



ROTARY ELEVATOR

September 2006

Message from the President Barbara

Hello Friends!

Can you tell me what the numbers listed below represent?

51 49 58 65

Those numbers, I'm afraid, represent our total attendance for the last 4 weeks of Xenia Rotary Club meetings.....!

Now, if you have been with us the past four weeks – many thanks. Or if you've been with us the majority of the past four weeks – many thanks. And, as always, there are very legitimate reasons we might miss a meeting or two. Very legitimate.

But, for the most part, we want to energize our commitment to our weekly meetings! This club is only going to be as strong as its members. Being a Rotarian is a commitment of finances – it's a commitment of the heart - but it's also a commitment of time. Besides. We have *much more fun* when you are with us!

I'm excited about the GREAT SUCCESS of our first annual Rotary Golf Outing. Special kudos to Bob Geyer, Dale Hagler, Kim Sease, Dick Loveless, Melissa Litteral, and every single Rotarian who helped make our outing such a fun day. (The beautiful weather sure did help!) And, many, many thanks to everyone who participated – either by playing golf or being a sponsor. If you missed it, go to our website www.xeniarotary.com and look at the photo gallery of the day.

Most importantly, we raised over \$5000 to support an international project – a first for the Xenia Rotary in a long time. I hope to present a couple of options for this international commitment in the next several weeks.

Thank you for all you do for the Xenia Rotary Club and this community. Enjoy the gorgeous changing of the seasons. Be safe. Every day is a gift.

Barbara

September 5, 2006 - Holiday - No Meeting

A smiling Gloria Roth was greeting this day after Labor Day. (Summer Is Officially Over!!!) It seemed like Monday though and thus starting out we had a small group but it slowly filled most of the room. Steve Austria made his second meeting in a row after being the program last week! We welcomed our newest member Todd McManus to the club.

Personal Profile came from John H. Meyer II who was adopted by a family in the Sycamore suburb of Cincinnati. John was an outstanding athlete and scholar at Sycamore High earning 10 varsity letters and named Outstanding Athlete. He was named first team all state in baseball earning a full scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. Drafted by Cleveland Indians and he played some minor league ball realizing they had too many catchers. He moved on to work in higher education for ten years at Ohio U., UC and OSU and finally as Dean of Student at University of Tampa, Florida. He then made a career change to financial planning in 1976 and has been in Xenia five years. Married forty years to Marilyn their daughter Heather Beam is a Realtor in Xenia and their son is in Orlando. John can be found assisting the baseball coaches at Cedarville U. A Paul Harris Fellow John also has 33 years of Rotary Perfect Attendance.

Dr. Cliff J. led us in two patriotic songs and the words were not in the book... we did OK. Bob Geyer was all set for the Rotary Golf Outing with 19 foursomes and 36 Hole Sponsors. Including one group of all females which called for Special Rules being made to speed up the game. (mmm?) The Rotary Reads list for September was filled the first week it passed around. Great Job Rotarians! 52/50 winner was Gregg Hebrank and Attendance to Steve Brodsky.

Sarge of the Day Ron Lewis tested his jokes on President Barbara at a "civic duty function" on Labor Day. [Sounds like politicking to me] Asked Mark Mc about the Breast Feeding Awareness Award... how pick the winner? No pins cost a \$1; as a frequent scooter the Sarge fined all who had not scooted this year. Happy Bucks- Doc Warner on 60 yrs marriage to the same woman; Gloria R for grandson getting off wrong bus stop and other children helped him. Ron then told his joke about getting 80 yr old woman in church to swear... yell out "Bingo!" Ugh! But it was better than we heard from Sarge Brett last month.

Barry Baker as program chair introduced Xenia's new Community Development Director Mary Crockett who replaced our former member Joy Warner. Mary said she tested out her jokes on her husband. What is Community Development? The answer is different in different places. So she is trying to re-define it, working with Barb Zajbel and the



Xenia Chamber and Steve Brodsky and XEGC. New City Manager Ken Johnson says that the city is like a giant puzzle and needs to be put together to be a viable community. Mary worked for HUD as an intern in community building. She has also worked for the cities of Dayton and Springfield.

Xenia has had 1,000 new housing units built since 2000. Housing values are going up and we must maintain our older neighborhoods.

She believes that the new Wal-Mart and Lowes's will position Xenia to bring in more resources and opportunities for increased taxes and jobs. But we still support existing businesses to compete with the Chamber of Commerce.

