

# ROTARY ELEVATOR

May 2008

## Message from President Joe

Summertime - and the livin' is easy....especially when you are wrapping up a great year as Rotary President!



Thanks so much to so many dedicated Rotarians who have made the past year really memorable and enjoyable. My final "State of the Club" comments must include the following:

- Attendance is solid
- We have many new members
- The Club had a record Pancake Day
- We contributed to two outstanding International efforts
- The Club is financially stable
- Our programs have been exciting all year long
- The incoming President is one the county's most respected leaders, guiding a dedicated Board of Directors

Thanks to all the "Losers" who put forth the effort to put down their forks a little more often the past couple of months. **Barb Schenck** and **Kim Sease** did a good job of facilitating a fun weight loss program that paid off for the Club and a dozen members who put up with a lot and did so with class - even on an empty stomach! Congratulations to **Adolfo Tornichio**, the biggest Loser of the bunch, dropping 30 pounds!

Please be present at all Tuesday meetings this month, and be sure to attend the June 24th Club Assembly. I will gladly pass the gavel to **Bob Geyer**. It will also be a meeting of historic proportion - **Dick Loveless'** last official meeting as Club Secretary and Treasurer. His service to our Club and the dozens of Board members over the past three decades has been unsurpassed. **John LeBlanc** is prepared to assume Treasurer's duties and **Dave Wedderburn** the Secretary job. Please encourage these Rotarians in their new positions.

God Bless,  
Joe Mullins, President

## May 6, 2008-Meeting Notes

Another beautiful Spring DAY!!! Greeter Terry Hall thought he had the duty and he did as the Prayer guy so he did both. While Cliff filled in for John Meyer II with one song, *Sing Out a Song for Rotary*. Visiting today was former member Jerry Armstrong still alive and doing great after a difficult four month hospital bout with acute leukemia. (See Jerry's website [www.caringbridge.org/visit/jerryarmstrong](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jerryarmstrong) "... 'a cute' leukemia is a strange name. There is probably little that is cute about it. One must maintain a sense of humor.)

Harry Johns made a presentation of a Rotary banner from Huy, Belgium from his visit 2 1/2 years ago and was promised a banner by their president. He finally got it.

Personal Profile came from **Buffie Myers** and yes her real name is Buffie named for *All in the Family* show Buffie. And she has also been called the Slayer! Born in Maryland lived her younger years in Ithaca, NY before coming to Cedarville College. Married nineteen years to Carl they have two daughter ages 14 & 11 that are the joy of her life. She and Carl started as real estate investors with 70-75 apartments which they sold eleven years ago and started an ATM maintenance and servicing business covering the tri-state area that has been very successful. She serves as the president, bookkeeper and collection person all from some one who does not balance their checkbook.



President Joe presented Perfect Attendance Certificates to **Bob Geyer** 11 years and **Tom Zajbel** 14 years. Congrats Rotarians! Also we welcomed new member **Sarah Amend**.

**Biggest Loser Contest** continues with a bad week for weight loss. Bill F lost 2 for Team 1 as Team 2 lost 1. An attempt to have 50% of each team not eat potato chips or drink soda failed as neither team cheerleaders had 50%. Ugh!

Sarge of the Month Brian Liming picked on new member Cate quizzing her on history of Antioch College. She did answer correctly that the first president was Horace Mann. Fined all Rotarian who did not participate in Rotary Reads this past year. Asked the club what was name of Cedarville before the name was changed - no one knew - Milford. Happy Bucks from Randy O. on SOAR program grant and an Early college program; Ron Roth on 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and member of Xenia

Rotary since 1972; Rick W \$3 for 4<sup>th</sup> generation member for daughter Sarah, 35<sup>th</sup> year of his and Jim K member of Rotary, Xenia club hosted 60+exchange students over the years and the impact made; Sarah gave a buck for Rick's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday; Steve S for Post office food drive this week as collected 4 tons last year.

Dave Wedderburn as program chair introduced Bob DeLong, XHS teacher and football coach who presented a presentation on the high school's new weather station. Meteorology and astronomy are electives for juniors and seniors and the classes are full each year. He thanked Dr Lewis and Dr. Overbeck for funding this new station. The previous station cost \$8,000 while technology has lowered the cost to \$1,200.



