



# ROTARY ELEVATOR

December 9, 2008

## December 9, 2008 - Meeting Notes

|                     | 9-Dec-08              |
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| <b>Greeter</b>      | Missing-<br>Ron Lewis |
| <b>Invocation</b>   | Robyn Caupp           |
| <b>Music</b>        | Randy Overbeck        |
| <b>Sgt. At Arms</b> | Adolfo Tornichio      |
| <b>Minutes</b>      | Kent Martin           |
| <b>Program</b>      | Jeff Eyrich           |

No Greeter Today???? (OOPs- Where were you Ron Lewis?)  
Robyn prayed and Randy Overbeck filled in as song leader but the first song was not in our new pretty song books. With the white stuff flying outside Jean picked out "snow" song but we did use the book for an old favorite Rotary song but a new number. .

### Announcements:

- Time to **Ring The Bell for the Salvation Army** at Krogers starting December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup> 10am to 8 pm each day. Soooo we need lots of volunteers to sign up for a 2-3 shifts each to cover all the times.
- **Children's Christmas Party Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>** 6-8 P.M. Lots of Volunteers needed!!! Please Sign up.
- **Christmas Auction December 9<sup>th</sup>** **Bring a \$25+ gift to sell.** **Other** Items to be auctioned:
  - ◆ A **Wright State signed basketball** donated by Jim Harner
  - ◆ A **Lap Quilt made by Jeanie Hughes;**
  - ◆ A **Cy Young winner Brandon Webb Baseball.**
  - ◆ A **Chicago Trip Package** - Xenia Rotarian **Eric Winston** has arranged an Auction or Raffle Package for

the club. The **Package includes** a night in a **Chicago Hilton** (\$200-250 value), dinner at **Shaw's Crab House** (\$100-150 value) plus **Two tickets to Oprah Winfrey Show** (priceless!). Looking for ideas to maximize income for club?

- **Dues Past Due?** Several Members are **Past Due** on paying there Rotary Dues from October. Please get those paid.
- **New Club Director run off Ballots** were cast and **Robyn Caupp** was elected for the term starting July, 2009.

Sarge Adolfo was busy checking his list during the meal and was ready to get some money. All who went shopping on Black Friday stand... shame on you - pay a \$1. No fine for Diane Dixon, CLU, Coach - Women in Insurance & Financial Services (WIFS) 2008 Woman of the Year. BUT she did pay for not picking up her name badge as did Rock Mc and Brian L who had on the wrong badge. Sarge was looking for a Santa to go to the juvenile detention center and point at the folks and say, *Bad, Bad, Bad.* Sarge then mentioned that of all the December holidays his favorite was *Festivus!* What? A holiday from a Seinfeld show that Frank Costanza tells him how he created *Festivus, a holiday for the rest of us.* A trivia question by table followed about the important activities. One table with Kevin Sonnycalb knew way too many of the answers. (In case you missed them: Airing of Grievances, Feats of Strength, the Festivus Pole). Happy Bucks by Dick Loveless on 54<sup>th</sup> year of perfect Rotary Attendance today!!!

Barbara Schenck had a special guest, Stacie Oxman of Xenia. Barbara called Stacie the first true "hero" I've known. While attending a recent Bengals game Stacie went to a restroom that ended up being two levels above her seats. Exiting a stall she found a lady on the ground with no pulse, struggling to breathe and her heart had gone into an irregular rhythm. Stacie an intensive care nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital Dayton started CPR and told the woman's daughter to go call 911 and get help. A policeman arrived and Stacie asked for a defibrillator. She had to shock the woman twice before she began regular breathing and put her heart in rhythm. I really believe someone put me in that bathroom that day. One other time, Stacie had to perform CPR and needed a defibrillator but it was locked up in a school principal's office. Thus, we all should learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator. (Bengal Fan Terry Tobey wished Stacie had gone down on the field and used the defibrillator on a some of the Bengal players.)



Jeff Eyrich program chair of the day introduced Nancy Marconett of the Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue (HHGDR) which is a No Kill shelter dedicated to saving and

placing abused, abandoned, and neglected Great Danes in suitable, loving, and forever homes in Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana.. Nancy a Wilmington resident became involved after retiring in 1999 although the center opened in the early 1990's.

