

# ROTARY ELEVATOR

July 2005

## A Message from President Bart



Fellow Xenia Rotarians:

**I am excited about the coming year!** In one way or another, this marks my 22<sup>nd</sup> year of association with Rotary, an association that began when I was in high school in 1984 and attended my first meeting as a guest of a new member, Keith Sheridan. Since that time I have attended meetings in this room and throughout the Midwest as a high school student, a college student, a visiting guest from New Jersey, and, for the past ten years, as a member of this club.

I am honored that you have shown confidence in me by electing me to serve on the Board of Directors these past five years and now as your President. Review with me the names of just a few men and women who have served this club: Finney, Warner, Williamson, Coy, Holcomb, Martin, Stephan, Luttrell, Babb, Lunay, Holmes – some of whom I can only associate a name, but whose giant reputations in this club and in this community live on. And more recently we have names like Geyer, Winston, Martin, Johnson, Brock, and Zajbel – just to name a few – whose legacies we still enjoy. I have trouble believing that my name is the latest in the long list of Presidents of this club, but I do pledge my time and my effort to do the type of job that would make all of my 84 predecessors proud.

Over the past five years I have been increasingly aware that membership in and leadership of this club is not to be taken lightly. The men and women who sit and serve next to you each week are considered the cream of the Xenia and Greene County crop. You are yesterday's, today's, and tomorrow's leaders. What a blessing it is for me to be able to serve as the leader of leaders this coming year.

Before closing, I do want to thank several people for their contributions to my Rotary experience. First, I thank the Lord Jesus for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I thank my father and Rotary sponsor, Keith Sheridan, for introducing me to the Xenia Rotary club and for believing in me enough to want me to be a member. I thank my wife, Sandy, and my family for all their support in everything I do. And, again, thank you for allowing me to be your next President.

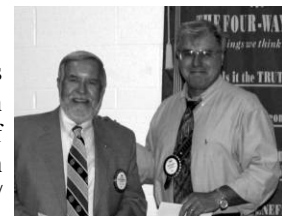
## July 5, 2005 - Meeting Notes

“Bid High Barry” Baker was manning the door as Greeter today. Jerry Armstrong prayed for us and The Rock led us in singing *America the Beautiful*. New President Bart Sheridan opened his first official meeting right on time offering a Happy New Year to Russ Remick. It's the beginning of a **ROTARY New Year!!** Tefi was back from her Far West trip and gave an emotional Thank You to the Club and her host families for her great year in Xenia and bid a farewell to the club.



President Bart has started a new segment to our weekly meeting of re-introducing “long time” members. Alphabetically, the first was Don Anderson. Don a second generation Rotarian after his father Bill was a member in Xenia. Don said he recently received a letter from Northwest Mutual acknowledging his father, Don and his son for 117 years with Northwest Mutual. Don is a past Xenia school Board member, a former Greene County, Commissioner and a member of the Xenia club since 1968.

Tom Zajbel and Dick Paoliello received 11 year perfect attendance pin from Rotary International. Congrats Guys!!!



Speaking of Attendance the results of the Attendance Contest and in and it's official: 5th place was Jeff Brock/Cedarville team; 4th - Brian Stephan/LPL; 3rd - Greg Delaney/Cowens; 2nd Ron Geyer/Geyer's, and **the Champions - Rick Kolmin/State Farm with 84.3%**. Chair Joe Mullins suggested that the winners donate there winnings to the Xenia Rotary Club. The total club attendance was up for the contest over 80%. Way to go members.

Joy Warner was officially introduced as our newest Club Board Member. 52/50 winner was Tony McIlvaine with the returned weekly attendance prize to Bob Geyer who was present.

