



ROTARY ELEVATOR

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Message from the President Barbara

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung in all its glory. The blue skies are such an inspiration!

One of our favorite, and best known, projects is just around the corner: **Xenia Rotary Pancake Day, Wednesday, April 4, 2007.** Isn't the banner in downtown great? Love it! We look forward to hosting Jim Bucher, of "Bucher's Beat," on our local NBC affiliate again this year (thank you Bob Geyer!) and all the other news coverage we will undoubtedly get. Thanks to everyone who does their part by working and sharing tickets and advertising this wonderful event. And a special, heartfelt **"Thank You"** goes to **Tom and Dawn Swigart, Charles Wilson** (the Swigart's neighbor) **Tom Sefton, Neil Fogarty, Jeff Eyrich, and the clean up crew** – the true workhorses of this great event.

Melissa Litteral will be sharing with us, very soon, the newest opportunity we have for service: working with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office on the KIDS ID booth at the fairs and festivals. This will be a joint venture with the Xenia, Beavercreek and Fairborn Rotary Clubs combined. More on this soon.

The final quarter of my tenure is beginning (12 meetings to go!) and I want to thank you all for the words of encouragement – and the grief – you've given me this year. I've had a blast.

Be safe,

Barbara



March 6, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Greeter- Rick Williamson. Because of the absence of our piano player (Jean), a tape of 60's music was played by John Meyer. Meeting called to order by President Barb Schenck as six visitors were introduced. One of the visitors introduced by Vicki Huff was Xenia High School senior Ryan Simpson. Ryan is heading to the University of Akron on a full football scholarship to play nose guard where he plans to major in business.

Personal profile: Mike Stephens. Mike joined Rotary in the early 1990's and was sponsored by Herman Menapace (his mentor at Greene Memorial Hospital). Mike came to the Xenia area in 1976 when he started his college career at Cedarville College. During his college days Mike worked as a swim teacher at the Xenia YMCA. Mike took an internship at GMH where at first he thought he was going to get paid only to find out later that his pay would be free lunch. Mike has been at GMH ever since and he was named President of GMH in 1993.

Music was supposed to be led by Russ Remick, but in Jean's absence Russ told a long story about a man, a monastery and some monks.

Tom Swigart made an announcement about Rotary Pancake Day which will be on April 4, 2007. Tom will have tickets to pass out next week. Dave Wedderburn's daughter Leslie won the 52/50 drawing, Tom Harris won the attendance prize

Sgt. of Arms was Todd Reichley. Todd fined Eric Fogarty for an ad that Dodds Monument had in the Sophisticated Singles magazine. Happy bucks by Mark McDonnell for a \$167,000 grant received by the Greene County Health Department from Tobacco Use Prevention; Terry Hall to tell a corny joke; Barb Zajbel for Partner's in Education; Terry Tobey for tonight's basketball game between Wright State University and Butler. Eric Fogarty presented a gift to President Barb that he brought back from Hawaii. It was a Rotary shirt from the Lahaina Rotary Club.

Jeff Lewis introduced our program for the day that was presented by Dr. Robert Dillaplain, Xenia Community Schools board member. Dr. Dillaplain introduced to us the "Under One Roof" concept being studied by the Community School Board as a potential option to



upgrade our school facilities. The concept is partnership between public agencies and other businesses to pool resources and share expenses to deliver maximum public benefit for our tax dollars.

The model that they are studying is one from the Lake Local Schools in northeast Ohio. The type of partners that this model used was the local library, YMCA, local healthcare provider, chamber of commerce, a local community college and the local senior citizen's center. They estimate they have saved 4 to 6 million dollars in public monies in the first three years of this partnership. Dr. Dillaplain showed us floor plans and pictures of the facility that they are studying and talked about the benefits for the partners. The goal of "Under One Roof" is to provide the greatest good for the greatest number of people and providing maximum benefit while conserving limited public resources. Area agencies have joined the Xenia Community Schools to investigate the feasibility of this concept in Xenia.