Heritage Ohio, a consultant group on small towns is doing a study on Xenia. The Strong Strengths are the US 35 By-pass, the strong neighborhoods next to downtown, and the downtown architecture. Other strengths are the many small colleges, the Chamber and the arts and cultural activities. Weaknesses include absent landlords, lack of downtown funding, Attitude, by the shoppers and the business owners, empty store fronts and empty upstairs – living or offices. Downtown speaks "Xenia". New business or industries want to see a viable thriving downtown. There are no new plans for the old Wal-Mart building or the BP station. The fire chief is talking to BP about removal of the underground tanks. New business permits have come from Applebee, and Bob Evans

September 12, 2006 - Meeting Notes

Ron Roth was to be the Greeter but I missed him on this rainy, rainy day. Prayers included Keith Sheridan undergoing heart surgery today. Army Air Corps veteran Cliff J. thought he heard Jean play the Army Air Corps song but at his age he has forgotten most of the words he says. So Cliff led us in *Let There be Peace on Earth*.

Verdin A. (Vern) Moll Jr. was our Personal Profile today. Vern claims to be the 6th oldest member and the 5th oldest standing member having joined the club in 1961. Although born in Dayton he moved to Xenia in 1924 going to school at McKinley and Central graduating HS in 1941. Attended Ohio U before serving in the Army Air Corps becoming a flight instructor flying B-17s and B-29s. Returning home he went to The Ohio State for Architecture practicing in Dayton, and San Juan, P.R. In 1961 joined partner with D. Richard Thomas as Thomas & Moll Architects in Xenia for seventeen years before Thomas retired in 1988. They designed and built most of the schools in Xenia especially after the 1974 Tornado, built the Fairborn HS and elementary schools. After retiring in 1988 he became a house and building Inspector until 1997.

His father (Verdin A. Moll Sr.) was a Xenia Rotarian and president in 1934-35 who served on the local school board that hired R.J. Warner as Superintendent of Xenia Schools. (Doc Warner's father) Verdin Sr. sponsored R.J. to Rotary. In 1961 R.J. sponsored Verdin Jr. to the club. Vern served as our president in 1978-79, also served as secretary treasurer for 7 years. The club presented him a Paul Harris Fellow for his many years of service. During his presidency Pancake Day moved to the Benner Field House. He was presented the Volunteer of the Year by the City of Xenia in 1994. Vern was inducted in the Hall of Fame by the Xenia Endowment Foundation in 2005. His first wife Nancy, who he married in

1947 died in 1976. He married his present wife, Barb in 1978. They have 6 grandchildren between them.

Announcements:

- President Barbara presented Tom Zajbel a check as a sponsor of the Old Fashioned Days.
- Susan Phillips asked for support of the Children's Medical Center walk at Stone Hill Village on October 7.
- President Barbara thanked all for support of the Golf Outing especially Bob Geyer who was not present this week and thought we would be pleased with the financial outcome.

Sarge Jeff Brock at the podium not as "dapper" as he used to be though. (FYI- found out he changed jobs in April to church administrator at Grace Baptist.) Jeff promised to raise the most money in the least amount of time possible. Started out by fining all wearing a tie or a purple shirt. If celebrate a birthday in 2006 stand, pay if in the average Rotary age of 40-50; Fined all at his previous employer, Cedarville U; fined Ron Geyer for his father's class reunion and not knowing what year. Happy Bucks were Barb Z for Terry Tobey Grand Marshall; John LeBlanc \$40 for 40th wedding anniversary; Rick W for TV appearance of the Zajbel's and OFD.

Jack Bergin was our program chair and brought us Ron Nischwitz to speak. Ron the former Wright State baseball coach entertained us with his baseball stories as a coach and player. Ron played baseball at OSU, and major league with Detroit, Cleveland and the NY Mets. He is a member of the Wright State Hall of Fame, the baseball Coaches Hall of Fame and was being inducted into the Ohio State University Hall of Fame on Saturday September 16th.



