



ROTARY ELEVATOR

April 2007

April 3, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Don Anderson was working as Greeter today on another Beautiful April Spring Day temp in the mid-70s but wait till tomorrow... BRRRR cold but its Pancake Day... do not want temp in 80s!

BIG CHEER for JEAN was back tickling the ivories for our listening pleasure. We Missed Ya Jean!!! Harry Johns led us in singing and we sounded pretty good Thanks to Jean. Dick Holmes in hospital. Guests included the new manager of Applebee's which is opening May 7 who received a cheer. Also Charles Feaster, a Tuskegee Airmen recently returned from Washington D.C. where the Airmen were honored by Congress with a Gold Medal. Charles also received a round standing "O" from the club.



We welcomed new member David Spriggs.

Gretchen Wagner presented her personal profile with her two children Leighton and Lanna in attendance. A Wichita, Kansas native Gretchen an only child her family moved frequently with her geologist father and hospital administrator mother. She graduated from Liberty University with two degrees and a husband, Douglas. But her interest in healthcare led to her present position as Administrator for AdCare at the Legacy Assisted Living Center. She joined the club in July 2005

Sarge of the month Eric Fogarity fined Prez Barb \$5 for accepting his offer to help in any way. Fined Gator fans for win over THE OSU. Then collected numerous bucks including his son Neil for new child coming and 4 yr old son playing first T-ball game. Todd Reichley gathered the Attendance Prize with Joe Mays the 52/50.

Terry Hall as Program Chair introduced his running partner of 20 years, John Bowen. John, a Xenia resident and former Home Federal Xenia employee, has been President and CEO of River Valley Credit Union since 1995. A member of the Miamisburg Rotary John shared the growth and functions of credit unions and how they have changed over time. He also discussed some of the major differences between credit unions and other financial institutions. He explained that credit



unions are non-profit financial co-ops owned by their members. River Valley changed its name from Daymon CU after the closing of the Monsanto plant in Miamisburg. They changed to a state charter to allow them to expand membership's "common bond" to a larger geographic area and other employers. They have offices in Miamisburg, Middletown, Springboro West Carrollton and in process of opening an office near The Greene.

April 10, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Arriving late but arriving was Greeter Barry Baker on a chilly April day but nice crowd in attendance. Spring Break must be over. Jean back playing for our listening pleasure as we ate. Harry Johns led us in *Take me Out to the Old Ball game and Smile*. Saying that a smile costs you nothing but gives the receiver a gift.

After Jim Kennedy prayed and guests were introduced Doc Warner gave his personal profile (very briefly). Doc born in Lancaster County attended schools there for 6 years receiving his only "D" and it was in penmanship. "They decided then I should be a doctor!" Moving to Xenia his last six years he went to THE Ohio State before being drafted as an enlisted man for three years for WWII. After graduating medical school at OSU he enlisted for two years in the medical corps during the Korean Conflict. Married to Mary for 61 years and trying to catch Russ Remick's 63 years. Joined Xenia Rotary in April 1954 sponsored by John Williamson (Rick & David's father) while Jack Kennedy (Jim's father) was president. What he did not say was he is a Xenia club past president and a past District Governor 1963-64. Doc's father R.J. Warner was Superintendent of Xenia schools for many, many years with Warner Middle Schools named for him.

Tom Swigart, Pancake Chair again Thanked all who helped and especially the Clean up Crew. Said we served over 2,200 people plus numerous kids under 6 years old. Other Numbers include: 560 lbs Pancake mix, 384 pounds of sausage, 60 gal syrup, 100 gal OJ, and 80 gal milk. Also Thanked Bob Geyer for publicity (call him "Hollywood" for all his TV time.)

We welcomed new member David Rickert. Temp Sarge Ron Geyer was up but only news article was on Brother Bob Geyer who did all the talking. Normally not fined but since a politician fined him \$2! Asked for Happy Bucks and no one raised their hand..... bad day I guess. But a couple did volunteer a couple of bucks including Dick Holmes back after eight days at Greene Memorial Hotel and had wonderful care. Birthday Day caught us all for a \$1. Ron did mention Kevin Sonnycalb had emergency appendicitis surgery last evening.

