



# ROTARY ELEVATOR

September 23, 2008

## September 23, 2008 - Meeting Notes

	<b>23-Sep-08</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Robyn Caupp
<b>Invocation</b>	Tony Sculimbrene
<b>Music</b>	Rock McColaugh
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Gregg Hebrank
<b>Minutes</b>	J.O. Harner
<b>Program</b>	<b>District Governor</b>

Robyn warmly greeted us as we almost a full house. President Bob was even decked out in coat and tie for welcoming our Rotary District 6670 Governor Pat Edwards and his wife Suzanne. Was the Big Crowd to hear the DG or possibly winning the Attendance Prize of \$250? Dr Cliff won and was present to receive it. 52/50 winner was Abby Sonnycalb but Dad Kevin was missing so we'll see Abby gets the check.

Randy O presented the kickoff for **Rotary Reads** starting October 2 for the year where 2-3 Rotarians visit an elementary school at 10 am each Thursday to assist reading with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader. This year we will work with the same student each week but only at three schools (Shawnee, Simon Kenton and Tecumseh) over eighteen weeks. Other groups are joining the reading effort at other schools. Dr Jeff Lewis had info on the Xenia Schools levy with signs, info and requests for help for the campaign.

Sarge Gregg was not feeling as *nostalgic* this week so began fining himself for not doing the Sarge's after the meeting duties of putting away the banners and song books. Fined all the folks for info on the tables and there long announcements cutting into "his time." Sarge still unhappy that Jeff E team won the golf outing with same score as Gregg's... so quizzed him on the Ryder Cup to redeem himself... but Jeff did not know the answers except when tutored by Gregg's son. Oops both paid! Any Brown's fans? A couple stood Any Bengals fans? A few more stood. What happens if not one wins this weekend? DG Pat said, "Who cares?" Good answer no fines. Did pick on Kevin W for stock market plunge but remembered the firm's motto - "We invest your money till it's gone." (it seems to be working too.) Sarge Gregg finished reading some nostalgia from 1957- when gas was 29 cents/gallon, postage was going to 10 cents and a hospital room was outrageous at \$35/day. Happy Bucks from Cliff J on George Whyde's visit and was Cliff's sponsor 21 year ago; Kent on birth of 8<sup>th</sup> grand child and paid \$1/lb like it used to be but rounded to \$10 as he's so Blessed!; Brad on XARSC Roast of the Liming Bros.; Sarah happy as Dad Rick was first agent in Ohio to be named a *Certified School Risk Manager (CSRM)*.

Also visiting was Assistant District Governor Richard Oeder who formally introduced our **District Governor Pat Edwards**.

DG Pat is a member and past president of the Franklin-Springboro- Carlisle-Rotary Club which he joined in 1963. He is a multi- Paul Harris Fellow and multi-perfect attendance holder. He is the President of the family business, Edwards Furniture located in Springboro.

After receiving a welcoming standing ovation, District Governor Pat he presented President Bob a banner of the RI Theme for the year, *Make Dreams Real*. Pat also wanted to mention that last during last March's president's training (PETS) in Columbus our incoming President Bob attended all the functions despite a winter snow storm going on. But Bob was on his phone checking to insure the county roads were getting cleared. He even tried to sell some salt that he paid \$45/ton for a \$100/ton.



DG Pat said he reads our newsletter each week and notices that we are having fun and that's important! He also attended our Pancake Day with then DG John Beal last April and was amazed how many people attended. He plans to bring his pancake eating grandkids this next year. He wanted to publically thank Joe Mullins for being the entertainment at the Rotary Family Day at Young's Dairy October 5. (And Joe offered to do it without a fee!) Please come to the event, bring prospective members, your grandkids. The price includes all the food, ice cream and activities at Young's. He also commended our meal as he was warned that as DG visiting 52 clubs he would get tired of chicken. But he has only 19 more clubs to visit and has chicken only once.

We all have a lot to be thankful for and Rotary is a chance to give back - an opportunity to serve. Rotary International is the

largest non-religious, non-government chartable organization in the world. Rotary has raised \$600 million to eradicate Polio. RI is in more countries than the UN to spread peace and goodwill.

RI President D.K. Lee of Korea wants to do more about the 30,000 children who die every day from preventable diseases. Rotary can assist with projects for safe water, sanitation and immunizations.

DG Pat and his wife returned recently from Kenya visiting a joint project with Dayton Rotary and a Kenya club for a home for children orphaned by aids. The best part of the trip was seeing the youth playing basketball and chasing balloons with smiles. The Cincinnati Club has donated \$50,000 to build a health clinic. See below excerpt from the Dayton club's website.

From the Dayton Rotary Club website:

**The Rotary Maji Mazuri Education Center Project**

This is a joint effort of The Rotary Club of Dayton Ohio USA and The Rotary Club of Muthaiga (Nairobi) Kenya with the primary goal of Rescuing AIDS Orphans from the worst and most dangerous slum in Africa - Mathare Valley (Nairobi, Kenya)

The Mathare Valley slum is 500,000 people existing in a one square mile area with minimum access to water, with open ditches for sewers, and surrounded by rotting garbage and waste. The slum has a 70% HIV/AIDS rate and estimates are that half the residents are children, many orphaned by AIDS infected parents



[FYI - The Dayton Club's meals are increasing from \$12.50 to \$14. Guests will pay \$15.]

