

ROTARY ELEVATOR

February 2007

February 6, 2007 - Meeting Notes

No Greeter today? BRRRR may be cause it was the coldest day of the year! Late arriving President Barbara made it on time to ring the bell and start the meeting. Bart led us in song after playing a *Name that Rotary Song* game. Losing half of the room had to pay up. Jim Kennedy's half versus Cliff Johnson's half. Jim messed up on the first line. We sang so terrible that one song was enough.

Personal Profile came from Steve Stanek born at GMH June 6, 1955, he graduated XHS in 1973 then off to Wright State. After working in finance a few years he became the controller at Ready Electric in September 1980. Became more involved in the operations of the business as an estimator when in 1994 had the opportunity to purchase the business with two other partners. Married to wife Lynn for 30 years they have two grown children, loves to travel and golf. Steve has been a Xenia Rotarian since June 1997.

February Sarge Brian S. Made the other half of the room pay up for the song contest. Picked on Jeff Lewis for two days no school; Made OSU fans and grads who admitted it to pay; Neil F for his bad MSU joke which he got to tell for \$5- something about counting to 10: 0 & 1, 0 & 2, etc. Finished with a published list on why miss work. Happy Bucks from Russ R if he lives to Friday will celebrate 53rd wedding anniversary; Dave T on YMCA raising scholarships dollars; Jim Harner on his and Jean's granddaughters playing basketball at Xenia Christian.

Jeff Lewis was program chair and part speaker today to elaborate on the **American Dream Raffle** for the Xenia Endowment and participation by the Xenia Rotary Club. Jeff introduced Pat Hearlihy representing the Springfield Catholic High School as a main partner along with Lehman Catholic High School of Sidney and XEF of the American Dream Raffle.

John Balmer is the local rep for the Xenia Endowment Foundation. Started five years ago the **American Dream Raffle** was originally to have been a house but insufficient funds were raised to purchase the house the first year, thus the main prize was changed to \$100,000. Second prize is a 2007 loaded Pontiac G6; two third prizes of a Caribbean Cruise with 4th through 8th prize from \$1,000 to \$250. Early Bird Drawings our made on March 8 and April 5 with the main drawing May 3rd. Most of the tickets are sold prior to the Early Bird Drawings. They estimate that buyers have a one in 119 chances of winning something. Ticket levels are Gold 10 chances \$129; Silver 5 chances \$99 and Bronze 2 chances \$49. You do not need to



take cash or checks have buyer call the 800 number, order online at www.americandreamraffle.com or go to a on site seller.

The Xenia Rotary will receive 20% of our sales if buyers use the **XRC code** when purchasing tickets. Flyers are available at our website www.xeniarotary.com

A handout of ways to promote and sell tickets suggested- every business in town should have a poster and flyers; mail flyers to your friends and neighbors; taking flyers door-to door.

February 13, 2007 -

NO MEETING - SNOW DAY



February 20, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Greeter Kevin Wichman was on the job to welcome us all. Praying for us was Barbara Zajbel. Bart had us sing a Valentine Day song, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*.

President Barbara started the meeting by recognizing Xenia Rotarians Bob Geyer and Pete Stephan. They were inducted into the Xenia Educational Association Hall of Honor on Saturday night. President Barbara presented them Proclamations from State Representatives DeWine and Widener.

Personal Profile was Brian Stephan who is the son of our own Peter and Grandson of past member *The Colonel* Stephan. Born in Guam (dad was in the Air Force) Brian attended and graduated from Xenia Schools before going off to Michigan State on a football scholarship. (What he did not say was an injury shorten that career.) Back to Xenia with a Business degree he is now a financial planner with Wichman, Newell & Stephan. Oops- forgot to mentioned wife of three years Stephanie, a Michigan State grad and Attorney, a nine month old son too. And two dogs. Brian joined the Xenia club in 2000.

Changing hats Brian was also the Sarge of the Day hitting up folks for dollars. Happy Bucks came from Mark Mc. on two new and first grandchildren; Eric W. for daughter Megan's new masters degree, principal license, and engaged to be married; Terry Hall on his wife new published book on crochet design; Brent Ellis on Best county engineer getting roads cleaned of snow; Steve B. on kids getting back to school; Pianist Jean on 54th wedding anniversary.