Sarge of the Day was Keith Sheridan chosen by outgoing President Tom Z and not Bart. Called up Barb Schenck to honor her for winning the Guest Conductor at the Kiwanis Ox Roast. Barb is happy that it's over and that she did not have to move out of town. She was amazed to have raised over \$3,700 for the cause. Keith called the other ladies of the club to stand and fined all who were seated for not being as beautiful. Happy Bucks came from Keith proud to be here with his son, Bart as



president and to celebrate his 40th wedding anniversary;. Barb S. gave \$20 for her "over-exposure" also her 8th wedding anniversary that only feels like 40 years; Andy Pope for his 19th wedding anniversary; Barb Z back this week and gave for her 42nd wedding anniversary in case Tom forgot last week.( He did not forget Barb).

Ron Lewis was our program chair and introduced Wendy Hoff, a Beaver Creek HS and Wright State grad from the Victim Assistance Program from the Xenia Municipal Court. She opened stating that 70% in the room would be a victim at some time in their lives from a criminal, non violent or violent offense. The Victim Assistance Program helps people get past being a victim and being re-victimized through the court system. Vengeance used to be the rules of the land. So the criminal justice system made all crimes against the State and not the person. The people most affected were pretty much ignored.



Bill Schenck in 1982 led Greene County to the fore front in victim rights and has been honored nationally for his efforts. The State of Ohio did not join in until 1994 with a program. City of Xenia started their program in 1995 through a grant with Susan Golden as city prosecuting attorney. Since that time over 7,000 crime victims have been navigated through the system giving them information, letting the crime victim losses and wishes be known to the court. Sixty percent of the cases are domestic violence and not just woman but children and men. Other victims are child abuse and crash victims with monetary and emotional losses.

The Family Violence Prevention Program is available in Greene County for counseling and referrals. They operate with three full time and one part time employee with funding coming from grants and courts costs assessed.

### July 12, 2005 - Meeting Notes

Pianist Jean was back to "cover our singing!" Jerry Armstrong spoke of his life at Dayton Christian and legacy Ministry as he moves on to another position . 52/50 winner - William Reichley with Attendance to Virgil Brantley. Sarge of the Month Keith Sheridan fined all the ladies this week also got Andy Pope for dog decorations, Bill Barlow for cleaning pipes (but let him off), and fined a bunch of others. Barb Schenck gave a report on BRAC closings and the possibility of loosing AFIT.

Brian Liming introduced his program speaker, Central State Football Coach Theo D. Lemon. Coach Lemon holds a BS and M.E. from Ohio University where he also played football. He previously coached at College of DuPage, Wake Forest University, Wake Forest University, Rutgers University, East Carolina University, Northeastern University, Central State University 1985-1990 including their 1990 NAIA Division I National Champions, Kentucky State University, and Ohio University.



The team is currently undefeated and hope to remain that way.

Forty to forty five upperclassmen and ninety three freshman and transfers came to try-outs. The first game will be September 4 at Welcome Stadium Dayton. They held a "Kid's Camp" this summer and 100 kids attended. Coach Lemon enjoys interacting with the players and having an effect on their lives. He teaches discipline, self-control, to work with others, being honest and to admit to your flaws.

### July 19, 2005 - Meeting Notes

David Bradds the greeter today was no where to be found. ??? But Jeff Brock was here to pray for us as Country Joe Mullins led us in song and as Sarge for the missing Keith Sheridan. Sarge Joe had us sing *Smile* and you had better be smiling when you sing or it's a fine. Tried to catch a couple of fellows who had a hard time singing and smiling at the same time but they did. It was Spaghetti Day and Bibs were the uniform of the day for most folks.

Sarge Joe happy to be back from vacation. Reminded us of how his wife does all the driving as he just holds the steering wheel. Driving advice also included: A man should never ever admit that he is lost if he is making good time. And do not stop to go to the potty until your bladder sets off the air bag. He also told a fellow having a bad day as his car was towed but he realized it was cheaper to pay the tow than the gasoline. Happy Bucks came from Brad Montgomery on Tefi being home in Argentina, his guest a recent Marine boot camp grad and his 25th wedding anniversary; Randy O for highest ever test scores for XHS sophomores.

