

ROTARY ELEVATOR

November 18, 2008

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	18-Nov-08
Greeter	Kevin Sonnycalb
Invocation	Bill Flaute
Music	Cliff Johnson
Sgt. At Arms	Harry Johns
Minutes	Todd Reichley
Program	Neil Fogarty

Today Marilyn & her crew prepared a Really **BIG** Thanksgiving Meal for us with Turkey, Ham and the rest of the fixings!!! Yum! Yum! (Too bad if you missed it... *Hint*: The Christmas Meal will be Dec 16.)

Announcements:

- **Children's Christmas Party Tuesday December 16th** 6-8 P.M. Lots of Volunteers needed!!! Please Sign up.
- **Caring Place Meal Thursday February 19th to be** provided by the Xenia Rotary at the First Lutheran Church located on Main St. **Mark your Calendars.** 12 volunteers needed. Bill Flaute Chairing the event.
- Cate Hill, Club Youth Chair announced she has signed up for an incoming **Rotary Exchange Student** for the next school year and **needs Host Families.** If you know of a possible family or are interested in being a Host Family contact Cate for more info.
- **New Rotary Song Books** have been ordered. (Think it will help our singing?)
- Xenia Rotarian Eric Winston has arranged an Auction or Raffle Package for the club. The **Package includes a night in a Chicago hotel** (\$200-250 value), **dinner** (\$100-150 value) plus **Two tickets to Oprah Winfrey Show** (priceless!). Looking for ideas to maximize income for club? Do we offer it at our Christmas Auction or sell tickets to the public? Contact President Bob or a Board Member.

Sergeant at Arms Harry Johns had a folder of newspaper articles but only caught Karl Colon looking cool wearing shades for a United Way ad. As the Greene County UW Chair Karl gave a plug for donations. (He also thought UW needed more money to hire better models for their ads.) Poor Cliff had to pay again for Cedarville U woman's winning cross country team; No fine for Jeff Lewis plugging Barnes & Nobles fundraiser for Xenia schools. Judy Baker's XARSC hosting the community Thanksgiving Dinner and Robyn's husband proving pies again. Happy Buicks Neil F a Happy \$5 for the Browns winning last night and Thanked UW assist as Dodd's provided a meal for 37 folks. Keith S for Joe Mullins hosting Southern Ohio Bluegrass Festival. Cliff Happy for two Cedarville U grads as our speakers today; Terry Tobey for Bengals undefeated for last 3

weeks; Joe M for eating twice as much today than usual but thought Rick W ate more than he did. Harry finished with a poetic quote:

Be Not Weary (Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

Sometimes, when I am toil-worn and awarey,
And tired out with working long and well,
And earth is dark, and skies above are dreary,
And heart and soul are all too sick to tell,
These words have come to me like angel fingers
Pressing the spirit's eyelids down in sleep,
'Oh let us not be weary in well doing,
For in due season we shall surely reap.'

52/50 winner- Betty Remick; Attendance two week winner was Ron Lewis.

Program Chair Neil Fogarty introduced **Dr. Harry and Echo VanderWal** who are medical missionaries in Swaziland Africa. Harry and Echo are both Cedarville University graduates as Harry went to Wright State Medical School and did his residency locally. Echo is a certified Physicians Assistant graduating from Kettering College of Medical Arts. They lived in Xenia fourteen years preparing for their mission. They are the parents of 7 yr old triplet boys and a 4 yr old boy.



They began their **Luke Commission** medical mission work in 2004 living in Swaziland nine months each year and then returning to the United States to raise funds and supplies. The three months they are here is the rainy season in Swaziland and the roads are not passable. They receive 92% of their support from individuals with 8% from churches.

Swaziland a country about the size of the state New Jersey has the highest rate of AIDS in the world with over 42% of the adult



population testing HIV-positive. Polygamy is accepted and helps to spread the disease along with unsanitary conditions. For example, sterile gloves are almost nonexistent. Thus treating a simple cut spreads the disease to others. The population of 20-40 year olds is dying off leaving half the Swazi children as orphans. Life expectancy is 32 years. By providing basic medical care, medicines, counseling and education they can extend that life expectancy 10 years or more.