Melissa Litteral thanked everyone who donated clothes to the *Clothes That Work* project. Terri Masur donated 26 pairs of shoes. Wow, she must have quite a closet! One more week for Rotarians to donate gently used business clothes.

Visiting Xenia Rotarian Eric Winston was in charge of the program. Eric currently holds the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Columbia College in Chicago. It is a little far for Eric to come back for lunch on Tuesday so we rarely see him. It was good to see you Eric.



Columbia College is the nations largest arts & media college with the largest film school in the U.S. (I would have expected that to be at a university near Hollywood). Columbia prides itself on its many successful graduates in the arts & entertainment industry. The school values diversity, nearly 30% of its enrollment is made up of students of color. Tuition is affordable \$16,300 & SAT test scores are not a basis for admittance. For more information go to their website: www.lib.colum.edu/

Eric introduced our speaker Vince Singleton, a film studies graduate student. Vince showed his short film *The Forgotten West*. He wrote and directed the film. He is looking for investors in order to lengthen the film and expand the number of people who view it. *The Forgotten West* is about the struggles of the black Buffalo soldiers in the 1800s. These members of the Cavalry were sent to protect stagecoaches and settlers but faced discrimination from the very people they were sent to protect. Vince was very interesting as he talked of the challenges of making the film. It was an excellent film and we wish Vince the best of luck. Maybe someday as he accepts an Oscar we can say we knew him when. (Thanks to Kim Sease for great minutes.)

[February 27, 2007 - Meeting Notes](#)

Greeter Dave Williamson was at the door to greet and on time too. Prayer came from Dave Thompson and leading song was Bart without Jean to cover up our bad singing and it was bad!

Vickie Huff was back with three lovely young ladies who have accepted full ride athletic scholarships: Katie Davies - UNC Charlotte, Lori Anderson - Wright State and Heather Harrison - Wright State.

Personal Profile was to come from Peter Stephan but he offered bribes of \$40 gift certificates to the Pine Club if others would tell about Pete. Pete would decide the winner. Several folks jumped up to tell how wonderful, kind, etc. guy that Pete is. Ron Geyer gushed all over himself till he ran out of words to say to win a certificate. Melissa offered a woman's perspective of how handsome Pete is to be a winner. President Barbara offered that Pete was the first on to hit on her when she came to town winning an empty envelope. That was probably our most interesting personal profile yet.

Sarge Brian was missing saying that he was in jail or did they say Vail? His good friend Todd Mc filled in starting us off

paying for February Birthdays. Fined the Geyer boys for their parents' 60th wedding anniversary but Ron said that was his brother's parents. (?) Happy Bucks from Brad for daughter travel intern job in the Virgin Islands this summer, Ron G for 3 years of happy bliss out of 31 years married. Joe May took the Attendance with the Rock getting the 52/50.

A \$500 check was presented to Judy Baker for a sustaining membership to the XARC.

Today's program was Club Assembly with President Barbara recognizing the Board of Directors saying that the meetings were a real Circus. She also had stand and be recognized everyone who had served as Sarge, greeter, song leader, minute taker, program chair as they are the people who make the meeting happen.

On our tables were an outline of Barbara's agenda and a printout of the \$18,139.41 donation made since July 1, 1006 to date. We still have \$5,000 set aside for an international project that she wants to have selected before her term expires June 30 this year.

What have we accomplished? First Food Pantry Drive, Great children's Christmas party, successful ringing of the Salvation Army Bell, another good clothing drive for Clothes that Work-most ever.

Kick off a revitalization of the Xenia Rotary Foundation but the Board felt that parameters need to be drawn up before more fund raising can be made. But think what a \$100,000 can do for the community! If interested serving in that committee see President Barbara.

What's to come?

