

THE ROTARY BANNER

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

LAST WEEK ABOUT 30 MEMBERS AND THEIR SPECIAL GUESTS BROKE BREAD AND ENJOYED THEIR PRIME RIB MEAL AT JULIA'S BANQUET CENTER IN ALTON SQUARE. HOW ABOUT THAT "ALTON GIANT" CLOAKROOM? THE FELLOWSHIP WAS JUST AS FINE AS THE MEAL. SEASONAL TIES WERE IN ABUNDANCE ADORNING MANY OF THE GENTS FRESHLY WASHED NECKS. ROGER OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE PLEDGE AND OFFERING GRACE FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS. LORI, RHONDA AND ROGER WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THE DICTIONARIES ON FRIDAY (12-5) TO THE 3RD GRADERS AT EASTWOOD ELEMENTARY. THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF LATE SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING GIG THIS SATURDAY. PLEASE CONSIDER SINGING UP. WE WILL AGAIN BE DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. STAY TUNED FOR THE PARTICULARS. MANY OF THE GATHERING WERE WAITING FOR ELVIS OR LOU HOLTZ TO SHOW UP. THEY HAD TO SETTLE FOR A BUDDY HOLLY SERVER. EVERYONE RECEIVED A NICE GIFT BAG CONTAINING AN ORNAMENT SUITABLE FOR HANGING ON YOUR TREE. AFTER DINNER AND DESSERT (YOUR CHOICE OF APPLE PIE PLUS OR GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE) WE WERE TREATED TO OUR VERSION OF DEAL OR NO DEAL. LUCKY PAUL HAD HIS NAME DRAWN AS THE PARTICIPANT. JOE WAS SELECTED TO PLAY THE GRINCH BANKER ROLE, WHICH HE CARRIED OFF WITH GREAT APLOMB.

PAUL'S SUITCASE SELECTION PROVED TO BE ONE TO BE AVOIDED, WHICH HE DID. PEANUT GALLERY INTERVENTION ENCOURAGE PAUL TO CONTINUE HIS RECKLESS WAYS AND HE WOUND UP WITH LESS THAN THE BANKERS FINAL OFFER. WHAT'S THAT OLD SAW ABOUT GREED? OVERALL, THE GAME WAS WELL PLAYED. LORI DID A GREAT JOB AS HOST HOWIE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LACK OF FIST BUMPS AND HAND SANITIZER. SHE NOTED THAT CORY ALMOST HAD A "CORYNARY" WHEN HE HEARD THAT WE MAY BE ON THE HOOK FOR A \$1 MIL PRIZE. PAUL GOT A GIFT CARD FOR HIS PARTICIPATION. IT WAS A LOT OF FUN. MANY THANKS TO ROGER AND LORI FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A GREAT EVENING. (ALL PHOTOS CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR WEB SITE. VIDEO LINKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE E-MAIL FOR THIS ISSUE.)



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THE SKINNY

--SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING IS THIS SATURDAY, 10-5.

--WE TRUST LORI HAS RETURNED FROM HER TRIP TO SPACE.

--RED WAS SEEN SPORTING A MIGHT RED ROTARY SWEAT SHIRT. QUITE SPIFFY!

--ROGER SEZ YOU BUILD FROM THE BOTTOM UP, BUT THINGS ROT FROM THE TOP DOWN.

--JOE SEZ IF YOU SEE LIGHT WHERE THE ROOF SHOULD BE, YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

--RED WON THE SPELING BEE.

--THE ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST NOON MEETING WAS LIKE A TSUNAMI.

--OUR TURKEY FUND CLOSED STRONGLY. ROGER GAVE OPERATION BLESSING'S VIRGINIA K. \$233 TO BE USED TO MAKE FOOD PURCHASES FOR THANKSGIVING. THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED.

--WHERE WAS CORY? WHO IS CHRIS?

--TWO OF OUR BIRTHDAY FOLKS HAD A SHOT AT THE \$68 POT. BRAD AND RHONDA CAME UP SHORT. DARN.

CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

CHRIS IS ONCE AGAIN COORDINATING OUR ADOPTED CHRISTMAS FAMILY. THIS FAMILY HAS 3 CHILDREN: A BOY 3 MONTHS OLD AND GIRLS AGES 17 MONTHS AND 4 YEARS. THERE IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT YOU MAY SELECT TO DONATE OR CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. THE LIST OF ITEMS CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR WEB SITE UNDER THE "OUR 2008 CHRISTMAS FAMILY" HEADLINE.

BASKETBALL

SATURDAY FEB. 7TH IS THE DATE FOR OUR BASKETBALL TOURNEY. DUE TO THE SPLIT VENUES (EASTWOOD AND THE REC CENTER) WE WILL NEED PLENTY OF HELP THIS YEAR. JOE IS COORDINATING THE EVENT AND IS WORKING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT IF YOU WERE A PREVIOUS T-SHIRT SPONSOR, YOU WILL GLADLY CONTINUE TO DO SO. NEW SPONSORS ARE CERTAINLY WELCOME. PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR AT LEAST ONE SHIFT THAT DAY. EVERYTHING SHOULD BE FINISHED BY 6PM.

BACKYARD PREZ

RAY KLINGINSMITH HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE RI PRESIDENT FOR THE 2010-11 YEAR. RAY IS A MEMBER OF THE KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI CLUB. I WONDER IF THERE HAS EVER BEEN A RI PRESIDENT WHOSE HOME CLUB WAS SO CLOSE TO US?



Today's word-Adidas-The popular running shoe that became popular in the late 1970's bear the name of their German inventor *Adi Dassler*.

HISTORY

1620: 103 "Mayflower" pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock
1844: Dr. Horace Wells became the first to receive an anesthetic for a tooth extraction.
1928: Police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.
1930: As the economic crises grows, the Bank of the U.S. closes its doors.
1939: Singer Betty Grable and her famous legs were featured on the cover of "LIFE" magazine.
1941: Four days after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.
1951: Joe DiMaggio announces his retirement from baseball.
1961: A US aircraft carrier arrived in Saigon -- the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.
1967: The Concorde, a joint British-French venture and the world's first supersonic airliner, is unveiled in Toulouse, France

SMILE

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Indian Rotarians help Ohio school district

For nearly 18 years, Ram Gawande, an Athens resident and RI District 6690 governor-elect, has been involved in projects aimed at improving communities in his native Nagpur, India. After hearing of Gawande's election as district governor, Nagpur Rotarians decided to thank him for his years of support by raising \$5,100 for a project that would benefit Athens. Gawande used the gift to provide reading and math books to middle schools in the Trimble school district, where 40 percent of families with children live below the poverty level. "This is a scenario of the poor helping the poor," says Gawande, a member of the Rotary Club of Athens. "Rotary in the United States has done a lot for the people of India, and the people of India wanted to say thank you. We've become united under a common mission of improving literacy." The literacy project was augmented by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant of \$8,530 and donations of \$2,300 from both the Athens Rotary club and District 6690. Athens Rotarians purchased thousands of math, science, and reading textbooks from the National Geographic Society. Low test scores have plagued Trimble schools for years, says Gawande. After the 2002 standard proficiency tests administered by the Ohio Department of Education, Trimble schools received a designation of "academic emergency," meaning the district failed to meet minimum proficiency levels in more than 70 percent of the areas covered by the tests, according to state report-card data. The school district has struggled to purchase new books with limited funds. While test scores have been improving steadily, some schools are still using books that are 20 years old. In August, Gawande and 15 other Athens Rotarians distributed books and materials to students at the Trimble Elementary School. The textbooks are bridges to the world around them, says Gawande. "The expressions of gratefulness on the students' faces are much like those [of the students] we have helped in India," says Gawande. "It was very touching to see how happy Rotarians in India made students [here]." "Rotary needs to work as a two-way street," says Gawande. "We all must join hands and help the poor in every part of the world."

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bankruptcy is like
Christianity without hell."-
Frank Borman

CLUB ARCHIVES
Dec. 15, 1994
We welcomed Mrs. Stance
and the EAWR Choraliers.

FOUR WAY TEST

IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT FAIR TO ALL
CONCERNED?

WILL IT BUILD
GOODWILL AND
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL TO ALL
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