Tim Haney as program chair introduced a whole table of ladies. Besides our speaker was Leigh Sempiles, Executive Director of

the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Dayton and two members of the St Brigid Church council members, Ginny Settembrini and Betty Goodwin.

Our speaker, Melissa Pangaeon is the Volunteer and Ancillary Services Manager at St Vincent DePaul Society in Dayton. Melissa has degrees from Sinclair and Wright State she worked at Lexus Nexis for fifteen years and volunteered at St Vincent DePaul's for ten years before moving to her present position. She presented a new power point presentation on the Society's mission and services. Their primary mission being the only homeless shelter in the Dayton area starting in 1985. The St Vincent Hotel "provides emergency and essential human and supportive services to homeless families and underemployed or unemployed men in order for them to survive a period of crisis or to obtain and maintain economic self-sufficiency and permanent housing." They essentially provide shelter, food and a bed for an evening.



The present facility was opened two years ago containing 50,000 sq ft of space. They can house 220 beds and are full nearly every evening. Last evening they had a waiting list of 54 men. They have a primary dorm for 92 men, a dorm for 42 women and can then open up further space 52 more beds for men. They offer case management for clients to find permanent housing, services and education.

In addition to the St Vincent Hotel they provide Transitional Housing at DePaul Center for 39 men and another space for 26 women. Here clients must have at least a part time and continue their education – G.E.D., trade or college.

The Society has a Thrift Store on Ed C. Moses Blvd with items for sale to help fund the mission but also local parishes can write vouchers for their clients to get clothing or household items.

How can we help? Always need volunteers' time and talents, Cash donations and donations of clothing and households items. Youth group, corporate and other volunteers come to the hotel or the thrift center to help as needed on various projects.

April 17, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Judy Baker with help from her daughter Tracy was the keeper of the door to welcome all. Gregg Hebrank prayed for us. The always "Dapper" Harry Johns led us in song and we did very well with *Let there be Peace on Earth*. Vickie Huff was present with XHS senior Zach Furlong, a recipient of a football scholarship to University of Iowa.

Dave Wedderburn was up to give his personal profile. A grad of XHS and Wright State he worked ten years at NCR in quality assurance. In 1991 Dave took a one year leave of absence to be the Xenia High athletic director in 1991 during the schools turmoil money crises. But he stayed fifteen years leaving ten months ago to be business manager at Collett Propane. Married to his high school sweetheart the former Julie Jordan they have three daughters and four grandsons. What Dave did not say was

they he "saved" athletics for the Xenia Schools during that money crises. Dave joined Xenia Rotary in August 1991.

Announcement: The Xenia Rotary is proud to bring to Xenia High School the New York Times bestselling author and international speaker Matthew Kelly. He will be speaking to the Xenia High School and Career Center Seniors Wednesday May 2 10-11 at the Bob Hope auditorium. The purpose of the program entitled **The Schools Project** is to give students a life-directing message teaching young people how to make good choices. All students will also receive a copy of the book *Rhythm of Life*.

Sarge Eric F. was present today asking President Barbara's guest and new employer maybe he should have come to Rotary before he hired Barbara. Tried to find later tax filer if they had a refund coming... none did. Fined Gregg H for bad Naples Fl comment about white trash driving Lexus(which is what Eric drives). Jeff Lewis won the 52/50 but Doc Ellis would have won would Attendance if he had been here.

Program chair Jim Harner attempted to introduce his guest and speaker and guests but had some problems. Eventually we found out Kate Bush, Associate Director of Tecumseh Land Trust was our speaker. Kate a Beavercreek native joined Tecumseh Land Trust in 2004 after graduating from Denison University. She manages special fundraising events, educational outreach, the Agriculture Easement Purchase Program (AEPP) application process, and general land preservation.



