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Surely the presence of God is in this Rotary!

Rotary faces a new year with new enthusiasm!

* Surely the Steelers - and even the Pirates - will be better in 2013!

* Surely the politicians will clean up their acts - or fall over the electoral cliff!

* Surely we rejoice at the YWCA that our director's illness was diagnosed early and is very treatable.

* Surely each Rotarian will sell his or her raffle tickets to help enable our club to maintain a high level of community and world-wide service, particularly in light of "friends" we've lost (see below).

Surely the presence of Steubenville Rotary in this place will continue to be an example to those around us of committed and dedicated "Service Above Self."

Jefferson County Loses Two Special "Friends"

As discussions of reduction in spending and consolidation of services to avoid duplication and excess overhead continue from the highest government to the smallest school district, our county has lost two local service providers. First, the Community Foundation of Jefferson County has merged with the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley. The funds remain local and the board is intact, but Jefferson County no longer has its own community foundation. [Ed. note: Please continue to support its work through CFOV.]

Progress Alliance, the public-private partnership for economic development has dissolved to make way for a city-county port authority.

Just as most banks are no longer headquartered here, few utilities are locally controlled and many "Mom-and-Pop" businesses are bought by huge corporations based elsewhere, loss of these

two partners reduces who we are as a community. To both "Friends," created by direct community investment, you -and your work here - will be deeply missed by many of us who made those investments for a long time.

December - Gone but not forgotten!

Cory Wingett provided two very interesting programs for our edification and hours of work on our parade participation. Thanks, Cory, for all you do for this Rotary Club.

12/7 Don Hill, with the money management firm of MFS, gave us a history of mutual funds, dating from the time when whalers searched for a way to invest their money. Like many other advisors, he noted that investors should "stay the course."

12/14 Our annual Children's Christmas Party got off to an early start. Santa came and assisted in the gift giving and carol singing. Our thanks to Donna Hauser and to Suzanne Kresser, party-planner in training, for a job well done.

12/21 Weirton Attorney Jeff Rokiskey told us the challenges of qualifying for medicaid for long term care and discussed the importance of planning for the "Golden Years."

It's January 2013!

Marty Hauser has planned and will introduce the following speakers this month:

1/4 Caitlin Stone, from Pittsburgh's National Aviary will tell us what they do and why we should all come to visit.

1/11 Kent Tekulve, former Pirate relief pitcher, will return to give us an update on what we can expect from the team this year. Catch his analysis on the Root Sports Network.

1/18 Debbie Nelson of the Jefferson County Human Society, will update us on the conditions at the shelter.

1/25 Our guest will be a representative of the Pittsburgh Zoo, discussing endangered species.

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

Good-bye 2012/Hello 2013! Well, the Mayans were not correct. All Rotarians are still here ready to serve others for quite some time. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

December was an active month for Steubenville Rotary. A big shout out to Cory Wingett and all those who helped with the Rotary representation at the Steubenville Christmas Parade. What a special time it was! A big shout out to Donna Hauser and all who helped with our Children's Christmas party. I believe we served seventy children. That's fabulous!

January is going to be an exciting month of meetings. Marty Hauser has a wonderful slate of speakers. I look forward to seeing all of you each week.

Ross Gallabrese could use some Rotary representation at some area Spelling Bees. They begin January 9th and 10th. I will discuss this at our next meeting. We are the premier sponsor of the Steubenville Rotary/Herald Star Spelling Bee Contest this year.

Our Rotary Radio ads have been airing in full force. Our campaign will be running through the first quarter of 2013. There is still time to sell an ad or two. So, team captains, please motivate your teams to deliver on their respective goals. 100% participation will assure our club the ability to do a lot of great things for our area!

Kathy Musso has distributed raffle tickets for our second annual monthly and special raffle. Please sell (or buy) the tickets assigned to you - and if you sell enough, you could be in a very select drawing when the year concludes.

That's all for now and remember, "Peace through Service!" Jim Emmerling

January Birthdays:

Join us to celebrate with Jim Baber, Lou Berkman, Buzz Cattrell, Ross Gallabrese, Jerry Klinesmith, Richard Pflug, Louise Snider and Cory Wingett. There should be a bucket full of good wishes this month!

Dates to remember. . .

1/9 Rotary Board meets at Noon at the YWCA. Lunch is provided. All members are welcome. This counts as a make-up.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the December 50/50 drawings were won by Gary Cain, Franco Carapellotti and John Brown. Much goes on each week at the Secretary's table. Please stop by for a 50/50 ticket and so much more! Enjoy Books are still on sale.

