

ROTARY ELEVATOR

September 2007

Message from President Joe

Welcome to Autumn '07!

September was a great month at our Tuesday meetings, with attendance much improved, great programs and the classiest Sergeants we've seen in a while - good job, Ladies!



Sadly, we say goodbye to two Rotarians who had to resign from the club last month. Eric Fogarty was a great contributor for many years. Though only a couple of years, Jeff Buchanan will be missed as well.

With membership declining, please search your friends and acquaintances list for worthy candidates and invite them to a meeting. Remember our 2007-08 theme, "**Rotary Shares**". Share your passion for our club with someone this week.

Dave Wedderburn has volunteered to be our new **Assistant Secretary**. With many years of business experience and dedication to the club, we know Dave will succeed. I wonder if he owns any suspenders. **John LeBlanc** is our new **Assistant Treasurer**. As a past president and business professor, John will be a great asset to the club. I hope he likes the Pine Club!

Remember our Club Assembly on October 30th. This is a meeting set aside for all Rotarians to be in communications with each committee and the Board. If you have topics for inclusion please email at jmullins@myclassiccountry.com soon and we will discuss all Xenia Rotary activities in detail the 30th.

Don't forget to check www.xeniarotary.com for club news, photos and assignments.

See you Tuesday, God Bless,

President Joe

September 4, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Gloria Roth was our Greeter. Cliff Johnson prayed and then back by popular demand was Song leader Tony S. asking how did these songs get on the inside cover of the song boo? Guests included our Absentee Member Eric V.A. Winston.

September is to be *Ladies Month* for Sarge at Arms!!! The Queen was back - Barb S. ready to fine all that gave her a bad time last year as our President. She asked Republican Ron Lewis about Senator Larry and what is a wide stance any way? Bob Geyer was only one to admit giving her a bad time about the The OSU- Florida bowl game... still fined him. Then called forward several men from the club including past Sarge Brett asking about what's worse wearing a tie? Or... Each of the other fellows held up a ladies garment as an illustration that men have it easy. She finished with a slew of bad jokes about "Men are like ..." not worth repeating... unless you are a woman and then you would laugh. Happy \$5 came from David Thompson who has adopted the 1 yr old son of a deceased cousin. Happy also was Barb Z that Shawnee park pond water passed inspection. (How? To us old timers it's *The Lagoon* not a pond.) Tom Z said it was an insurance requirement for the paddle boats to operate. Dave Warner Happy on 61st wedding anniversary. 52/50 went to Dave Wedderburn's grandson; Attendance winner Bob Geyer.

Today's program came from Health Comish Mark having Sara Pappa speak on *Greene County ... Caring for our Community*. Her presentation was primarily on the Greene Community Health Foundation. Using a power point presentation Sara explained that the Foundation is the fundraising entity of the Health District. Only a handful health departments have a foundation. (Thanks to Rotarians Harry Johns and Mac McColaugh) If no other agency funding is available the foundation will step up to provide the need. Needs have included eye glasses, prescriptions, gasoline cards, medical appliances, dental care more than the dental clinic can provide, help with utility bills and others.



Other projects the health Departments supports include Clinic Cupboard of medical, personal hygiene products for clients to take home; a Mitten Tree with gloves, mittens, hats, scarves. For clients Christmas to take in the office lobby; Holiday Project for clients to get gifts; Holiday Family Project as the office adopts families; an Infant Layette Program giving clients all they need

to bring a baby home from the hospital with clothing, diapers, blankets.

Funding for the Foundation comes from Grants; Special Fundraising Events; Gifts from Corporations, Foundations, Businesses and Individuals (including Health District employees), and Gifts-In-Kind. It is through the generosity of many donors that the Health District continues to meet the needs of Greene County residents. Annual events that the Development Division organizes include the Duck Race, the Mitten Tree Project, the Holiday Project, Truck Pull, Bid for Kids, Car Show and Rusty's Ride. Before leaving the meeting they had *Adopt a Duck* forms to sell as Mark was out of town.

September 11, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Our own *Mr. Red Socks* was our greeter today. (For newer members Doc Warner wears Red Socks every day!!! Check them out some time. Gregg H. offered up prayer for us all on this September 11 Remembrance Day. For the first time since 1982 Keith Sheridan was song leader. Keith saying, "And you will soon found out why." In honor of 9/11 we sang *Let there be Peace on Earth*. And two verses of *America*.