The Tecumseh Land Trust is one of over 1,200 land trusts in the United States. Their mission is to assist land owners in finding ways to protect their valuable farm land and significant cultural or natural sites. They have existed for 17 years, surpassed 500 members in 2002, and have protected approximately 12,800 acres of land, including our most recent awards for easement purchase. A 501(c)(3) organization that primarily they serve Clark and Greene Counties. The State of Ohio has 41 land trust with 41,119 acres protected by purchase and easements.

Agriculture is Ohio's #1 industry, and most of our land is divided into farms of 50-200 acres. We're losing farmland in Clark County at the rate of 1,100 acres a year, mostly to residential development. Working farmland preserves native plants and animals in its untillable niches. Well farmed land helps preserve good water quality. Farms provide open vistas which make residential areas more pleasant. Farms cost less in services then they bring in tax revenues. Agriculture is important in our culture and history.

The Land Trust works primarily with landowners who can benefit from donating or selling conservation easements to the land trust. They sometimes accept gifts of land, placing an easement, on the land, and then sell it, using any profits to purchase easements on other property. They hold only perpetual easements at this time.

What exactly is a conservation easement? An easement is a condition or limitation attached to the deed for a property. A

private organization, like a land trust, or a government unit can "hold" an easement. The value of an agricultural conservation easement is the difference between a property's development value and its agricultural value. Eased land can be bought and sold, but the conditions of the easement remain in place.

How can we help? Join the land trust, contribute, and volunteer. Consider donation or sale of an easement or an estate gift as a part of your own financial planning. Talk to your neighbors about joining the land trust or preserving their land. Tell public officials and candidates that this is an issue you are concerned about. Let state and federal candidates know you're concerned about getting and keeping funding in place for easement purchase and opening the option in Ohio to transfer development rights. More info on the Tecumseh Land Trust may be found at www.tecumsehlandtrust.org

[April 24, 2007 - Meeting Notes](#)

Greeting us today was smiling Jack Bergin with a firm handshake too. After Gregg H. prayed Harry Johns led us in a *Grand Old Flag*. Vickie Huff back with three more talented students who performed in the *Bye Bye Birdie* musical this past weekend: Travis Matson, Melissa Ponder, and Eric Shultz.

Steve Weeks gave us a brief Personal Profile. A Springfield native believes he is the only person from Springfield licensed to sell drugs. Steve graduated Central Catholic and Ohio Northern to become a pharmacist. After working 16 years for the big drug store chains, Steve joined with a partner to open IHS Pharmacy and Wellness Center on N. Detroit Street. And now they now have a store on South Central Ave. in Fairborn. The father of three (11, 9, 6) he lives in West Chester with his wife Amy.

Recognition was made for Doc Warner as the E.J. Nutter Award for community service. Awarded Tom Zajbel for thirteen years of Perfect Rotary Attendance. A donation was made to Cedarville U. SIFE team off to national competition. 52/50 to Tom Ellis and Attendance to David Thompson.

Sarge Eric called on the look-a-likes Pete Stephan and Rock Mc sporting a new close haircut. Rock said he got pulled over by the Xenia police thinking he was Pete. But Rock shaved to honor his sister in law Barbara Tharp Thompson undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Said he got the idea from Kent Martin who did the same for his wife. [ed note: Hair not the most important thing in life.] Eric then went on to give an update on the Xenia Rotary Foundation expanding its board to nine members from three. The foundation has \$4,821 in funds with a pledge of over \$30,000. A letter will soon go out to encourage all members to make a pledge to reach \$100,000 in ten years. When Money is received 75% will go to an endowment fund with 25% to be spent on current projects. The same for earning from the endowment fund.

Program Chair Steve Brodsky brought Michelle Fisher newly appointed Director of City of Xenia Parks and Recreation. A Springfield North graduate Michelle earned an associate degree from Clark State and is enrolled at Antioch to complete her bachelor's degree. She formerly was the assistant to the city manager working for four managers in six years.