The VanderWals hold clinics in rural areas of the country treating as many as 500 patients each day. They stay each day until the last patient is seen. This is part of their establishing trust among the people. Witchcraft is still prevalent and is popular as the witch doctor shows empathy. Thus, they must also show empathy and care for the people to earn their trust. Once trust is established they are able to provide counseling and education concerning HIV/Aids.

They also provide eyeglasses using an auto refractor to match available eyeglasses to the patients. In 2008 they distributed 10,284 eyeglasses along with treating 24,437 patients for medical and HIV conditions.

They showed a short video of the clinics in operation along with distributing Operation Christmas Shoeboxes from the United States. Their shouts of Joy and the Smiles from the children receiving these small gifts is difficult to describe.

See more of the VanderWals and their Luke Commission ministry at <http://www.lukecommission.org/>

President Bob's Thought of the Day: Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

Program for November 18, 2008 – Chair Ron Geyer- Newly elected **Congressman Steve Austria** will be joining us.

Rotary Christmas Auction

Tuesday December 9, 2008

Bring a wrapped gift in the \$25+ range to be auctioned off.

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Be Prepared to Buy a Gift.



This is the beginning of a new day. I have been given this day to use as I will. I can waste it. . . or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain and not loss; good and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it. I will try just for today, for you never fail until you stop trying.

Ric Kausrud, 1997

After living with HIV for over 20 years, Written a few months before his death from complications from AIDS.

Assignments – Please Mark your Calendars	
	25-Nov-08
Greeter	Robyn Caupp
Invocation	Cathy Hill
Music	C.J. McLin
Sgt. At Arms	Harry Johns
Minutes	TBD
Program	Ron Geyer
	2-Dec-08
Greeter	Ron Lewis
Invocation	Robyn Caupp
Music	Joe Mullins
Sgt. At Arms	Adolfo Tornichio
Minutes	Steve Weeks
Program	Jeff Eyrich
	9-Dec-08
Greeter	Steve Stanek
Invocation	Richard Holmes
Music	Harry Johns
Sgt. At Arms	Adolfo Tornichio
Minutes	Andy Pope
Program	Auction
	16-Dec-08
Greeter	Karl Colon
Invocation	Keith Sheridan
Music	Randy Overbeck
Sgt. At Arms	Adolfo Tornichio
Minutes	Neil Fogarty
Program	XHS Ensemble

Remember

Children's Christmas Party

sponsored by the Xenia Rotary Club

Tuesday December 16, 2008

6pm – 8 pm

Set up 5:30 pm



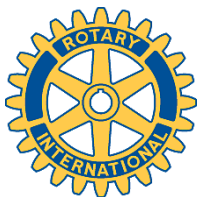
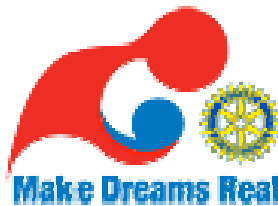
Santa Needs Your Help!

ABC's of Rotary

The International Assembly

An International Assembly is held each year prior to 15 February to prepare district governors-elect from around the world for the office they will assume on 1 July. Accompanied by their spouses, some 530 incoming governors join a host of experienced Rotarian leaders for a week of training and motivational sessions. At the assembly, they meet the special Rotarian who will serve as RI president during their year as governors, and they learn the RI theme for the coming year around which they will build their district's activities.

The first International Assembly was held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in 1919. Later assemblies were held in Lake Placid, New York, USA; Kansas City, Missouri, USA; Boca Raton, Florida, USA; and Nashville, Tennessee, USA. In recent years the assembly has been held in Anaheim, California, USA. But regardless of the venue, the message on the sign above the plenary hall has remained unchanged for years: "Enter to learn. . . go forth to serve!"



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More Tips for a Better Life:

20. Don't take yourself so seriously.
No one else does.
21. You don't have to win every argument.
Agree to disagree.
22. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
23. Don't compare your life to others'.
You have no idea what their journey is all about.
24. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
25. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
26. Forgive everyone for everything.
27. What other people think of you is none of your business.
28. GOD heals almost everything.
29. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
30. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
31. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
32. Envy is a waste of time.
You already have all you need.
33. The best is yet to come.
34. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
35. Do the right thing!
36. Call your family often. (Or email them to death!!!) Hey I'm think'n of you)
37. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: I am thankful for _____. Today I accomplished _____.
38. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
39. Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don't want a fast pass. You only have one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

May your troubles be less, May your blessings be more, May nothing but happiness come through your door!