Announcements:

- Bob Geyer reported on the success of the [Xenia Rotary Golf Outing](#) raising about \$6,000 while the players consumed 240 beers, 96 soda pops and some water.
- Randy O. was back with [Rotary Reads](#) sign up for October. For newer members he explained how the program works. Each week 3-4 Rotary members go to an elementary school each Thursday at 10 A.M. to read/listen to students. Randy believes having a positive successful role model interact with the children encourages the children in many ways. Sixty percent of the children do not see a positive male roll model at home. If you haven't volunteered give it a try.
- Donations were made to [Honor Flight](#) to send WWII vets to Washington D.C. And agreed to sponsor the Field Day games at [Old Fashioned Days](#).
- [John LeBlanc](#) has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

Lady Sarge of the Day was Melissa L. (at least she not carrying a gun as in the past.) No Rotary pin pay up, Happy \$5 from Brett Ellis on a continuing education weekend at The OSU allowed him to write off his wedding anniversary party; John LeBlanc happy on 41st wedding anniversary; Happy \$5 from Barb Z on Rotary OFD sponsor. Melissa thanked Kent as *Elevator* Editor. Finished having Russ R. lead us sing *If your Happy and You Know It*. Saying it always makes her feel Happy!

John LeBlanc was up as our program chair introducing Springfield Rotary President Charles Patterson, who also happens to be Mark Mc counterpart for Clark County.

Charles had some video and slides on the Springfield club's Mini Grand Prix using mini Grand Prix style go carts. This was there fourth year. They have 41-71 cars each year. The event



provides a fun community event to raise funds for the club. They have raised \$230,000 over the four years.

All the cars are purchase from the same manufacture and must pass a technical inspection which includes a maximum rpm, speed limit of 25 mph and safety before the race. A Sponsor must purchase a car at \$2,500 but it is their's own and use. They may paint the car and use for display or advertising purposes.



In addition an entry fee of \$1,500 is paid for each race. It cost the Springfield club about \$500 per car to put on the event. Insurance costs about \$9,000. In addition advertising and banners are sold.

A Race Crew of a Crew chief, driver and 8 pit crew are required. Other events include a pit crew race changing tires to determine starting spots on race starting grid, a required driver's school that covers safety, race rules, practice driving the cars, and technical inspections. Sponsors have had fun and enjoyed the team building as employees worked on "their car."

Race day is free for visitors as 8,000 visitors came down town Springfield last May 2007 to watch the races. Races include a Celebrity Race, qualifying races, Hard Luck Race, Champion Race and a Grudge Match against others. Go to the Springfield club website to learn more and see pictures: www.rotary98.org/

September 18, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Upon entering The Y a sound of music filled the air as our program did a sound check and a warm up for the early arrivals. Going to be a great program today!

Andy Pope did the Greeter duties as David Thompson prayed for us. Bart Sheridan took the duties of song leader for his missing father. Only sang one song and we did not embarrass ourselves too much before our professional singing program. President Joe sadly announced the resignation of Eric Fogarity who will be spending more time in Vandalia.

Lady Sarge today was Barb Z. armed with a "Women in American History Quiz" question for each table. Many of the questions were multiple choices so a couple of tables guessed the right answer while the rest of us paid. Couple Happy Bucks came from David Thompson on 8 yr wedding anniversary today; Army Air Corps Vet Cliff on 60th Anniversary of the Air Force today. Neil F. tried to pay a \$1 for each of the Browns 10 points but ran short so paid \$4 for the 40 points they gave up to a round of boo from the audience. 52/50 Winner Virgil Brantley; Attendance to Bart Sheridan who was present to take home his check.

Joe introduced our program of the *Zambian Vocal Group* who performed at Old Fashioned Days, at a couple churches in the area and will be performing at Cedarcliff High and Middle schools later this week. The six young men stated singing together almost in elementary school almost twenty-one years ago. They have lived in the United States and toured fifteen years with many in the group graduating from U.S. colleges. Their touring and CD sales raises funds for a school in Zambia

that has 460 students. Singing acappella their voices blend well as they sang in native languages and English gospel songs learned from Christian missionaries.

The group provided a very entertaining program. See their web site for more information:

www.zambianvocalgroup.com/



- Starting with Market Analysis- impact analysis, demographics, gap financing available.
- Community Involvement - with stakeholder interviews and field research.
- Visioning - looking at retail, residential on second floors, offices, green space.
- Strategic planning – public/private financing, new market tax credit, historical tax credit.

Rather than have just “another d___ plan” for downtown they wanted to include an “implementation phase” using private investment along with city, state and federal money that might be available. He showed several examples of other cities that had leverage the private investments, Evansville, IN - \$73 million, Zanesville - \$30 million and Findlay OH, - \$17 million.

