



ROTARY ELEVATOR

March 3, 2009

Greeter	Noel McKeown
Invocation	Gregg Hebrank
Music	Rock McColaugh
Sgt. At Arms	Randy Overbeck
Minutes	John Meyer
Program	Jeff Lewis

52/50 winner: David Thompson

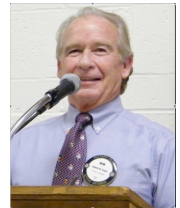
Attendance winner: Craig Eichert

Announcements:

- **Fisher House.** Fisher House is a charity that provides places for military families to stay while a loved one in the service recovers from injuries or illness. A list of the items that our local Fisher House needs to support military families was in last week's *Elevator*: please bring in items off the list or money to help Fisher House. Fisher House receives no support from the government: they are a private charitable group. To learn more about Fisher House, drop by <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>.
- **Pancake Day.** Rotary Pancake Day is April 1st (really). This is a major event, so please make time in your calendar if you can to work a shift to support the Club's fundraising.
- **District Assembly** is April 7 at the Dayton Country Club. The District Conference is April 17-19, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash. To learn more about our district, please drop by <http://www.rotary6670.org/>.
- **International Project.** Club Board looking for an International Project to sponsor this year. Any ideas contact Prez Bob or a Board member.
- Some **Club Dues** are still outstanding and need to be brought up to date to maintain club membership. Please do so soon.
- **Next Week's Program:** Ron Lewis will present a mystery program.

President Bob's Thought of the Week:

The high cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.



Sarge Department.

Sarge Randy got down to business with a Rotary *Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader* quiz. The Club proved that while our math may need a touch-up, our knowledge of local history and ancient Roman history is pretty darn sharp. Happy bucks included a new daughter on the way for Todd Reichley, request for help from C.J. McLin for establishing a disaster relief and recovery center for his church, and Randy's son's new job at CNN.



Program: Xenia Academic Team and Dean Stewart.

Jeff Lewis presented today's program, the Xenia Academic Team and sponsor Dean Stewart. The Academic Team competes with other teams in the region in tests of knowledge that cover an impressive range of subjects: literature, math, science, history, and (as far as we could tell) questions that come from heaven-knows-where.



The team put on a strong display of brainpower by rapidly answering three questions on characters from William Faulkner novels, world history, and by solving these two quadratic equations in less time than it took me to type them:

- a. $X^2 - 24X + 144 = 0$
- b. $X^2 + 30X + 225 = 0^*$

Each competition team has four members, but a side can have up to 15 people on it, with members coming in off the bench on different days.

Xenia's team members are all seniors, so Coach Stewart has a recruiting challenge ahead of him as Xenia moves into the 2009-2010 academic year.

Congratulations to the team and the Xenia Schools for a great year, and for sharing their time with us.



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Upcoming Assignments*

March 10, 2009

Greeter	Terry Thomas
Invocation	Neil Fogarty
Music	C.J. McLin
Sgt. At Arms	Randy Overbeck
Minutes	Craig Eicher
Program	Ron Lewis

March 17, 2009

Greeter	Joe Mays
Invocation	David Thompson
Music	Adolfo Tornichio
Sgt. At Arms	Randy Overbeck
Minutes	Tom Swigart
Program	Brian Liming

The Four-Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

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?

Math Quiz Answers.

a. 12. b. -15. That's what the kids said, and I believe them.

Joke Department

Passengers on a plane are waiting for the flight to leave. The entrance opens, and two men walk up the aisle, dressed in pilot uniforms. Both are wearing dark glasses. One is using a seeing-eye dog, and the other is tapping his way up the aisle with a cane. Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start. The passengers begin glancing nervously, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming. The plane moves faster and faster down the runway, and people at the windows realize that they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport. As it begins to look as though the plane will never take off, that it will plow into the water, screams of panic fill the cabin. But at that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. Up in the cockpit, the co-pilot turns to the pilot and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're going to scream too late, and we're all gonna die."