. . . That the winners of the 2012 Raffle Drawings were as follows: \$100 - Jim Tabooth, Marty Hauser, Brad Burkhead, Jerry Barilla, Bob Hargrave (twice), Chuck Govey, Cathy Davison, Buzz Cattrell, Bruce Trushel, Dan Keenan and Frankie Myles. Special drawings for \$500 were won by Dave D'Anniballe (taxes and Christmas), Chuck Baker (Changing of the Guard), Kyle Brown (Halloween) and Christine Hargrave (ticket sales). Congratulations to all. Let's sell some more raffle tickets! First 2013 drawing is this Friday.

. . . That President Jim Emmerling is sponsoring Franco Carapellotti for membership. Franco works at Anthony Mining. Comments may be made in writing to the secretary for the next ten days.

. . . That, in addition to the seventy children who visited us, we welcomed Chris Ice, Bob Phillipson, Matt Gallabrese, Sean Hall, Mike Emmerling and Franco Carapellotti.

. . . That Father Richard Davis introduced us to Francesca Clements, a Madonna HS graduate, who is studying political science at Franciscan and Natia Smith, a Big Red graduate, who is studying English with a drama concentration.

. . . That the Foundation Focus reported by Kyle Brown described two "Focus Grants, one benefitting women entrepreneurs in the Philippines and the other training nurses in Nicaragua.

. . . That Kathy has provided an up-to-date list of Paul Harris Fellows. Don't forget to keep the Rotary Foundation in mind when making charitable choices.

. . . That Bob and I saw "Les Miserables" yesterday. It is truly a story of misery by Victor Hugo. In the very well acted movie, there are mere glimpses of love and hope, but the torment and pain overwhelm you. When the villain chooses not to accept forgiveness, the finale is eerily unacceptable to me. Go see it and let me know what you think. And if you don't know the music, buy the sound track with Michael Crawford and the Broadway or British cast, then go see the movie.

Your Editor's Opinion

A Note to Rotary - Written on 12/30/2012

I'm up late. The last visitors are in bed. I'm so tired and feeling a bit sorry for myself. Then I began wondering what it must have been like for Mary to have traveled so far, being betrothed, but not married, pregnant, with a reservation problem in Bethlehem and then, giving birth.

Then the visitors started arriving. Mind you, these were not just her mom, in-laws and siblings. Oh no. These were shepherds - with sheep! These were angels - with choirs! Then came those three wise men - on camels with three really weird gifts!

Speaking of gifts, I heard (because I've been home so much recently) Kathy Lee Gifford say the first smart thing I've ever heard her say. Her kids each got three gifts for Christmas growing up because baby Jesus got three gifts from the Wise Men. Oh my, I wish I had heard that long ago. What a lesson! What smart theology! What a savings! Alas for me it is probably too late.

But I digress. These visitors just kept showing up at the stable. Mary wasn't even at home to adequately entertain them. And yet they came - and they adored him. They kept coming and they adored him.

As we come back together in 2013, I hope that the love born and shared that holy night remains foremost in our hearts. I pray that the stream of visitors, the piles of gifts, the calorie laden tables and the weary entertainers can put aside those memories and focus on the reason for the season.

Let us all remember that we are richly blest!

Time for some Humor:

As we enter a new year, let us all look back for a moment on what we have learned from "Mom."

My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me religion.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me logic.
"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me more logic.
*"If you fall out of the swing and break your neck, you are **not** going to the store with me."*

My mother taught me foresight.
"Make sure you were clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me irony.
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about hypocrisy.
"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about the circle of life.
"I brought you into this world and I can take you out."

My mother taught me medical science.
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me anticipation.
"Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about receiving.
"You are going to get it when we get home!"

My mother taught me genetics.
"You're just like your father."

My mother taught me behavior modification.
"Stop acting like your father."

My mother taught me about my roots.
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me about wisdom.
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

My mother taught me about justice.
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

And my favorite, my mother taught me about choice.
"Do you want me to stop this car?"

Christmas follow-up: An unemployment officer said to an applicant, "I see you've found temporary work."

"That's right," the applicant beamed. "I've been a substitute Santa at a department store."

"What was your job title?"

"I was a Subordinate Claus."

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The Valentine's Day Issue

[Ed. Note: In this issue dedicated to Valentine's Day, I am sharing concerns that are dear to my heart. I would welcome your heartfelt responses.]

This month, let us focus on the Four Way Test! When a challenge faces a community - as ours has faced this month - our club must ask the questions with the prelude "of the things we think say or do,

Is it the truth? Far from determined and perhaps months away from trial, the truth about the two youths charged is not available to the public, but the truth about the responses of Steubenville Schools, its administration, its board, Jefferson County's Sheriff and Prosecutor, Steubenville's police and investigators is widely known. The truth is everyone in those positions acted properly and promptly.

Is it fair to all concerned? What is not fair is this club losing the leadership of a member the caliber of Mike McVey! He is our President-elect. We all need to prevail upon him to reconsider stepping aside and assume the role for which he has been groomed these past two years. (We also should offer our deep appreciation to Jim Baber for his willingness to step in.)