A Downtown belongs to everyone. Xenia’s assets include its historical fabric as a downtown, the Legacy Center, Parks especially close to downtown and the bike trails. The project is partially funded via state money and they have a year end deadline to complete plan.

September 25, 2007 - Meeting Notes

Gregg Hebrank was greeting today as Keith Sheridan prayed on this very warm last meeting of September. No Piano Player so Russ offered to tell a story rather than sing. He told his story about difference between men and woman. What’s wife’s favorite flower? Pillsbury? But we sang a song any way starting a little rough but finished well.

Announcements:

- Family of Rotary Day at Carillon Historical Park September 30.
- Thanks to Karl and Randy for obtaining copies of children’s book on the 4 Way Test published by Fairborn Rotary Club for county and school libraries.

Lady Sarge today was Kim Sease starting off asking all who had not wished her a Happy Birthday to stand... only the lady members and lady guests stood. ??? All the rest of us (men) had to pay a buck! hmmm. Kim gave a Happy \$5 for new merger of SkyBank to Huntington Bank. (How many name changes is that now for that bank place on Detroit Street?) Plus she had door prizes from Huntington for Rotary trivia answers. Name the Board members? name our new exchange student?, etc. She finished with a story that Russ had given her about a woman’s best breakfast. (Too much male bashing to repeat) 52/50 winner Eric Fogarity; Attendance Brain Liming.

Program Chair Steve Brodsky introduced Craig Gossman, a principal in a design consulting firm of Kinzelman, Kline, Gossman (KKG) with offices in Columbus, Columbus, Covington, Kentucky and Indianapolis. He and several staff members are in Xenia to do a study of downtown Xenia. Craig began saying that he was not here with any answers but in a sponge mode. They were just beginning to ask questions and do surveys like the one on each of the tables for members to complete.



Using a Power Point presentation Craig discussed various phases in developing a Plan:

ABC's of Rotary Room 711 — Rotary’s Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, USA, was the birthplace of Rotary. It was in that historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, where Paul Harris first met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the Paul Harris 711 Club, which provided funds for leasing, maintenance, and preservation. In 1989, when the Unity Building was about to be torn down, members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the re-created Room 711 found a permanent home at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston, where this piece of Rotary's heritage is preserved.

**"Courage is being scared to death... but saddling up anyway."
- John Wayne**

**Life may not be the party we hoped for,
but while we are here we might as well
dance. -- Author: Unknown**

Weekly Assignments –Please Mark your Calendars		
	October 2, 2007	November 6, 2007
Greeter	David Thompson	Brad Montgomery
Invocation	Brad Montgomery	Kim Sease
Music	Russ Remick	Bart Sheridan
Sgt. At Arms	Terry Tobey	Jon Noel
Minutes	David Spriggs	Gloria Roth
Program	Karl Colon	David Spriggs
	October 9, 2007	November 13, 2007
Greeter	Terry Thomas	Todd Reichley
Invocation	Bill Flaute	Rock McColaugh
Music	John LeBlanc	Bart Sheridan
Sgt. At Arms	Terry Tobey	Jon Noel
Minutes	Tim Haney	Steve Brodsky
Program	Dave Rickert	Buffy Myers
	October 16, 2007	November 20, 2007
Greeter	Barb Zajbel	Jim Kennedy
Invocation	Richard Holmes	David Thompson
Music	John LeBlanc	John Meyer
Sgt. At Arms	Terry Tobey	Jon Noel
Minutes	Steve Duelle	Tony Sculimbrene
Program	Noel McKeown	Randy Overbeck
	October 23, 2007	November 27, 2007
Greeter	Russ Remick	Richard Holmes
Invocation	Kent Martin	Gloria Roth
Music	Terry Hall	John Meyer
Sgt. At Arms	Terry Tobey	Jon Noel
Minutes	Judy Baker	Jeff Eyrich
Program	John Meyer	Andy Pope
	October 30, 2007	
Greeter	Randy Overbeck	
Invocation	Gloria Roth	
Music	Terry Hall	
Sgt. At Arms	Russ Remick	
Minutes	Bill Flaute	
Program	Club Assembly	

The Way Children See Things!

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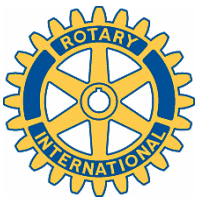
I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a Woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!

HONESTY

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, 'We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago.

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a Note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'



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