He first mentioned that none of his baseball career would have happened without support of one of our former members, Herman Menapace. Herman was physical therapist at the Dayton VA when Ron was a HS player and a coach took him to Herman for therapy. Baseball scholarships did not exist when he was at OSU but he had two jobs. One was to see if all the flags were flying over the stadium on football Saturdays. Not to put them up just to see if flying and report it. In 1961 he was called to pitch for the Detroit Tigers against Mickey Mantle with bases loaded. After pitching three balls, somehow he struck him out. He also pitched against some guy by the name of Henry Aaron in spring training and struck him out but hurt his elbow. There was no Tommy John surgery then but then could have had the surgery and named it after Ron. He was sent back to Florida once to help a new young pitcher for the Mets named Tom Seaver. Ron left major league baseball that year but Seaver did pretty good.

He is proud of the baseball facility at Wright State and how well the team has moved to big time college baseball. Brad Anderson in 1993 is his most famous player to move on as a second round pick of the Angels. Brad has had elbow surgery twice and is trying to rehab a come back.

September 19, 2006 - Meeting Notes

Our first cool day of the fall has arrived... here we go. Found a nice crowd for the Rotary District Governor's visit as Craig Saunders greeted us. Invocation mentioned Keith Sheridan doing well after heart surgery but still in a Columbus hospital.

Personal Profile came from Brad Montgomery saying that it all started in 1947 as his father Bob met Dorothy and the rest is history. Born in 1957 Brad is a Xenia native graduating from Xenia High in 1976 where in played some basketball and golf. Off too little Manchester College Indiana where he found basketball was not as much fun. Graduating with a business degree he went to work for Travelers Insurance for three years before returning to his father insurance business. Brad is now President of a Montgomery Insurance & Investments that includes 21 employees. Married to Tami, they have two daughters. An active member of Faith Community UM Church Brad still enjoys golf, canoeing and fishing. He is a present Xenia Rotary Board Member after joining our club in 2001.

President Barbara announced that "one of the things that makes our club so much fun is our singing." (Wonder what meds she has been taking?) So Cliff asked our guests to quit eating so they could sing as we sang a couple of songs. Prez Barbara concluded, "We don't sing well but we sing anyway!"

Back at the podium was Sarge Jeff B. sans tie again. Fined all if live in Jamestown, no Rotary pin please stand for a fine - fined again if you did not introduce yourself to District Gov. Fined scooters if not apologize to speaker for leaving early, Fined Ron Lewis for being at head table and ignoring the DG. Ron said that was because he was married. (Typical lawyer always has an excuse or come back.) Had to pay any way. Asked several members various Rotary trivia which few knew the answer to...i.e. number of the Xenia club- #3363 (look at top of the *Elevator*). Happy Bucks came from a whole lot of folks: Russ gave us all a Happy Jewish New Year 5767; Ron G. thanked Russ as he always forgets to change that number on his check till January; Tom Z happy OFD over and many sponsors and helpers in the room; Terry Thomas missed taking home the Attendance. Editor missed who got the 52/50?

President Barbara introduced our Rotary District Governor Susan Bantz to the club. Susan was raised and educated in Dayton, Ohio and is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio. After building a home in the country near Farmersville, Ohio, Susan joined the 62-year-old Farmersville Rotary Club and was President in 2000-2001. She organized and sponsored an Interact Club at Valley View High School. Recently she was involved with two Rotary connected service projects. In 2004 Susan traveled to Romania to work with children in orphanages. In 2006 she was part of a team that included Interact students sent to work on a home building project in Honduras.

Susan retired in 2003 as a Director of Children's/Young Adult Services at the Germantown Public Library and has over 25



years of experience in academic, public and school library systems.

Susan's husband, Orville, is retired from NCR Corporation and currently teaches at Miami University. Orville served as District 6670 Governor in 2002-2003. Orville and Susan have two children, Jason and Jennifer, who are Paul Harris Fellows. They have four grandchildren.

After receiving a standing ovation from the club, DG Susan presented a *Lead the Way* Banner, the Rotary year theme for 2006-07 to President Barbara. After visiting 52 clubs so far only six clubs sang songs. She thought that just entering our room she could feel lots of energy of a friendly club. Susan began her Governor's Chat saying she wanted to cover four areas: Education, Youth, Changing Attitudes and Leading the Way.

Education is the heart of Rotary. We need to know where we came from and where we are going with new members. Educate members via the RI and District websites. (www.rotary.org and www.rotary6670.com) Order copies of the *ABCs of Rotary*. Read the *Rotarian* magazine.