The new weather station is part of the Weather Underground online service. You may go to the digital XHS website and click on the weather station link. <http://www.xenia.k12.oh.us/xhs/>

KOHXENIA6 has lots and lots of current and historical data, graphics and satellite pictures on various weather conditions. You may also go to other weather stations around the USA and the world. NEXRAD from the Wilmington Ohio site is available for up to the minute Doppler radar of the area.

The site also shows the night sky stars and planets for local area by time for study of astronomy.

### [May 13, 2008-Meeting Notes](#)

Greeting was Ron Roth with prayer by Rock Mc. followed by song leader Bart who wanted to "honor?" the Reds by singing *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. Also Birthday Day costs a buck and a song.

Personal Profile game from [Gloria Roth](#) who was adopted at 3 weeks from W.Va. to Cincinnati where she was a child dancing star on the Uncle Al Show. Wow! (Some of us are old enough to remember that classic. Pres Joe only remembered Windy and the Mama's Cookies commercial.) She later danced in NYC. Now her daughter is dancing as Gloria owns the *Dance Loft* in town which she started in 1990. Presently they have 200 students down from a high of 250. Her most recent experience was having six adult students from Toward Independence taking lessons. She has been married forty years to Galen and they have 2 grandsons who are the joy of her life. She joined Xenia Rotary in June 2005.



New Member [Diane Dixon](#) was inducted with her sponsor Brian Liming as Cliff led us all in the 4-Way Test.

**The Biggest Losers** continues as the Heavy Hotties lost 10 this past wee with Brian Stephen losing 7 of them! Belly Dancers lost 8 but gained 3 for a net of 5 lost pounds. Adolfo lost 4 of them and has lost 26 so far. His good friend Barb S. pledged \$5/pound to encourage him. Ugh!!!.

Sarge Brian L tried to find clean jokes and came up with some Redneck pickup lines that were marginally clean which he says he has used a few. (Have to check with his wife Becky about that.) Happy Bucks came from Cate for Jeff L modeling at Red Cross dinner; Tom Z daughter-in-law finished college late in life; John M II Cedarville U baseball season; Buffie on daughter Young Author Award. 52/50 winner XARC; Attendance Melinda Cooper.

Brian L also served as our program chair today bringing Nathan Chrisman director of *The Cleft*. Nate a Xenia native is a Sinclair CC grad who had a roofing and rental business before moving to the Cleft as director. He has a heart for the young people of the community and a desire to have a recreation place for them to hang out. Plus have them be mentored by positive influences and to hear the Truth. Forty percent of American homes are fatherless.



Last year there were 270 juvenile arrests in Xenia. Thus a need exists for this type of program. AHOP

purchased the former Daum's Furniture store on S. Detroit as a beginning of The Cleft. But they have established a broad based community board with the church as a partner with the community. Denise Dixon a member of this board also spoke saying that the youth of today are the community of tomorrow. .

The program has a Christian foundation based on biblical principles of honesty, integrity and loyalty. The center is to be a safe alcohol and drug free place to meet with positive adults for mentoring, after school tutoring, work-study, and to volunteer in the community. The community needs to embrace the program and they have received support from the Xenia Area Association of Churches. They have received a tax exempt status to receive deductible donations through Greene Giving.

They need \$225,000 for renovation HVAC, electric and plumbing of the building. A need for operation capital is being raised by searching for 400 donors to pledge \$40/month for this need. See [www.TheCleft.org](http://www.TheCleft.org) for more information.

### [May 20, 2008-Meeting Notes](#)

Greeter: Andy Pope; Invocation: John LeBlanc. Phyllis (on the catering staff) was taken to the hospital just before Rotary; Walt Sellars to Hospice; John Meyers death of a friend, LK death of his Mother. Songs by Bart Sheridan to honor Veterans toward Memorial Day.

Visitors: Marsha Leonard from the career center; Janet Bond a guest of Tom Z, Becky Tiddle with two of the 15 valedictorians of Xenia High School, Jerry and Scott both are going to The Ohio State University in the fall.

Dick Lovelace presented a check to President Joe for \$15,000. About 30 years ago, Greene County Rescue was a recipient of

\$3000 from Xenia Rotary. After many years of good works, Greene County Rescue is no longer in existence. They wanted to return the assistance they received and thank us for our support.

