



ROTARY ELEVATOR

December 30, 2008



December 30, 2008 - Meeting Notes

	30-Dec-08
Greeter	Brian Stephan
Invocation	Joe Mullins
Music	Rock McColaugh
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer
Minutes	Kent Martin
Program	"Open Mic"

Today had an even slimmer crowd than last week. Where are all you folks??? But we some how made it through the meeting. Rock and Jean tried a "new song"... ugh! Pretty bad. Maybe we should go back to the old song books. We did sing *Auld Lang Syne* with words in the new song books. But the Sarge later asked, "What is *Auld Lang Syne*?" No one knew the answer. Vet Brett called up Wikipedia on his Blackberry and found it was from a poem by Robert Burns, a Scot.

FYI - from a Google Search:

"Auld Lang Syne" is an extremely old Scottish song that was first written down in the 1700s. **Robert Burns** is the person whose transcription got the most attention, so the song is associated with him. A good translation of the words "auld lang syne" is **"times gone by."** So (incorporating a couple of other translations) when we sing this song, we are saying, "We'll drink a cup of kindness yet for times gone by."

Announcements:

- **January 2009 Food Drive Month.** Bring in non-perishable or can food each meeting in January for the local Food Bank
- **Caring Place Meal February 19** – Need Twelve Volunteers to serve the meal. Sign ups start January 6th. See Bill Flaute if any questions.
- **Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army** we collected \$5,145 during our time at the Bell. Thanks Bell Ringers!

President Bob extended the meal time today to enjoy the fellowship around the table. Sarge Ron was back and was told he had a half hour of time... And away he went - Asking Joe Mullins about his wood ink pen looked like a bed post; cautioned Bill F not to talk about food for the needy with his mouth full of food; mentioned that he had predicted 50 members in the club with the bad economy and almost there today; Every club president's fear was that Dick Loveless would give up the Secretary/Treasurer job and all the member would leave. Turning to his Brother Bob said you are half way there! How Bad is the Economy? In Las Vegas the tigers are eating Roy out of necessity! Hit on Rock for licking Barb Schenk's fork? Rock "explained" that Barb had brought her own "To Go Box" to take home food for her son... and he used his fork or some long story....

The "Open Mic" program produced some groaner stories by Russ, a Joe Mullins KFC commercial that seemed political; Keith had a story about a druggist "Bad Day" and a rectal thermometer; Kent "performed (?) a couple of balloon and magic tricks". Harry told a 1960s Rotary story of a make up in London, Ohio where a shocked member asked, "How many of "you" are there in the Xenia club? Harry told 93! Overall it was another fun and memorable meeting at the Xenia Rotary. 52/50 Julie Wedderburn; Attendance to Ron Geyer who donated it to the Food Bank.

Wishing all a Happy New Year, President Bob dismissed the meeting early.

President Bob's Thought of the Day:

Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.

Program for January 6, 2009 – Jim Harner Chair- TBD

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. ~Bill Vaughan

Judy Baker Ringing the Bell!



Assignments – Please Mark your Calendars	
	6-Jan-09
Greeter	Don Anderson
Invocation	Jim Kennedy
Music	John Meyer
Sgt. At Arms	Todd McManus
Minutes	Bill Flaute
Program	J.O. Harner
	13-Jan-09
Greeter	Ron Geyer
Invocation	Cliff Johnson
Music	Bill Flaute
Sgt. At Arms	Todd McManus
Minutes	Terry Tobey
Program	Jim Kennedy
	20-Jan-09
Greeter	Rock McColaugh
Invocation	Harry Johns
Music	Russ Remick
Sgt. At Arms	Todd McManus
Minutes	Buffie Myers
Program	Richard Holmes
	27-Jan-09
Greeter	Pete Stephan
Invocation	Russ Remick
Music	Buffie Myers
Sgt. At Arms	Todd McManus
Minutes	Jeff Eyrich
Program	Cathy Hill


Top Ten New Year Resolutions

1. I resolve to work with neglected children. (my own).
2. I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm with which I answer my e-mail.
3. When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL... LOL!"
4. I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone number.
5. I will balance my checkbook. (on my nose).
6. I will think of a password for my computer other than "password."
7. I will try to figure out why I "really" need 11 e-mail addresses.
8. I will go into McDonald's and order a McSpreader
9. I will go into McDonald's and order a McSlurry
10. I will find out why the correspondence course on "Mail Fraud" that I purchased never showed up.

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right. ~Oprah Winfrey

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution. Jay Leno



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