Our pre-program consisted of the Xenia Township Fire Department Chief Tim Spradlin speaking about their upcoming August 2 levy for the EMS and Fire Department to replace equipment including a 1960's fire truck with no seat belts, hiring two part time EMS personnel, updating the two 1970's fire stations. The department covers 50 square miles from Goes Station to Paintersville through contracts to other townships. In 1993 they had 200 fires while in 2004 they had 1068 dispatches. Using one full time chief, 12 part time weekday crew and 25 on call volunteers. Thirteen times they could not respond to a call as no one available. [Late news bulletin - It Passed.]



Kim Sease had three speakers present summer time activities in the area. First was Chris Moore from the Springfield Arts Council. They present 36 free programs through their Summer Arts Festival that are open to the public and not just Springfield or Clark County residents. They also have a Broadway series in the fall and winter each year. For more information see their web site [www.springfieldartscouncil.org](http://www.springfieldartscouncil.org).



Next was Tony Sculimbrenne speaking on the Dayton Rotary Club's *FitFest* Aug 13-14 starting at the Riverscape but bicycle riding to Greene County and Xenia Station. Rides to include a 100 miler, a 100 kilometer (62 miles) and 20 miles to Beaver Creek and 40 miles to Xenia. They have asked the Xenia Club to host a Hospitality Tent at the Xenia Station on Saturday August 13. Steve Duelly is chair for our club and he is looking for folks to man the tent in

two hour shifts. Other event include volksmarchs (walks) and fitness booths to encourage fitness to the public.

Finally Xenia City manager Bill Barlow highlighted activities for the City of Xenia which included the Greene Trails Classic this week end with 250 participants registered from 12 states, Music and movies at Shawnee Park. The Farmer's Market is held each Friday 9 am to 1 pm at the Xenia Station for fresh produce. The Xenia Rail Fest and Arts Fair is coming August 27. Fine Arts Displays and Sales, Large Train Layouts, Vendors with Train Kits and Parts, Local Stores offer sidewalk sales. See the Xenia Chamber website for dates of all these activities: [www.xacc.org](http://www.xacc.org).



#### ◆ 4-H Junior Livestock Auction

The always jovial Joe Mullins was Sarge again and announced it was Ladies Day– no fines for ladies and it was well received by the ladies. He had two of newest members stand and asked various members in the audience to name them.. Sad showing as very, very few knew their names . Even after their names and pictures were in last month's *Elevator*... Shame on you folks! Read the *Elevator*!!! He managed to fine most of the men in the crowd to make up for the no fines for ladies. 52/50 went to Keith Stanick and Attendance to Tim Haney.



On a sad note was the announcement of Gloria and Max Pickett, long time servers and helpers of our cater Marilyn. Gloria is having difficulties with terminal cancer. A big box was passed around for donations to assist them. A total of \$734 was collected. Thank You Rotarians for your show of support to these folks. If you would like to send a card their address is Gloria and Max Pickett, 12 N. Church St., Jamestown, OH 45335.

Deputy Melissa Litteral, packing her gun, was the program chair of the day and introduced Chrisbell Bednar the new Greene County Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Arts. Her name is one word that came from her grandmother's name Christbell. A Miami grad in communications and a masters from the University of Dayton in public administration she has been the job here less than one month. Chrisbell came from the West Chester Twp. Parks and Recreations where she served as the parks development manager. Previously she worked for Montgomery County for fifteen years starting with the Parks department litter program before moving to the solid waste management department. Melissa had asked her to speak about her goals for the Greene County Recreation and Parks. She responded that she was too new in the position to have formed any but that she works for the County Commissioners and the Park Commissioners. She has been asked by them to provide a long term strategic plan for the department. She wants input from the community and plans to have many open meeting and individual contacts to help develop this plan. Greene County has a firm foundation of parks covering 600 miles of trails and almost 3,000 acres with 40 full time and 80 seasonal employees. In addition a wide depth and breath of programs are provided for the community.