Sarge Brian Liming: Forgotten pins cost \$1. New Member identification by Mark McDonald was successful. He recognized Melinda, Sarah, Diane Adolfo and CJ. Happy Bucks: Randy Overbeck announced that all-day kindergarten begins next fall; Randy's son is going to China with Apple; Cedarville's baseball team got an At Large Bid to the NCAA World Series; Joe's son Daniel was inducted into Cedarville's Nat'l Honor Society (the only boy and 190 girls). Attendance prize to Kevin Wichman. 52/50 to Stephanie Williamson

**Biggest Loser** update: Joe Mullins with 20# and Adolfo T with 26 pounds. Heavy Hitters 75 pounds and Belly Dancers 64. Next week is the last weigh-in...Happy Memorial Day Weekend!!

Kiwanis Conductors Contest: Brad Montgomery was drafted as our representative for the June 29<sup>th</sup> event.

Steve Stanick introduced the program *Call before You Dig*. Speaker Walt Pegrum taught us that June is *Dig Safely Month*. He presented a compelling video of accidents caused by digging and puncturing gas, water and electrical lines. Many of these incidents caused deaths and severe injuries. The goal of the video is to cause us to think before we dig. Buried utilities are color-coded and are easily plotted by a professional. **Before you dig call 811**, or 1-800-362-2764, register the address of the potential digging 48 hours prior to digging. Water lines, Vectron gas lines and DP&L lines will be marked from the main to the shutoff. But if you feel lucky, put in that mailbox post without calling and become a statistic. See this website for more information: <http://www.oups.org>.

### May 27, 2008-Meeting Notes

OOPS – No Greeter? Jeff Brock led us in prayer remembering the passing of Honorary Rotarian Walt Sellers. Jean played a medley of patriotic songs during the dining time and followed with 2 more with Kent Martin leading singing. *Visiting Member* present was **Eric Winston** home from Chi town.

Personal Profile came from new member **Diane Dixon** when caught by Prez Joe at the door.

He told her, "Tell 'em why you are cool." She felt she was Cool because God is so Good! And she meant it. A native Xenia she went off South to work, back to Ohio and Wisconsin with Northwestern Insurance for 30 years before returning to Xenia. She formed her business and life coaching business, Faith, Focus and Follow or 3F. Still has lots of family in the area but never married and cannot even get called to jury duty. Four years ago she began life as a foster parent for a Navajo girl now 15 years old. The Navajo have been a large part of her life that we heard as part of the April 22<sup>nd</sup> program.



**The Biggest Loser Finale** after two months THE END... The Heavy Hotties had the lead up until the final week when the **Belly Dancers took the Prize**. But it was close as the Heavy

Hotties lost 68 pounds to Belly Dancers 72 pounds. **THE BIGGEST LOSER was ADOLFO TORNICHIO who lost 30 pounds!!! WOW!** Prez Joe said they did not have a chance starting the contest with Pancake Day and ending after Memorial Day weekend. He went to a family reunion in Kentucky where you eat and walk a little and eat some more. Congrats to all participants and supporting pledge folks.

Sarge Brian was back. No pins that's a buck. Had new members since December stand and picked on Dr Brett to name the four ... and he did - no fine but fined him for checkered pants he wore to the Chamber Golf Outing. Tried to catch Dave W on rumor that he ate 8 hot dogs at the outing while on the Biggest Loser team. But he denied it! Happy Bucks from Randy on 305 graduating seniors who earned/won \$3.5 million in scholarships; Brian asked all veterans to stand and asked for a happy buck for them from all; Bob G said Prez Joe should not refer to his hillbilly reunion but the politically correct term now is now *Appalachian-Americans*. Joe said they just learn to spell hillbilly. Mark M donated his 52/50 winnings for John LaRock losing 8 pounds. Attendance winner was Neil Fogarty.

Kevin Wichman serving as program chair introduced Dave Ingram, regional marketing director of The Hartford Financial Services. Dave using brochures at table titled: **Beyond Investment Illusions** spoke on investment illusions vs. investment reality. Turn off CNBC and stop reading the newspapers about every day up or downs in the market. It's really about the long term.



Be more informed – learn from the past. Volatility should be expected. Volatility also represents the potential for gain as much as it represents a potential for a loss.

Investors believe Fixed Investments are Risk-free. But the forget Inflation Risk, Tax Risk and Longevity Risk.

Bulls and Bears are predictable as history shows very neatly separated market ups and downs. But how quickly are investors able to identify a bull or a bear? Thus timing the market is impossible. Chasing winners is also a losing battle.

Practical steps to Getting beyond Illusions:

1. Don't Go It Alone- use an investment representative to help find suitable investments for your financial goals.
2. Make a Plan- five years or longer, specific dollar amount realistic assumed rate of return estate planning and income distribution plan that lasts for life.
3. Asset allocation- a diversified portfolio consisting of a variety of asset classes.
4. Systematic Investing takes advantage of normal shifts in the market, eliminates the stress and uncertainty of deciding when to invest, strengthens you investment discipline by maintaining a long-term perspective.

**WHAT GOOD CAN I DO TODAY?**  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S QUESTION TO HIMSELF  
EVERY MORNING

**Assignments –  
Please Mark your Calendars**

	<b>June 3, 2008</b>	<b>July 1, 2008</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Robyn Caupp	Gregg Hebrank
<b>Invocation</b>	David Thompson	Joe Mullins
<b>Music</b>	Kent Martin	Gloria Roth
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Todd McManus	David Bradds
<b>Minutes</b>	Tim Haney	Steve Duellley
<b>Program</b>	Dave Williamson	Barb Zajbel
	<b>June 10, 2008</b>	<b>July 8, 2008</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Don Anderson	Dick Holmes
<b>Invocation</b>	Cliff Johnson	Steve Brodsky
<b>Music</b>	John LeBlanc	Rock McColaugh
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Todd McManus	David Bradds
<b>Minutes</b>	Bill Flaute	Dave Williamson
<b>Program</b>	Rick Williamson	Tom Zajbel
	<b>June 17, 2008</b>	<b>July 15, 2008</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Terry Thomas	Steve Stapleton
<b>Invocation</b>	Kim Sease	Jim Kennedy
<b>Music</b>	John LeBlanc	Rock McColaugh
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Todd McManus	David Bradds
<b>Minutes</b>	Gloria Roth	Kim Sease
<b>Program</b>	Don Anderson	Jeff Brock
	<b>June 24, 2008</b>	
<b>Greeter</b>	Todd Reichley	
<b>Invocation</b>	Bart Sheridan	
<b>Music</b>	Gloria Roth	
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Todd McManus	
<b>Minutes</b>	Tony Sculimbrene	
<b>Program</b>	Club Assembly	

## ABC's of Rotary

### Lessons In Rotary Geography

- Were you aware that the Rotary Club of Reno, Nevada, USA, is farther west than the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California, USA?
- Would you guess that the meetings of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine, USA, are farther south than those of the clubs in London, England?
- Can you imagine that the Rotary Club of Pensacola, Florida, USA, is west of the Detroit, Michigan, USA, club?
- It's a fact that the Rotary Club of Cairo, Illinois, USA, is south of Richmond, Virginia, USA.
- There are 141 Rotary clubs with the word "Tokyo" in their club names.
- The Rotary Club of Nome, Alaska, USA, lies west of the club in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, and the Santiago, Chile, club is located east of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Rotary geographers will know that virtually every Rotary club meeting in Australia is east of the Hong Kong Rotary club.
- What do the Rotary clubs of Quito, Ecuador; Libreville, Gabon; Singapore; and Kampala, Uganda, have in common? You guessed right if you said they all meet approximately on the equator.

Korean War veteran Charles W. Johnson summed up his feelings about **Memorial Day** with a poem.

*We walked among the crosses  
Where our fallen soldiers lay.  
And listen to the bugle  
As taps began to play.*

*The chaplain led a prayer  
We stood with heads bowed low  
And I thought of fallen comrades  
I have known so long ago.*

*They came from every city  
Across this fertile land.  
That we might live in freedom.  
They lie hear `neath the sand.*

*I felt a little guilty  
My sacrifice was small  
I only lost a little time  
But these men lost their all.*

*Now the services are over  
For this Memorial Day.  
To the names upon these crosses  
I just want to say,  
Thank you.*

*Thanks for what you've given  
No one could ask for more,  
May you rest with God in heaven  
From now through evermore.*

## New Member Profile

### Diane Dixon

**Nick Name:** none

**Classification:**

Coaching/Consulting

**Birth Date:** 7-16-1958

**Spouse's Name:** none



**Business Phone:** 937 376 1226

**Residence Phone:** 937 376 1226

**Residence Address:** 976 Orville Way  
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**Email:** coach@dianedixon.com

**Business/Employer:** Self employed – 3Fcoaching

**Business Address:** 976 Orville Way  
Xenia, Ohio 45385,  
www.3Fcoaching.com

**Foster Child:** Mercedes Tenorio, age 15

**Brief Work Duties/Job Function:** Business and Life Coach, Provide dynamic business planning, juicy life planning and nutritious accountability to profitable entrepreneurs, small business owners, teams, sales professionals and to ambitious & determined individuals who want to live a larger life.