She spoke of upcoming events:

- May 15 **Fitness Walk** as part of Healthy Ohio that has a goal of 100,000 walking one mile.
- May 25 **Tom Birt Memorial "Scramble on Our Greene"** at the Beaver Creek Golf Club sponsored by Greene County Recreation, Beaver Creek, Fairborn and Xenia park and Recreation departments.
- June 16 **Annual Kids Fishing Derby** at Shawnee park for kids ages 3-16 starting at 9 A.M.

The **2007 Summer Festival of Entertainment** has a tentative schedule starting June 2 with WBZI Classic Country Radio featuring several bands. Movie in the Park are tentatively schedule hoping she is able to obtain sponsors for the \$1,500 needed for movie and equipment rental. Call Michelle at 376-PARKS if interested in sponsor an event.



ABC's of Rotary

First Names or Nicknames

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Miss, the Honorable, or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Mary, Karen, or Charley by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles" "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on physical characteristics.

The nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service.

New Member Profile

David M. Rickert

Nick Name: Dave

Classification: Law –
Commercial Litigation

Birth Date: 2/12/1954

Join the Xenia Rotary
Club: April 2007

Spouse's Name:
Brenna Rickert



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and Beard

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Children: Timothy (27), Michael (26) and Matthew (24)

Brief Work Duties/Job Function: I handle all types of civil litigation with a particular emphasis in the construction field. I also advise businesses on risk management issues such as contract drafting, policy review, general business operations, etc.

Brief Bio: Graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1975 and the University of Chicago Law School in 1978. I have worked as an attorney in the southwest Ohio continuously since 1978. Married to Brenna Rickert, an RN at Kettering Memorial Hospital's emergency department, since 1974.

Hobbies/Interests: Licensed private pilot, bicycling,
reasonably fluent in American Sign Language.

New Member Profile

David Spriggs

Nick Name: David

Classification:
Insurance – General

Birth Date: 6-11-78

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Spouse's Name:
Bethany



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Children: Connor 10 mo boy & Alyssa 28 mo

Brief Work Duties/Job Function: State Farm Insurance Agent. Sell life, health, auto, fire insurance and do financial services (mutual funds, state farm bank products) I have been with State Farm since August of 2002 and I have been agent here in Xenia since Sept of 2004.

Brief Bio: Born and raised in Portsmouth, OH. My wife Bethany is from Oberlin and we meet at Capital U. She graduated in 2000 and I in 2001 with a degree in business finance. We were married on July 22 2002 and are approaching our 5 year anniversary. She is a stay at home mother and an avid runner.

Hobbies/Interests: love to fish, golf, and play basketball
and spend time with my family

What are the requirements for Rotary?

First and foremost you should embrace the ideals of Rotary and want to be part of a local and global organization that is working to improve humanity. All Rotary clubs meet weekly to fellowship and network as a local club. Rotary is unique in the fact that attendance is required to remain a member in good standing. Every member is expected to attend at least 60% of all meetings. And at least 50% of that requirement needs to be at your host club. Other attendance can be from make-ups at any other club within the world. This unique make-up system allows you to experience what other Rotarians are doing to foster the ideals of Rotary within their community. Also, most clubs may have a suggested role of each of its members to play individually. And as you discuss the fit between you and your local Rotary club those facts will be discussed in detail.