The presently house 40 Great Danes with a five St Bernards, some other breeds along with some mixed breeds at the center located outside of Bethel, Ohio. The Rescue dedicated to rescuing Great Danes and Saint Bernards placing them in suitable homes. HHGDR is a no-kill rescue, and those animals which are not adopted will live out their natural lives at the Rescue. The Rescue has no paid employees.

Nancy said most rescues come from well meaning families who buy a dog or other pet and cannot spend the time or money to care for the pet. If you spend 10-12 hours away from home each day do not get a Great Dane. Buying a cute little Dane puppy for a very young child is not advised as the Dane will be



50-70 pounds in six months.

The Rescue is very restrictive and checks family references before adopting out a dog as they do not want to get the dog back.. Danes are expensive to feed and maintain. Veterinarian bills are generally based on size of the dog. Cages are special order for the colossal size.

As a nonprofit organization they are always in need of funding to feed and care for the many dogs. Veterinarian can run \$20,000/year. An interesting fund raiser they have developed is selling paw paintings by "Mozart" and other pawtographed items. Mozart places his paw into various paint colors and then places his paw on canvas in a variety and has become quite popular. They have sold on eBay and art galleries in the area.

Interestingly Nancy mentioned that all the breeds of the American Kennel Association have a Rescue organization as do other pet animals. Most of the dogs at local "dog pounds" are pure breeds. If you wish a pure breed dog go to a local pound.

Her final comment people need to do there homework before purchasing a pet- horse, cat, bird, etc. Then make a commitment for the lifetime of that pet which for dogs may be 10-12 years.

For more information go to their website:  
<http://www.hhdane.com/>

**President Bob's Thought of the Day:**  
Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

## Remember Children's Christmas Party

sponsored by the Xenia Rotary Club

**Tuesday December 16, 2008**

**6pm - 8 pm**

**Set up 5:30 pm**



**Santa Needs Your Help!**

### **Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

| <b>Assignments –<br/>Please Mark your Calendars</b> |                     |
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|   | <b>9-Dec-08</b>     |
| <b>Greeter</b>                                      | Steve Stanek        |
| <b>Invocation</b>                                   | Richard Holmes      |
| <b>Music</b>  | Harry Johns         |
| <b>Sgt. At Arms</b>                                 | Adolfo Tornichio    |
| <b>Minutes</b>                                      | Andy Pope           |
| <b>Program</b>                                      | <b>Auction</b>      |
|   |                     |
|   | <b>16-Dec-08</b>    |
| <b>Greeter</b>                                      | Karl Colon          |
| <b>Invocation</b>                                   | Keith Sheridan      |
| <b>Music</b>  | Randy Overbeck      |
| <b>Sgt. At Arms</b>                                 | Adolfo Tornichio    |
| <b>Minutes</b>                                      | Neil Fogarty        |
| <b>Program</b>                                      | <b>XHS Ensemble</b> |
|   |                     |
|   | <b>23-Dec-08</b>    |
| <b>Greeter</b>                                      | Brian Liming        |
| <b>Invocation</b>                                   | Gregg Hebrank       |
| <b>Music</b>  | Gloria Roth         |
| <b>Sgt. At Arms</b>                                 | Adolfo Tornichio    |
| <b>Minutes</b>                                      | Dave Warner         |
| <b>Program</b>                                      | TBD                 |
|   |                     |
|   | <b>30-Dec-08</b>    |
| <b>Greeter</b>                                      | Brian Stephan       |
| <b>Invocation</b>                                   | Joe Mullins         |
| <b>Music</b>  | Rock McColaugh      |
| <b>Sgt. At Arms</b>                                 | Ron Geyer           |
| <b>Minutes</b>                                      | Randy Overbeck      |
| <b>Program</b>                                      | TBD                 |



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## Some Christmas Humor

What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet only has 25 letters - No L (NOEL)

What Christmas Carol is a favorite of parents?

Silent Night

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

So he can hoe, hoe, hoe!

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes

What did the ghost say to Santa Claus?

I'll have a boo Christmas without you.

How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad

What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?

Sandy Claws

What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?

Crisp Cringle

What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?

Neither! Candles always burn shorter.

Q: What do you do when Santa gets stuck in your chimney?

A: Use Santa Flush!

Q. Why does Santa use reindeer to pull his sleigh?

Because the elephants kept crashing through the roof!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic.