

ROTARY ELEVATOR

April 7, 2009

Greeter	Todd McManus
Invocation	Gloria Roth
Music	Rock McColaugh
Sgt. At Arms	Terry Hall
Minutes	Kent Martin
Program	Rock McColaugh

Attendance Winner: None (Missing Bill Hagenbauch)

52/50 Winner: Julie Wedderburn

President Bob's Thought of the Week:

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Sarge Department.

The Queen - Barbara Schenck is Back as the Sarge for April !!! So hold to your wallet. Is every one here Happy? Everyone was or would not admit to be unhappy Except Ron Geyer. So the rest of us paid a \$1. The Year 2009 is a BIG year of *Change* for Barbara - retiring next month AND turns 50! So she asked several fellows to help her test some aging products and report back next week. Volunteers (?) include Brian S, Todd McM, Todd R, Ron Lewis and Brian Ellis. Should be interesting....

Program for April 14 – Mark McDonnell, Chair
A speaker from the GCCHD.

Announcements:

- **BIG Thank You** all who worked **Pancake Day** especially **Tom Swigart** and **Tom Sefton** who stay ALL Day and then some. Others Neil Fogarty, Jeff Eyrich and Bob Geyer who seemed to be there all day too. (Plus Tom's wife Dawn who seems to be everywhere.) Served about 2,050 down a little bit from last year.
- Xenia Rotary Club International Project recipient this year is the **Luke Commission (Dr. Harry and Echo VanderWal)** who received \$2,500. They were our program on November 18, 2008 and serve as medical missionaries in Swaziland treating Aids and HIV. Go to <http://www.lukecommission.org/>
- A new community project is the **purchase and placement of Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** in public location in the community. Seed money of \$2,500 was placed in the account. **Rotarian Steve Weeks and HIS Pharmacy** will donate \$400 towards each unit.
- **Need donations for a Xenia Rotary Basket** to be auctioned at the District Conference April 17-19. See Barb Zajbel.
- **Happy Birthday caterer Marilyn McClelland.**
- **Rock McColaugh** had carotid artery surgery on Monday... but still had today's program arranged. *[FYI - Prez Bob saw Rock after the meeting today. He was just getting home from the hospital and is doing fine. Says to give everyone his best.]*

Program: David Linkhart

One look and you realize that David Linkhart is Greene County's answer to Mountain Man "Grizzly Adams". A ninth generation Greene County Farmer Dave is a graduate of XHS and The Ohio State in Agricultural Education and Natural Resources. He presently farms 750 acres north of Xenia and has a deep interest in soil and conservation. But he is also an active Trapper of furs since early childhood.



He regaled us with many stories of trapping in Ohio and now Louisiana. Trapping furs in Ohio is an international business. A raccoon fur that he has cleaned and dried will be sent to Ontario Canada to be placed in an auction. That bundle of furs may be bought with German money sent to Greece for tanning; then sent to Italy to be made into a coat which is bought in Russia. China has been attempting to dominate the tanning field as they have lots of cheap labor and poor environmental controls. A nice unblemished raccoon fur may bring an average of \$28. But furring is labor intensive taking hour about an hour to clean and set a fur for drying not counting time to set traps and then to tend them each day. Dave considers his trapping part of the natural selection of reducing the vermin population.

During the freezing months of January and February he has been going to Louisiana trapping by contract with a 6,000 acres "farm" that raises crawfish. Otters, mink, muskrats, beaver and raccoon love the ponds and easy food source. Dave has also moved into trapping live otters for sale to museums and zoos.

He is a believer in "conservation" versus "preservation" by placing a value which people will respect to support

Despite the high cost of living, it still seems very popular. - Unknown

**Upcoming Assignments –
Please Mark your Calendars**

April 14, 2008

Greeter	Terry Toby
Invocation	Gloria Roth
Music	John Meyer
Sgt. At Arms	TBA
Minutes	Todd McManus
Program	Mark McDonnell

April 21, 2008

Greeter	Jeff Eyrich
Invocation	Robyn Caupp
Music	Bill Flaute
Sgt. At Arms	TBA
Minutes	Melinda Cooper
Program	Noel McKeown

April 28 2008

Greeter	Buffie Myers
Invocation	Cathy Hill
Music	Russ Remick
Sgt. At Arms	TBA
Minutes	Brian Stephan
Program	Todd McManus

ABC's of Rotary

Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS)

The Bylaws of Rotary International require that the governor-elect of each district, in cooperation with the current governor, schedule and conduct a training seminar for the incoming club presidents of the district, preferably in March. This two- or three-day Presidents-elect Training Seminar, commonly referred to by its acronym, PETS, is a motivational and leadership training session designed to prepare the future club presidents for the office they will assume on 1 July. Among the subjects covered are the presentation of the RI theme for the coming year as well as information about effective service projects and The Rotary Foundation. Time is also devoted to reviewing the role and responsibilities of a club president. Incoming club presidents also learn about goal-setting, selection and preparation of club officers, club administration, membership recruitment and orientation, and RI and district resources. In some areas of the world, two or more neighboring districts conduct Multidistrict PETS. Multidistrict PETS groups have found that their larger numbers help them attract popular Rotary speakers, provide incoming presidents with a perspective beyond the district, and generate more diverse strategies for effective club leadership.

Pancake Day Pictures April 1, 2009



Bob & Tom with a couple
Of local "Celebrities"

The Stars of the Day!



Clean up Crew dancing?

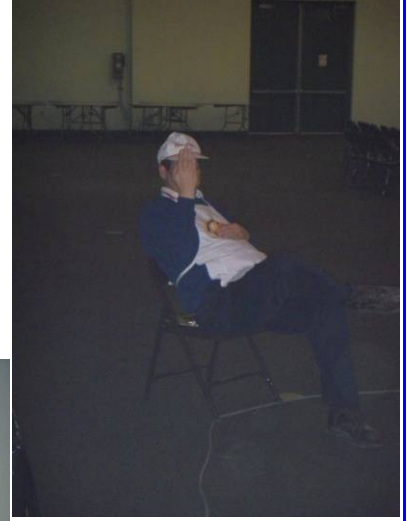


Robyn & Helper

Someone Hiding from America's Most Wanted?



Grill Crew taking a break



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English never was my strong subject!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.