March 13, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Missing a Greeter today? No piano accompanist but John Meyer II was playing some 60's music for our listening enjoyment. And No President either but Incoming Prez Joe was at the controls. Smallest crowd of the year as temperatures were in the mid-70's. Invocation by Harry Johns began our meeting with singing led by Russ Remick of a chorus of folks who claimed to be Irish. Their rendition of *Danny Boy* brought tears to our eyes! Happy Birthday fellow Rotarian and a buck followed for the March folks.

Personal Profile came from Mr. Pancake, Tom Swigart born at Greene Memorial to Bob & Mickey Swigart in February 1961.. (Father Bob is a Xenia Rotary Club past president and long time senior member) Tom attended Xenia schools including the 1974 disaster going to Beaver Creek Ferguson afternoon and evening until new schools were rebuilt. He graduated in the second class from the "new" XHS. Started working at Tiffany Jewelers while in junior high Tom bought the business from his father in 1993. After dating for ten years Tom married Dawn in 1995 and has a grown step daughter Carrie. (You will see Dawn busy working away at Pancake Day.) After several visits to Judge Heiber's Court Tom decided to drive cars fast legally by racing professionally. [A web search found Tom at IHRA World Nationals, Norwalk Ohio August 2006 qualifying a Top Dragster : 5th of 83 cars Tom Swigart, Xenia OH, '32 Bantam at ¼ time: 6.544 and mph 206.67.]

Sarge Todd was back to levy some fines. Congrats for Chamber Award winners .. so the rest of us had to pay a buck. Ron Geyer gave \$20 after receiving the Remick Retail award at the Chamber banquet. Barb Z happy over Xenia in *USA Today* bike trail article and that Will Rogers is over; Brian L. \$5 for his wife support after receiving the Torrence Award. Dave Bradds took the Attendance prize and Carrie Swigart got the 52/50.

Harry Johns introduced his speaker Al West, head football coach at Central State University. Coach West was named as the Marauder's Head Football Coach on April 7, 2006. West played his college football for the Marauders and graduated in 1977 with a degree in Marketing. He returned to Central State to coach and work in the Residence Halls in 1980. During his time here he coached Victor Heflin who later played wide receiver with the Miami Dolphins. After he left CSU in 1985 he worked at the University of Cincinnati and then became the Head Football Coach at Hughes High School in Cincinnati from 1988 to 2002.



Coach West spoke of his arrival from Akron to the cornfields of Wilberforce in the middle of nowhere. He did not want to stay but his mother said he was not coming back home with her either! He mentioned the many mentors he had at Central State and the influence they had on his life to be like them. Looking

at our *4 Way Test* banner during the meal, Coach West was struck but the last question, "beneficial to all concerned." How can we live our lives to be beneficial to all concerned? He felt he was living out a dream when named head football coach at Central State. After interviewing for the head coach job, the job was given to someone else. Maybe he was not good enough or did not have the name recognition to be the coach? But he was offered the job as Dean of Students which he accepted. Eventually he was named Head Football Coach in 2006.

He is now looking for some Partners to make Central State ad part of the local community. Maybe a "Rotary Day" at a Central State football game? We need to share our resource with each other.

March 20, 2007 - Meeting Notes

President Barb Schenck called the meeting to order with a song and a prayer. Guests included John Beals, in-coming District Governor and Jon Noel, publisher of the Xenia Daily Gazette.

Personal profile was offered by Terry Thomas. Terry announced that his beard was not a permanent thing but rather in response to his upcoming role in a church play. If a higher theatrical calling would come from Broadway he indicated he might consider keeping the facial hair. Terry is married to Mary Jo, and has four sons. He has over 34 years in the education business, having received his undergraduate degree from Wilmington College and Masters from the University of Dayton. He is an avid golfer, but played and enjoyed softball, basketball in days gone by. He has been the Superintendent of the Greene County Educational Service Center for five years.