The park and programs provide not only health and cultural benefits but also economic with savings on health care for healthy people but dollars spent by visitors. One study showed that canoeist spend \$55 each day they visit the area. See there website for more information. [ww.co.greene.oh.us/parks/index.htm](http://ww.co.greene.oh.us/parks/index.htm)

### July 26, 2005 - Meeting Notes

Hot ! Hot ! Hot! That's about all you can say about this Tuesday but it is July in Ohio. What did you expect? It was soooo Hot I saw two trees fighting over a dog. But Jeff Brock was *cool* greeting us at the door with an assist by Ray Heiber who was awaiting a guest. We had almost a full house with only a couple empty seats available... and the attendance contest is over too! Terry Hall prayed and Tom Feller lead us in singing *Acapulco-style* without Pianist Jean to cover our singing. Of course, Tom admitted an error in his ways of telling jokes about woman of a certain hair color showing them in a bad way. So now he would tell them showing them only in a favorable light. So he told another ...well, almost ain a favorable light. You would have ask the blondes' in the club about that.

Barry Baker was the spotlight of re-intro of older members. Barry has been married 12 years with three children and owns Greene County Realty and Ohio Real Estate Auctions. He is a third generation auctioneer and originally hailed from Coshocton County and is a grad of *THE* Ohio State University. He loves motorcycling and being active in the Xenia Nazarene Church. Tickets to the US Senior Open donated by Don Anderson were auctioned off by Barry with proceeds to the club. A Tough sale this HOT week.

#### Announcements:

- Bob Geyer has folks lined up to serve at the Caring Place Thursday July 28. Big Thank You to Rotarian Paul Fullenkamp and Kroger's for providing the meal.
- Greg Delaney is working with Central State U. Football for Rotarians to sponsor 5 students for \$20 to the opening football game. More info to follow.
- AFIT and BRAC – County Commissioner Marilyn Reed was visiting and urged all to write and support AFIT before the BRAC committee as community support is a factor in base re-alignments.
- Board Action : Grants from the club are going to
  - ◆ CSU Athletic Foundation Golf Tournament hole sponsor
  - ◆ Xenia Bucs' Football Camp



## Our New Rotary District 6670 Governor

Sivaji Subramaniam has been a Rotarian since 1970 and is a second generation Rotarian. Following his degree in Commerce and a brief career in banking, Sivaji pursued a Theological and Religious education for his second professional career. After his degree in Theology and earning his Master of Divinity in the U.S., he served full-time as a Protestant minister and Christian educator for 30 years in Asia and later in the United States.



DG Sivaji Subramaniam is a member of the Rotary Club of Centerville, Ohio. He was an Assistant District Governor from 2003-2005. He is the District Governor of Rotary District 6670 for 2005-2006. Sivaji is a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was one of the founding members of the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists in the U.S. and from 1985-87 was elected to serve as national president and chairperson of the executive board.

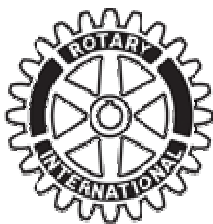
Governor Subramaniam has served on several county ministerial associations and also as president. He has been a volunteer chaplain for Hospice hospital chaplaincy. Governor Subramaniam is a member of the Philippine American Society of Greater Dayton.

Since retirement from active ministry he has been volunteering as a mentor/tutor for students through the OHIO READS program and STARS (Seniors Teaching and Reaching Students). He taught briefly at the Lebanon Correctional Institute as an adjunct teacher. His hobbies include traveling, gardening, photography, singing and appreciation for classical, sacred and contemporary music. Sivaji and his wife Elvessa have been married for 33 years. She is a kindergarten teacher in Dayton Public Schools for twenty plus years. Their two married sons, Ramesh and Ranjiv, and their spouses Renu and Jillian are in professional careers. Their son Ranjiv is a third-generation Rotarian and charter member of the Findlay Flag City Morning Rotary Club.