Youth are the future of Rotary. Energize your club with younger members. Start Interact clubs for high schools and Roteract for colleges. Fairborn and Bellbrook have new Interacts. Roteract is starting at Wright State and talks ongoing with UD, Wilmington, Urbana and UC. Involve your club in Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) trains youth in leadership allowing four youth from each club. The 4-Way Test speech contest has four money awards for youth speakers. She also covered youth exchange, group study exchange and Ambassadorial scholarships.

September 26, 2006 - Meeting Notes

Today's Greeter was President Barbara? When asked could she not get someone else? She replied it was her turn on the alphabetic list. WOW! That has to be a first that the President also was the Greeter and by choice too. Can hardly wait till she leads singing. Tony Sculimbrene offered up invocation remembering Kim Sease's son-in-law passing away this past week. And Kent Martin's son arrived in Iraq over the weekend as a Navy Chaplain for a battalion of Marines.

Andy Pope was out Personal Profile guy of the day. A central PA native as well as a Penn State fan went off to Plattsburg NY for college in accounting and business then joining the Air Force as a financial analyst. But the fall of the Berlin Wall caused the AF to offer him an early out with cash to go. Off he went and started a Edward D Jones Investments office in Xenia. A Beavercreek resident he is married to wife Sue, a Beavercreek middle school teacher who formerly taught in Xenia. Their daughter is a senior at B'Creek running cross country until injury this year. Their son an 8th grader also runs winning a race last week. Other activities include being on the board of his homeowners association and the B'Creek Cross Country Parents Association. Last November to January Andy had a big health scare but is over the hump. He wakes up each day and feels blessed to have a wife, two kids, live in Beavercreek, belong to the Rotary and live in the USA.

Cliff up to lead singing had a request to sing #55 *The More We Get Together*. Part way through the song various chuckles were

heard as the song resembles a political ad against a certain U.S. Senator from Greene County. Yes, President Barbara admitted she requested the song. Made for a great laugh!!!

Sarge Jeff was back for his final time this month fining all wearing red or green socks. (FYI- for newer members Doc Warner only owns and wears red socks!) Fined if wearing a tie lighter than your shirt. Jeff said, "I'm really a nice guy." Happy Bucks came from Jeff Lewis on daughter's commissioned portrait job; Terry Mazur's for daughter 21st birthday and Terry's one yr no smoking anniversary! Andy P. happy Penn State not have to play the Buckeyes again; Sarge Jeff then had us all feel under the tables for mystery envelopes. All finders were given opportunity to match what was in the envelope. All were one dollar bills except Terry Tobey who got stuck with \$5. No winner of Attendance as Kevin S. was missing.

The program was introduced by Brad Montgomery of Jim and Carolyn Usher representing *Heart to Honduras* located at the Legacy Center. Jim a former pastor from Alabama has spent 35 years in the mission field and leading mission trips. He presented President Barbara a machete which is the tool of the poor. (Look out husband Bill S. ... sleep with one eye open!) Using a *Heart to Honduras* pamphlet as a "paper power point", Jim explained the ministry mission using Six Bs:



- Beans- food for the hungry
- Blouses- clothing for the poor
- Books- educating all citizens
- Boards- building housing
- Business- teaching cottage business for income
- Bible- teaching the lost about Jesus

As an example of how poor the citizens of Honduras were - one woman walked three hours for twelve aspirins.

Jim's wife Carolyn explained her work on the mission trips teaching woman how to sew using treadle sewing machines, how to crochet and how to make blouses and skirts. They made clothes for their family and then made some to sell for income. She had a few pieces that were to be sold at a local conference this coming weekend.

Jim also told of the building silos to store their grains as they lost 49% to spoilage and rodents each year. Now only lose less than 1%. A Florida Rotary club gave them a \$20,000 grant to buy cows. Our local Centerville club sent seven Interact student plus advisors to build a chicken house last year. Knowing that Ppresident Barbara has a heart for an international project he left her a list of possible projects that the Xenia club might take on

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

New Member Profile

Todd McManus

Nick Name: Todd

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Children: Haley Sierra McManus age 3, Gavin Britton McManus 7 weeks

Brief Work Duties/Job Function: Doctor of Optometry

Bio: Graduated Lancaster High School (Ohio), and Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA), Played College Football (Academic All- American 1994), Received Major in biology and Minor in chemistry, Graduated Illinois College of Optometry (Chicago), Moved to Xenia seven years ago, Bought private optometry practice 8/05

Hobbies: Watching football and basketball, golf, public speaking (eye related issues), doing screen eye screenings for school age children.