- **International Student Exchange-** Tim Haney stated that we have four out going students this coming year from Yellow Springs, Cedarville, Carroll and Xenia. We will have an incoming student this year from Italy starting with a host family in Yellow Springs. He's looking for three more host families for the year.
- **American Dream Raffle** under way but sales have been slow. Weather?
- **Pancake Day is Wednesday April 4th.**
- **District conference** Arp 27-29 Houston Woods
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy March 15**
- **Kids ID Program-**a joint Fairborn, Beavercreek Xenia Rotary club staffing of the booth.
- **Attendance-** say something to members you have not seen at meetings that you miss them, encourage them to more regular attendance. We now have 94 members. Be on the look out and invite quality prospective members to visit.



Words of Wisdom; Character

There never was a good knife made of bad steel.
Benjamin Franklin

Character is made by many acts; it may be lost by a single one. Author unknown

He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has. Henry Ward Beecher

Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wing, and only character endures.
Horace Greeley

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. Helen Keller

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are. John Wooden

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. Abraham Lincoln

Positive Attitude

Smile, laugh, and greet people courteously.
Don't be judgmental, forgive and forget and develop a loving attitude to all around you.
Accept adversity and disappointments.
Overcome them and emerge stronger.

Always keep your face to the sun,
And the shadows will fall behind you.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

What you do with today, how you choose to enjoy it, or not, is totally up to you.

Life can be as good as you "will" it to be.

ABC's of Rotary

The 4-Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is The 4-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian Herbert I. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. "Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Paul Harris — First but not First

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club? No.

Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes.

There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first president was one of the other founding members, Silvester Schiele.

By the year 1910, there were 16 Rotary clubs, which linked up as an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Two years later, the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, as Rotary was organized in Winnipeg, Canada, and then in England, Ireland, and Scotland. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus, the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

Changing of Email address?

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Weekly Assignments –Please Mark your Calendars		
	March 6, 2007	April 3, 2007
Greeter	Rick Williamson	Don Anderson
Invocation	Neil Fogarty	Cliff Johnson
Music	Russ Remick	Harry Johns
Sgt. At Arms	Todd Reichley	Eric Fogarty
Minutes	Steve Stanek	Gregg Hebrank
Program	Bob Geyer	Terry Hall
Personal Profile	Mike Stephens	Gretchen Wagner
	March 13, 2007	April 10, 2007
Greeter	Evelyn Yaus	Barry Baker
Invocation	Harry Johns	Jim Kennedy
Music	Russ Remick	Harry Johns
Sgt. At Arms	Todd Reichley	Eric Fogarty
Minutes	Bill Flaute	Jeff Eyrich
Program	Ron Geyer	Tim Haney
Personal Profile	Tom Swigart	Dr. David Warner
	March 20, 2007	April 17, 2007
Greeter	Barb Zajbel	Judy Baker
Invocation	Barbara Schenck	Barry Baker
Music	Russ Remick	Harry Johns
Sgt. At Arms	Todd Reichley	Eric Fogarty
Minutes	Tony Sculimbrene	Steve Duelley
Program	Bill Hagenbuch	J.O. Harner
Personal Profile	Terry Thomas	Dave Wedderburn
	March 27, 2007	April 24, 2007
Greeter	Tom Zajbel	Jack Bergin
Invocation	Jeff Brock	Terry Hall
Music	Russ Remick	Harry Johns
Sgt. At Arms	Todd Reichley	Eric Fogarty
Minutes	Jeff Lewis	Ron Lewis
Program	Dale Hagler	Tom Harris
Personal Profile	Terry Tobey	Steve Weeks

More Accountant and Tax Jokes

Tax loopholes are like parking meters.
As soon as you see one they're gone.

A dollar saved is bound to be taxed.

Q. What is the difference between a terrorist and a tax inspector? A. You can negotiate with a terrorist.

Q. What's the difference between a tax adviser and an angry bull? A. The tax adviser charges more.

What would a tax form be without rhetorical questions?

Why is simplification such a long word?

Taxation with representation isn't that great either.

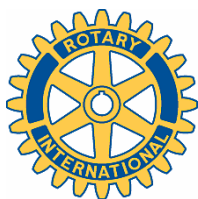
If taxes are the answer, what was the question?

Insanity comes from overtaxing a clever mind.

America is the land of opportunity.
Everybody can become a taxpayer.

It's hard to believe America was founded to avoid high taxation.

We wouldn't mind this "pay-as-you-go" tax so much if we knew what we were paying for and where it was going.



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