Russ Remick led the group in song, but not before offering a humorous story as only Russ can do.

Announcements:

- Randy Overbeck recruited volunteers for the final round of Rotary Reads for the 2006-2007 school year. The volunteers would be going to Simon Kenton School.
- Neil Fogarty, on behalf of Tom Swigart, distributed Pancake Day tickets and requested volunteers to consider covering the 1-4 pm shift. He reminded all that this event is scheduled for April 4, 2007
- President Barb recognized Bob Geyer for 10 years of perfect attendance, presenting him with a certificate to document his accomplishment.
- Jon Ellis was selected for the 52/50 drawing. Kim Sease would have won the attendance prize had she been present.

Todd Reichley kept the crowd in order as Sergeant-at-Arms. For Happy Bucks, Tim Haney announced the upcoming Breakfast with Blue Jacket, a fund raiser scheduled for 17 April at Central State's Science and Education Center.

The Guest Speaker, Bill Hagenbuch was introduced by Doc Warner. Doc noted that Bill was the only member with more seniority in the Xenia Rotary Club than himself. Bill joined the club in 1948. Bill was assisted in his presentation by his daughters Kate, and Chris.

Bill presented a very interesting history and account of the *Story of Rope* and its manufacture in the Xenia area. Having served as president and chief engineer of the Hooven and Allison Company, Bill provided details on his role and operations of one of the last natural fiber rope makers in the country. The Xenia area was known around the world for its rope products. Rope making was an important business in the area due to the abundant local supply of hemp, a large market for binder twine and other products, and its entrepreneurs like Hooven, Allison and Harbine. Bill educated the group on how rope was made (fibers are spun in yarns, yarns make up strands and strands are formed into rope.) It would take over seven miles of walking backwards for 100 yards of rope to be produced. Since natural fiber rope was made principally with hemp, Bill had some knowledge of hemp and its connection with marijuana, including the potential that the Pilgrims, who brought hemp with them to Plymouth Rock, may also have been aware of marijuana as well.



Bill's daughters helped close the presentation with information on the documentary being produced, *The Story of Rope*. This production is being funded through the Engineers Club of Dayton Foundation and donations for completing the film can be made to the Foundation. For additional information a website, www.storyofrope.org can be visited.

President Barb thanked Bill and his family and closed the meeting at 1:03 pm. (The trailer for the documentary, *The Story of Rope* was then made available for the members.)

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

John Meyer again shared tunes from the 60's and charmed the group with his nostalgic memories of golden oldies. He teased Rotary by announcing the big platters (78s) were being played next week. Barbara Lewis' *Baby I'm Yours* ended the preliminary ceremony.

President Schenck opened the meeting with a singing tribute to our country. Jeff Brock led prayer and asked for healing thoughts for Virgil Brantley, Dick Holmes, the Overbeck and Smith families and for Buffy Meyer's brother, who gave a friend a kidney last week.

The guests were introduced before Vicki Huff gave Xenia HS juniors Christina Miller and Kent Montgomery the floor. Both attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) several weeks ago. Kent gave a "snippet" of the experience; both thanked the club for the opportunity.

Terry Tobey entertained by sharing his personal profile. His dad in 1950 ran the Ford Store in Xenia for 6 months, as the ill owner Eddie Ellis who wanted Mr. Tobey to buy the dealership got better. After that, the Tobey's found themselves in many places before landing in Detroit. Terry visited OSU and decided if he saw a girl he wanted to date, he probably would never see her again, because of the university's size. So, he attended Ohio

University, where Terry declared, "the OU grad school was Betty Ford Clinic"! After college Terry worked for Chrysler (10 years in the Dodge Division) before taking the leadership at Key. Undecided about whether or not it would be a so-so restaurant or a car dealership, Terry made the right choice and has become the leading Chrysler dealer in Xenia. On a personal note, Terry shared he was extremely proud of his wife, children and 7 grandchildren.