Will it build good will and better friendships? As we approach a challenging year for Steubenville and for Mike, who are better to stand at his school's side than the stalwart members of the Steubenville Rotary Club, believing in truth and fairness. We are Steubenville ambassadors, and as such, have a duty to show others here and around the cyber-world that our community is proud of the scholastic and moral education the young people of Steubenville (and surrounding areas) receive.

Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Nothing is more beneficial than faith! This club has utmost faith that the schools, the city and county have "done the right thing." We as a club must believe that and show our support for it. Reprehensible acts were done and those responsible will be tried properly. The media and internet attention have put our town under such intense and unwarranted scrutiny, so we who live here must defend what we know is right.

[Ed. Note: I would urge Mike to stay the course and not let outside pressures dissuade him from following the 4-Way Test! I know if he chose to be our president, as he was elected to be, this club would be there to support him every step of the way!]

Programs for February:

Father Richard Davis will be program chairman this month and has the following planned:

2/1 Rev. Sean Sheridan, TOR, JD, JCD is a new friar at Franciscan. He will describe the interesting road he has followed to reach the priesthood and his life as a Franciscan.

2/8 Most Rev. Jeffrey Monfortan is the new Bishop for the Steubenville Diocese. He will share his background and what he sees on the horizon for the Diocese.

2/15 It's a Zoo! The Pittsburgh Zoo will brave the weather and try again to bring us a visitor or two and let us know what a wonderful resource they are for us, our kids and our grandkids.

2/22 Dr. Jeffrey Rohde, professor of chemistry, will tell us what is happening in the sciences at Franciscan University.

Where did January go?

Marty Hauser certainly deserves our thanks for bringing such diverse, entertaining and informative speakers to our club. Well done, Marty!

1/4 Caitlin Stone, assisted by Marty Beatty and Gandalf, the owl, visited with us from the National Aviary located in Pittsburgh. She explained there is only one other aviary with that distinction in the country. The owl was very well behaved and fascinating to watch.

1/11 Kent Tekulve, former Pirate pitcher and Root Sports analyst, brought us an update on our 2013 Bucs. He described why the season closing slumps occurred and offered his hopes that this year will be better. He also talked about reunions of his championship team.

1/18 Debbie Welch described the roots of the Humane Society (children and animals) to its current status of and mission to protect animals through public education to individual prosecution.

1/25 While the snow prohibited the Pittsburgh Zoo presenters from sharing with us, a visit from Bob Lane provided high humor and newly inducted member, Beth Warren, described why her heart and soul has brought her to the position of Executive Director of the United Way. She asked for our help in both dollars and "sense!"

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

Not the wind, rain, sleet or snow could keep our good Rotarians from meeting in January. Welcome to 2013!

January was a very productive month for our club. We were able to induct two new members, Franco Carapellotti and Beth Warren. Please try to spend a little time with each of them to share your knowledge of Rotary.

Marty Hauser did an outstanding job with his program chairmanship. The speakers were great and our attendance was outstanding as a result! It was a pleasure to recognize Donna Hauser for all of her years in coordinating our annual children's Christmas program. I know she will continue to be a great resource to Suzanne Kresser, who has accepted the challenge of being her successor.

We will miss the opportunity to have Mike McVey as our president next year, but I'm confident that Jim Baber will do an excellent job. I ask everyone to lend your talents to Jim next year to assist in his Presidency. I can speak first hand that the job is much more manageable when you have good fellow Rotarians helping you throughout!

May you have good health and much prosperity in 2013.

That's all for now and remember, "Peace through Service!" Jim Emmerling

Happy Hearts for the Birthdays of February:

We will just love celebrating with these Valentines:

Kathy Cardiff, Suzanne Kresser, Danny Manalac, Don Richardson, Bill Rhinehart and Jodi Scheetz.

Dates to remember. . .

2/13 Rotary Board meets at Noon at the YWCA. Lunch is provided. All members are welcome.

2/15 The United Way 2013 campaign draws to a close. Please make or increase your pledge if possible to help this worthwhile organization reach its vital goal.

3/15 Dueling Piano Fund Raiser for the Humane Society. See Marty Hauser for more information.

7/13 at 7:05 Steubenville/Weirton Community Night at the Pirates Game. See Ross or Jim for further details.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the January 50/50 drawings were won by Ross Gallabrese, Beth Warren, Cory Wingett and Jody Glaub. Get your tickets at the Secretary's table. Help build our scholarship fund.

. . . That the first monthly winner of the 2013 raffle was Terri Antill. The next 2013 drawing is this coming Friday. If you want some tickets added to the plastic jug, see Kathy Musso before she draws the winner.