Whose Job is it?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. In the end, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Prospective Member Frequently Asked Questions

From Rotary District 6670 website www.rotary6670.com

Q. What is Rotary?

A. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Q. What area does Rotary cover?

A. Rotary is a global service organization that has member clubs in over 160 countries. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries. District 6670 is made up of the southwest section of the State of Ohio. The major cities of Cincinnati, Dayton and Springfield are a part of this District. We are comprised of 54 clubs and almost 4,000 Rotarians.

Q. How do you become a Rotarian?

A. Rotarians are made up of business, community and civic leaders within your community. You become a member of a Rotary club in the city or town in which you work or live. The best way to connect is through a family member or friend or is currently an active member. If that is not possible, just click here to link to a local Rotary representative who will answer your questions concerning membership.

Q. How much does it cost?

A. All Rotarians are asked to support Rotary both financially and with their time and expertise. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" is a perfect reflection of what the ideals of Rotary are all about. Your local clubs dues will vary depending on the club. Each club is assessed an annual due by the parent International organization also. The average cost for your annual membership is around \$100. Most clubs also assess a nominal one time initiation fee also.

Q. What can I expect to do as a Rotarian?

A. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" is a perfect reflection of what the ideals of Rotary are all about. You are asked to give of your time and energies toward helping your community both locally and globally. On the local levels, many clubs raise awareness and dollars through such community projects as: pancake days, auctions and spaghetti dinners. Other fund raisers include: golf tournaments, raffles, sponsorships of local fairs and community events. The ways of serving are as varied as the 31,000 plus clubs who represent Rotary around the globe. But all members share the common goal of improving the state of humanity in their community and around the world.

Q. What are the requirements for Rotary?

A. First and foremost you should embrace the ideals of Rotary and want to be part of a local and global organization that is working to improve humanity. All Rotary clubs meet weekly to fellowship and network as a local club. Rotary is unique in the fact that attendance is required to remain a member in good standing. Every member is expected to attend at least 60% of all meetings. And at least 50% of that requirement needs to be at your host club. Other attendance can be from make-ups at any other club within the world. This unique make-up system allows you to experience what other Rotarians are doing to foster the ideals of Rotary within their community. Also, most clubs may have a suggested role of each of its members to play individually. And as you discuss the fit between you and your local Rotary club those facts will be discussed in detail.



Weekly Assignments – Please Mark your Calendars		
	October 3, 2006	November 7, 2006
Greeter	Tony Sculimbrene	Kevin Sonnycalb
Invocation	Bill Flaute	Jeff Brock
Music	Terry Hall	Joe Mullins
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer	Neil Fogarty
Minutes	Jeff Eyrich	Gretchen Wagner
Program	Virgil Brantley	Bill Creed
Personal Profile	Randy Overbeck	Gloria Roth
	October 10, 2006	November 14, 2006
Greeter	Kim Sease	
Invocation	David Thompson	Cliff Johnson
Music	Terry Hall	Joe Mullins
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer	Neil Fogarty
Minutes	Steve Duellley	Kim Sease
Program	Jeff Brock	Gregg Delaney
Personal Profile	Andy Pope	Ron Roth
	October 17, 2006	November 21, 2006
Greeter	Tom Sefton	Steve Stanek
Invocation	Neil Fogarty	Jim Kennedy
Music	Terry Hall	Joe Mullins
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer	Neil Fogarty
Minutes	Tom Harris	Bill Flaute
Program	Steve Brodsky	Steve Duellley
Personal Profile	Todd Reichley	Craig Saunders
	October 24, 2006	November 28, 2006
Greeter	Bart Sheridan	Brian Stephan
Invocation	Harry Johns	Joe Mullins
Music	Terry Hall	Terry Hall
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer	Neil Fogarty
Minutes	Judy Baker	Tony Sculimbrene
Program	Robyn Caupp	Craig Eicher
Personal Profile	Jeff Buchanan	Ron Lewis
	October 31, 2006	
Greeter	Keith Sheridan	
Invocation	Tom Zajbel	
Music	Terry Hall	
Sgt. At Arms	Ron Geyer	
Program	Club Assembly	

HOW CAN YOU LIVE ON WITHOUT KNOWING THESE THINGS? (continued)

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month ... which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

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