Organizations grow or they die. We must continue to seek new members and to retain existing members. All business people know it's easier to retain a customer than go find a new one. Have quality meetings and interesting programs to retain members. Start a new Rotary Club to build Rotary. Rotary clubs have been too quiet about there service. Too often we are asked, "What is Rotary about?" We need to promote Rotary more in our communities and that will also attract new members. DG Pat saw a sign in San Diego and has printed some off for distribution, "A Rotarian Works Here." This is just another way to let others know about Rotary.

DG Pat read a letter from a WWII veteran who recently returned from an Honor Flight thanking the Dayton and Xenia clubs for their contributions.

All Rotary clubs need Youth Involvement as it energizes our club members. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program offers High school juniors a one day seminar at only \$40/student. Youth Exchange is in full swing this year. The 4-Way Speech Contest will next April and exposes Rotary to schools and students. Interact Clubs are positive exposure to Rotary and service to the communities.

The District's goal this year is **Every Rotarian Every Year** to give a **\$100** to the Rotary Foundation. That's 27 cents per day.

Doesn't sound like much but consider but consider if 1.2 million members gave a \$100. The District receives back 50% of the local contributions for local club grants or matching funds.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation called up RI and donated \$100 million matching gift to eradicate Polio. RI is asking clubs to hold a fund raiser to meet this match.

The annual **District Conference** will be held at the Blue Ash Crown Plaza **April 17-19, 2009** with a golf outing at the Blue Ash Golf Club. Mark your calendars.

See the District's new website for makeup locations and other Rotary Club News and important dates. <http://www.rotary6670.com/>

**President Bob's Thought of the Day:**  
Aspire to inspire before you expire.

**Program for Sept 30, 2008 –Chair: Lowell Eicher – Diane Dixon speaking on Life Coaching.**  
(Maybe even some OSU Football coaching help?)

**Xenia Rotary Job Openings:**  
**Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer** to be in training to replace Secretary Dave and Treasurer John L. in two years. See President Bob, Dave or John L. if interested. (President Bob says he will soon be tapping on shoulders to recruit if no one volunteers.)  
**Club/Newsletter Photographer** – looking for a couple of volunteers to take photos preferably on a digital camera of club events and speakers for the newsletter. See Karl or Kent if interested.

**Come Support Joe Mullins & Radio Ramblers as the entertainment for Family Rotary Day at Young's!**

**Family of Rotary Day**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2008 1:00 p.m.**



6880 Springfield -Xenia Road, Yellow Springs  
[www.youngsdairy.com](http://www.youngsdairy.com)

Picnic Lunch \* Homemade Ice Cream \* Petting Zoo \* Corn Maze Gift Shops \* Pumpkin Patch \* Miniature Golf Driving Range \* Batting Cages

Be sure to invite family and friends!  
Please complete the following information and send to Nicole Hooke, 3620 Dunlop Court, Mason, OH 45040. Payment may be made by check to District 6670.

Price includes catered picnic, homemade ice cream, and all other attractions

**Hurry – The Deadline was 9/22/08!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$22.95 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child 4-11 (\$16.95 each) \_\_\_ Child under 3 (free)

Questions... email [nicole@smallbizcc.com](mailto:nicole@smallbizcc.com) or [rotarypat@aol.com](mailto:rotarypat@aol.com)

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<b>Assignments – Please Mark your Calendars</b>	
	<b>30-Sep-08</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Jim Kennedy
<b>Invocation</b>	C.J. McLin
<b>Music</b>	John Meyer
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Kevin Sonnycalb
<b>Minutes</b>	Rick Williamson
<b>Program</b>	Craig Eicher
	<b>7-Oct-08</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Bart Sheridan
<b>Invocation</b>	Adolfo Tornichio
<b>Music</b>	Bill Flaute
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Jim Kennedy
<b>Minutes</b>	Gloria Roth
<b>Program</b>	Sarah Amend
	<b>14-Oct-08</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeff Brock
<b>Invocation</b>	Randy Overbeck
<b>Music</b>	Russ Remick
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Jim Kennedy
<b>Minutes</b>	Tim Haney
<b>Program</b>	Brett Ellis
	<b>21-Oct-08</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	John LaRock
<b>Invocation</b>	Neil Fogarty
<b>Music</b>	Buffie Myers
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	Jim Kennedy
<b>Minutes</b>	Dave Williamson
<b>Program</b>	Jeff Eyrich

### The Last of Things You Should Know But Probably Don't Know

27. The phrase 'rule of thumb' is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

28. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.

29. Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples!

30. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

31. The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.

32. Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

33. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it.

34. George Carlin said it best about Martha Stewart. 'Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. OJ Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the ONE woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and they haul her fanny off to jail.

### What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary is the world's first service club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago Illinois, USA on 23 February 1905.

Rotarians meet weekly for fellowship and interesting and informative programs dealing with the topics of local and global importance. Membership reflects a wide cross-section of community representation.

Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchanges programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.

Rotary is The Rotary Foundation, which each year provides some US\$ 90 Million for international scholarships, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian projects large and small that improve the quality of life for millions of people. Rotary is widely regarded as the world largest private provider of international educational scholarship.

Rotary is PolioPlus, Rotary's commitment to work with national and international health organizations on the goal of polio eradication. More than one billion children in developing nations have been immunized against polio through PolioPlus grants.

Rotary is Service above Self.