Sergeant-at-Arms Fred Lariccia assisted by Tom Weiss.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne. We were led in prayer by Curt Jones who remembered those so affected by the hurricane and was thankful for all the blessings that we have here.

We welcomed several guests to our meeting today. Bob Boyd brought his lovely wife, Bonnie. Doug Grose brought Buss McMannes. Tom Parkhurst brought Bob Fritts and Vicki Curtis re-introduced Karen Bowersox who was our featured speaker at last week's meeting.

RotaBuck – The last three winning digits were 361 and John Krueger was the winner. When Dr. Estadt brought the deck to him, he picked the 9 of spades.

The Word for this week was "award".

Announcements:

Fred spoke to the group about "Bread Day" which is next weekend; Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Help is needed and sign-up sheets are going around. Bread order forms are due by September 2nd. Fred, now a new radio personality in town, was on WELW this morning. He made his debut talking about our Bread Day and the Bone Marrow Drive. Hopefully, this will increase awareness.

Ron Traub talked about "It's Better in

Mentor" weekend and Rotary's part in that with our 5K/2 mile walk program. Volunteers are needed during the two hour window on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be going around for that event.

Program: Past Mentor Rotarian, Dr. Scott Nelson

Since retiring and moving back to Colorado, Ex-Mentor Rotarian Scott has remained quite busy. Among other things, he has joined a Rotary club in Boulder and is very much involved in helping a hospital in Cameroon, West Africa set up a ENT program. He brought us a power point presentation to bring us up to date with this project.

Cameroon was a German colony before WW I, and was split up between France and Britain after that war. (To the victors go the spoils). The two colonies gained their Independence and were reunited in the early sixties. Since they managed this transition without a civil war, the infrastructure of the country is in relatively good shape, for Africa.

During their occupation, the Europeans started many mission hospitals. While there is government health care, it is embryonic and the government has allowed those mission hospitals to continue. It is in one of those hospitals that Scott is directing his efforts.

The Mbingo Baptist Hospital was started in 1952 as a leper colony by Dieter Lemke, MD, a German-Canadian missionary doctor. There followed a gradual increase in the number of doctors serving the hospital, especially African doctors. These doctors brought new skills to the site,

allowing the hospital to expand its services beyond Leprosy.



Dr. Scott Nelson addressing the Rotary Club of Mentor.. Photo by Dan Welker.

By 2009, when Scott began to be involved, the specialties available at Mbingo included Internal Medicine, General Surgery, OB/Gyn, Dental, Leprosy Care, Aids Care and Ophthalmology, but still no ENT. At the time there were five million people living in the area the hospital served.

Dr. Acha Tikum was a Cameroonian-born general medical practitioner at MBH who saw a need for ENT service. He traveled to Nairobi for an ENT residency and returned to MBH in mid-2010 to found the ENT department.

Scott was later introduced to Dr Acha by Drs. Tom and Edie Welty, long-time friends of his. His twenty-five years in ENT practice in Mentor, and his current retirement with his practice limited to service work, made him a natural to help Dr. Acha expand the ENT department at MBH

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MENTOR, OHIO

Currently, the Rotary Project at MBH is to adequately equip the new ENT service, to put the MBH ENT doctors in touch with American ENT doctors and to add to the skills of the ENT doctors at Mbingo. Our Rotary club as well as a Rotary club in Colorado and one in Cameroon are combining to work toward these goals. Dr. Scott Nelson hopes to return to Mbingo soon with more than \$40,000 of ENT tools for MBH, paid for by the three clubs and Rotary International Foundation.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers needed for the IBIM 5 Mile Run/ 2 Mile Walk. Sunday, September 18th from 7am to 10am. Opportunities available for later risers at 8 am. Contact Ron Traub at Traub@cityofmentor.com or (440) 974-5736.

JOCOE'S JOURNAL

A customer was really hassling an airline agent at the ticket counter — yelling and using foul language. However, the agent was polite, pleasant and smiled while the customer continued to abuse her.

When the man finally left, the next person in line said to the agent, "Does that happen often? I can't believe how nice you were to him."

The agent smiled and said, "No problem, I took care of it. He's going to Detroit. His bags are going to Bangkok."

I walked into my sister's kitchen and found my nephew, Mitch, having a snack.

"Where's your mother?" I asked.

"She said she was going to take a shower. Just a second and I'll see." Mitch went to the kitchen tap and turned the hot water on full blast.

An indignant yell came from above. Mitch calmly turned off the tap and said, "Yep, she's in the shower."

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 Board Meeting

September 8 The Power of Sound, presented by Radio Lake County

September 11 Bread Baking Day

September 12 Bread Distribution Day.

September 18 IBIM Run

September 19 Woodworking at Broadmoor School

September 30 Clambake at MHYC.

October 2: Be the Match Bone Marrow testing at Mentor Medical Campus.

BIRTHDAYS

September 8 – Bob Ledenican

September 9 – Neil Sawicki

September 17 – Vince Granito

September 18 – Doug Grose

September 29 – Vicki Curtis

If I have missed anyone, please call 974-2494 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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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.