Governor Sivaji and Elvessa are blessed with three beautiful grandchildren: Jaya Monica, Alana Bess, and Jeevan Joel, all born in Ohio.

**[FYI: Sivaji was a member of the Xenia Rotary Club from October 1986 to June 1993 while he pastored the Spring Valley United Methodist Church.]**

Rotary International 2005-2006 Theme Logo



# SERVICE Above Self

Weekly Assignments		
Please Mark your Calendars		
	August 2, 2005	September 6, 2005
Greeter	Joe Carrico	Craig Eicher
Invocation	Jeff Brock	John Meyer
Music	Tom Feller	Randy Overbeck
Sgt at Arms	George Whyde	Eric Winston
Minutes	Robyn Caupp	Larry Ostrowski
Program	Richard Loveless	Tony McIlvaine
Personal Profile	Judy Ann Baker	Jeff Brock
	August 9, 2005	September 13, 2005
Greeter	Robyn Caupp	Brett Ellis
Invocation	Jim Kennedy	Gregg Hebrank
Music	Tom Feller	Randy Overbeck
Sgt at Arms	Rick Williamson	Richard Loveless
Minutes	Steve Duelly	Randy Overbeck
Program	Kent Martin	Rock McColaugh
Personal Profile	Bill Barlow	Joe Carrico
	August 16, 2005	September 20, 2005
Greeter	Bill Creed	Jon Ellis
Invocation	John LeBlanc	Barry Baker
Music	Tom Feller	Randy Overbeck
Sgt at Arms	Rick Williamson	Richard Loveless
Minutes	Jeff Eyrich	Gloria Roth
Program	Joe Mays	Noel McKeown
Personal Profile	Jack Bergin	Robyn Caupp
	August 23, 2005	September 27, 2005
Greeter	Greg Delaney	Jeff Eyrich
Invocation	Cliff Johnson	Terry Hall
Music	Tom Feller	Randy Overbeck
Sgt at Arms	Rick Williamson	Richard Loveless
Minutes	Jason Lesourd	Club Assembly
Program	John Meyer	Club Assembly
Personal Profile	David Bradds	Bill Creed
	August 30, 2005	
Greeter	Steve Duellley	
Invocation	Jerry Armstrong	
Music	Tom Feller	
Sgt at Arms	Rick Williamson	
Minutes	Jeff Lewis	
Program	District Governor Visit	
Personal Profile	Virgil Brantley	

## District 6670 News

### District Trilogy Conference

August 27, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
at Wright State University.

You have the opportunity to attend the District Trilogy conference on August 27, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Wright State University. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend. In the past mostly club officers have attended, but it would be great to have a number of members representing the Club. This is a great opportunity especially for newer members to get a good dose of what is going on in the District and throughout Rotary International.

**New RI District Website: [www.Rotary6670.org](http://www.Rotary6670.org).**

### Objective of Rotary

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

### IT'S SO HOT...

- It's so hot the birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- It's hotter than two bears fighting in a forest fire.
- It's so hot that farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.
- It's hotter than a billy goat in a pepper patch.
- It's hotter than two cats fighting in a wool sock.
- It's so hot I saw two trees fighting over a dog.
- It was so hot today I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking.
- It's hotter than a mother-in-law's kiss.
- It's so hot I just saw the devil dancing buck-naked in the middle of the driveway.
- It's hotter than a firecracker lit at both ends.
- It's so hot outside it will make you return things you never stole.
- It's so hot that it makes me want to take off my skin and sit in my bones.
- I hope you brought the champagne glasses because it is TOASTY out.
- It's so hot the trees are whistling for the dogs.
- It's so hot that I tied my mule in a field of corn, and the corn started popping and the mule thought it was snow and froze to death!
- And the old standard:  
It's not the heat, it's the humidity.



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#### The Board of Directors 2005 – 2006

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