**Weekly Assignments –
Please Mark your Calendars**

	May 1, 2007	June 5, 2007
Greeter	David Bradds	TBA
Invocation	Kent Martin	David Thompson
Music	Jeff Buchanan	Kent Martin
Sgt. At Arms	Steve Weeks	Tony Sculimbrene
Minutes	Terri Mazur	Barb Zajbel
Program	Gregg Hebrank	Jim Kennedy
Personal Profile	George Whyde	Barb Zajbel
	May 8, 2007	June 12, 2007
Greeter	Jeff Brock	Steve Duellley
Invocation	Brad Montgomery	Neil Fogarty
Music	Jeff Buchanan	Kent Martin
Sgt. At Arms	Steve Weeks	Tony Sculimbrene
Minutes	Melissa Litteral	Brett Ellis
Program	David Hidy	TBA
Personal Profile	Kevin Wichman	Tom Zajbel
	May 15, 2007	June 19, 2007
Greeter	Steve Brodsky	Craig Eicher
Invocation	Judy Baker	Tom Zajbel
Music	Jeff Buchanan	Kent Martin
Sgt. At Arms	Steve Weeks	Tony Sculimbrene
Minutes	Mark McDonnell	Judy Baker
Program	Ray Hieber	TBA
Personal Profile	Dave Williamson	
	May 22, 2007	June 26, 2007
Greeter	Robyn Caupp	Brett Ellis
Invocation	Joe Mullins	Jeff Brock
Music	Jeff Buchanan	Kent Martin
Sgt. At Arms	Steve Weeks	Tony Sculimbrene
Minutes	TBA	Club Assembly
Program	Dick Holmes	Club Assembly
Personal Profile	Rick Williamson	Club Assembly
	May 29, 2007	
Greeter	TBA	
Invocation	Bill Flaute	
Music	Jeff Buchanan	
Sgt. At Arms	Steve Weeks	
Minutes	Kevin Wichman	
Program	Cliff Johnson	
Personal Profile	Evelyn Yaus	

ABC's of Rotary

Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

- **Club Service** involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully.
- **Vocational Service** describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.
- **Community Service** pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.
- The fourth Avenue of Service, **International Service**, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. When a Rotarian understands and travels down the four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.

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?

In 1932 Herbert Taylor, a Chicago Rotarian and president of Rotary International, 1954-55, prepared the Four-Way Test as a step to turning around a struggling company in the Depression. Today, it has become one of the most widely distributed publications on ethics in the world, and still continues to be a very useful tool in building relationships.

Applying the Four-Way Test offers a way to develop respect and understanding around the globe and in all walks of life. It nurtures the ideals of truth, justice, friendliness and helpfulness.

WHERE TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

All meeting times below start at 12 noon unless indicated otherwise.

Monday

Dayton Ponitz Center (Bldg 12) Sinclair Community College
 Huber Heights The Wayne Booster Club 5367 Fishburg Rd
 Springfield (12:10 pm) Casey's Restaurant 2005 Park Rd.
 Urbana (6:15 pm) Carey Auditorium 119 S. Walnut St Rte 29
 Wilmington NOON Damon's 1045 Eastside Dr.
 Moraine (7:00am) Holiday Inn 2455 Dryden Rd

Tuesday

Brookville Rob's Restaurant
 Hillsboro (11:45 am) Elk's Lodge St Rt 138
 Middletown Manchester Motor Inn
 New Carlisle (11:30am) Sacred Heart Social Center
 209 W. Lake Ave.
 Waynesville (7:30 am) Der Dutchman Restaurant

Wednesday

Fairborn Damon's Best Western
 Kettering (11:45 am) Presidential Banquet Center
 Miamisburg Baum Opera House 15 South 1st St
 Moraine (7:00 am) Holiday Inn 2455 Dryden Rd

Thursday

Centerville Yankee Trace Golf Club
 Cincinnati Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
 Lebanon Golden Lamb Inn
 Trotwood Caffe Anticole 8268 N. Main St.
 Vandalia (11:45 am) Cassel Hills Golf Club. 201 Clubhouse Way

Friday

Beavercreek Walnut Grove Country Club
 Franklin 1st Methodist Church 3rd & Main
 Germantown First Church of God
 Oakwood (7:00 am) Dayton Country Club 555 Kramer Rd.
 Wilmington AM (7:00 am) Wilmington Inn 909 Fife Ave.

Some things to ponder:

- There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
- Think about this..., No one ever says "It's only a game." when his team is winning.
- I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
- The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)
- Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Ford.
- After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.



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