**Brief Bio:** Launched coaching practice in 2001 following a 30-year career in the financial services industry with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network; Chartered Life Underwriter; Graduate of Coach University and a member of International Coach Federation (ICF). Team Leader for trips to the Navajo Indian Reservation; Past President of the national board of Women in Insurance & Financial Services (WIFS), past board member of the Hemophilia Foundation in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cobblestone Community Church in Lebanon, Ohio. Currently serves in an advisory capacity to the Cleft.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Biking, serving the Navajo people, always up for an adventure, reading, national football & college basketball, public speaking & writing & simply *chillin* with family and friends.

WORRY IS LIKE A ROCKING CHAIR; IT GIVES  
YOU SOMETHING TO DO, BUT IT GETS YOU  
NOWHERE.

## New Member Profile

### Sarah Amend

**Nick Name:** none

**Classification:**

Insurance

**Birth Date:** 01-20-1981

**Spouse's Name:** Joseph  
H. (Hank) Amend, IV



**Business Phone:** 937 372 4491

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**E-Mail:** sarah@awxenia.com

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**Business/Employer:** Anderson-Williamson  
Insurance Agency, LLC

**Business Address:** 242 North Detroit Street  
Xenia, OH 45385

**Children:** N/A

**Brief Work Duties/Job Function:**

Co-owner of agency and sales.

**Brief Bio:** I am the fifth generation of my family to run the insurance agency, Anderson-Williamson Insurance Agency, LLC, and I am the fourth generation of my family in the Xenia Rotary Club. I have a Bachelors of Science for Psychology from Wright State University and was a Juvenile Probation Officer for four years while my husband (previously in the Navy) and I were stationed on Whidbey Island, Washington. Once his enlistment was up, we returned home and I joined the family business and my husband works for Johnson Controls programming building automation systems. Along with my duties at the agency, I currently chair the Xenia Area Young Professionals for the Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Hobbies/Interests:** My hobbies are snowboarding, golf, yoga, and scuba diving. I like jazz, blues, classical, and indie music and enjoy going to art galleries and museums. My husband and I both believe that community service is a vital part of a health family and a health community and therefore, we are always interested in helping out with community and school projects.

"Happiness is an attitude. We either make  
ourselves miserable, or happy and strong.  
The amount of work is the same."

Francesca Reigler quotes

"A positive attitude may not solve all your  
problems, but it will annoy enough people to make  
it worth the effort." Herm Albright quotes

## WHERE TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

You may make up your attendance by attending a meeting of any Rotary club, either on the day of your absence, or on one of the 14 days preceding or following your date of absence.

Meeting dates of some area Rotary Clubs are listed below. The secretary will furnish others on request.

See the District website for updates: [www.rotary6670.com](http://www.rotary6670.com)

<p><b>Wilmington Noon</b> Damon's 1045 Eastside Dr. <b>Monday Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Waynesville</b> Der Dutchman Rest. 230 N. US Rt 42 <b>Tuesday 7:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Fairborn</b> Fairborn Senior Center 3<sup>rd</sup> St by Fairborn City Offices <b>Wednesday Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Centerville</b> Yankee Trace Golf Course Club House 10000 Yankee St. <b>Thursday Noon</b></p>
<p><b>Wilmington AM</b> Wilmington Inn 909 Fife Ave. (Rt 73 &amp; 22/3 east from center of downtown - upstairs) <b>Friday 7:00 AM</b></p>	<p><b>Beavercreek</b> Walnut Grove Country Club 5050 Linden Ave. <b>Friday Noon</b></p>

## Boogie Through Life!

Don't cry because it's over,  
smile because it happened.

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Pain and Suffering is inevitable  
but Misery is optional.

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Yesterday is history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery,  
Today is a gift.  
That's why it's called: *The Present.*

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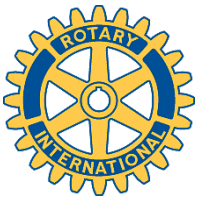
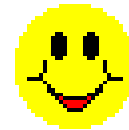
A good exercise for the heart is to  
bend down and help another up.

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Life is what you make of it...  
kinda like Play-Doh

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The bubbling brook would lose its song  
if you removed the rocks.



### ROTARY CLUB OF XENIA, OHIO

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