Before leading Rotarians in the song *Smile*, Russ Remick explained his confusion about the word *service* and government service agencies, but one day a revelation of connection was motivated by a news story about a mating bull and cow. It was a very clear and timely analogy!

The **Pancake Day** banner is visible in downtown Xenia thanks to President Barbara, and Tom Swigart was pleased that the work spots were all full... now if every one will show up. Bucher's Beat will be at the Fairgrounds as the day opens at 5 a.m.

Keith Sheridan auctioned two front row seats for the night's Elite Eight game between Ol' Miss and Tennessee donated by Buffy Myers. Our fearless leader made the best (and only) bid.

As Sergeant-at-Arms Brent Ellis (and wearing a tie & suit coat) was kind to the club by recognizing the news items as service (there's that word again, Russ) above self. He did fine several folks for ad and receiving *Tops in the County* awards. Bob Geyer gave \$2 in Happy Bucks for his lady Boilermakers and having the "top road department in Greene County" but missed by the *Gazette*!

Ron Bolender, from the Greene County Career Center, was the featured speaker. (Super Marsha and our member Tom were

negotiating with the local union... and would probably prefer to be at the Rotary meeting) Ron noted that GCCC would celebrate its 40th year in September. He also gave an overview of the significant changes in programs and customers over time and boasted about the



academic stories of their students. For instance, 65.2% of the GCCC graduates attend post secondary programs as compared to the state-wide average of 52.4%. Ron shared the good news about the keen interest in adult education programs. He then indicated how important passing the May levy, a 0.75 mill Replacement Levy for permanent improvements, would be to the center and requested support from Xenia Rotary.

The Rotary motto is

Service Above Self.

Weekly Assignments –Please Mark your Calendars		
	April 3, 2007	May 1, 2007
Greeter	Don Anderson	David Bradds
Invocation	Cliff Johnson	Kent Martin
Music	Harry Johns	Jeff Buchanan
Sgt. At Arms	Eric Fogarty	Steve Weeks
Minutes	Gregg Hebrank	Terri Mazur
Program	Terry Hall	Gregg Hebrank
Personal Profile	Gretchen Wagner	George Whyde
	April 10, 2007	May 8, 2007
Greeter	Barry Baker	Jeff Brock
Invocation	Jim Kennedy	Brad Montgomery
Music	Harry Johns	Jeff Buchanan
Sgt. At Arms	Eric Fogarty	Steve Weeks
Minutes	Jeff Eyrich	Melissa Litteral
Program	Tim Haney	David Hidy
Personal Profile	Dr. David Warner	Kevin Wichman
	April 17, 2007	May 15, 2007
Greeter	Judy Baker	Steve Brodsky
Invocation	Barry Baker	Judy Baker
Music	Harry Johns	Jeff Buchanan
Sgt. At Arms	Eric Fogarty	Steve Weeks
Minutes	Steve Duellely	Mark McDonnell
Program	J.O. Harner	Ray Hieber
Personal Profile	Dave Wedderburn	Dave Williamson
	April 24, 2007	May 22, 2007
Greeter	Jack Bergin	Robyn Caupp
Invocation	Terry Hall	Joe Mullins
Music	Harry Johns	Jeff Buchanan
Sgt. At Arms	Eric Fogarty	Steve Weeks
Minutes	Ron Lewis	TBD+
Program	Tom Harris	Dick Holmes
Personal Profile	Steve Weeks	Rick Williamson
		May 29, 2007
Greeter		Bill Creed
Invocation		Bill Flaute
Music		Jeff Buchanan
Sgt. At Arms		Steve Weeks
Minutes		Kevin Wichman
Program		Cliff Johnson
Personal Profile		Evelyn Yaus

Some things to ponder:

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you' re in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.



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