. . . That Melanie VanNuys, of Hometown Marketing Girl, is being sponsored for membership by Kathy Musso. Jim Emmerling is sponsoring Michelle Wilson, Director of the YMCA for membership. Comments to the secretary in writing may be made for the next ten days.

. . . That we have lost Louis Berkman, Jason Foreman and Betty Armitage, wife of Jim Armitage, long time Rotarian and *Contact* editor. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

. . . That we had many visitors in January. Rotarians included Bill Cattrell and Alex Marshall. We also welcomed Mike Emmerling, Ryan Jewel, Dave Matthew, Tom D'Anniballe, Michael Gray, Jennifer Buckmeltor, Mike Mathison, Abbot Richard Antonucci, Michelle Wilson and special visitor Bob Lane.

. . . That from the schools, Julie Robinson brought Levi Flesher and Andrea Trice from Indian Creek and Paul Baker introduced us to Dan Bell and Josh Higgins from Edison.

. . . That the Foundation Focus reported by Kyle Brown described a pediatric hospital in Cairo and a seven-club joint venture in Honduras to build centers for youth. Kathy Musso described a Seattle Blood Donor grant to improve blood typing.

. . . That Jim Emmerling, Buzz Cattrell, Mike McVey and Ross Gallabrese represented Rotary at the County Spelling Bees. Thanks to each of you.

. . . That we welcome Franco Carapellotti (sponsored by Jim Emmerling) and Beth Warren (sponsored by Suzanne Kresser) as members. Let's get them busy!

Your Editor's Opinion

With a Heavy Heart . . .

When you lose a friend, you feel empty, smaller, less excited about approaching the day each week when you would usually see that friend. This week, Bob and I lost a friend we saw every Friday for almost three years. His name was Dr. Tom Allen. He lived a hale and hearty 92 years. Year 93 was much more challenging, but until two months ago, he loved our time together.

He was a brilliant physician (OB/GYN), a huge and influential personality in Pittsburgh, a wine collector, drinker and assessor and a deeply devoted lover of his wonderful wife Judi. He had four daughters, a son, a stepson and an adopted son.

He retired from practice in 1995, but continued until about a year ago to counsel women through Magee Hospital's question-and-answer line.

He was a very handsome man right up to the end - and knew it.

My heart is heavy because this special friend is gone, but also because he and his family are facing this end without words of faith. I have a deep and abiding faith in the promise of eternity. There will be a memorial service sometime in the future, but it will be held at Magee Hospital, not in a place of worship. As old as I am, I do not believe that I have ever faced an agnostic memorial before.

One of my favorite prayers is "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief." I am reciting this over and over because God my heavenly Father would not reject the goodness done by my friend.

I pray for his soul, his wife, his children and friends, and I pray that many years from now, he joins with me in the communion of saints at the table the Lord prepares for us.

Newly Elected Leadership

Cory Wingett will begin the process of preparing for the club presidency in two years. Also elected with him were John Brown and Paul Rothfuss to serve as directors for the next three years. We thank all three for their willingness to serve this Rotary Club.

Time for some Humor:

Here are some thoughts appropriate to February:

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

An elderly woman and her young grandson, whose face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. When they arrived, they saw lots of children waiting in line to get their faces painted with tiger paws.

"You have so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a little girl said to the boy.

Embarrassed, the boy dropped his head and looked away. His grandmother knelt next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl, I always wanted freckles," she said, tracing her finger across his cheek. "Freckles are beautiful."

The boy looked up. "Really?" he asked.

"Of course," his grandmother replied. "Why, just name one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The boy thought for a moment, peered intently into his grandmother's face and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

Over breakfast, a woman told her husband, "I'll bet you don't know what day this is."

"Of course I do," he answered, as if offended, and he left for his office.

At 10:00 AM, a dozen red roses arrived at the house. At 1 PM, an enormous box of chocolates was delivered. A designer dress arrived at 3:00 PM.

When her husband got home, the woman threw her arms around his neck, saying, "I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day!"

Some questions about love -

Why are zero scores in tennis called "love?"

In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called "L'oeuf," which is French for "egg." When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans "mis" pronounced it "love" and the term has been used ever since.

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

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Who are Rotary's Future Leaders?

In the December 2012 *Rotarian*, there was a brief article announcing the selection for Rotary International President for 2014-15. His name is Gary Huang from Taipei, Taiwan. He is married to Corinna Yao and they have three children.

Mr. Huang has had a career in business (insurance and real estate) and has been active in Rotary since 1976. When he was District Governor in 1986-87, he created 19 new clubs, including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

His goal for his presidency is to increase the membership of Rotary to 1.3 million. He says, "To increase our membership, we must go beyond borders to wherever we see growth potential, such as the countries of China, Mongolia and Vietnam. I will put an emphasis on increasing female and younger members. I will also encourage former Rotarians to once again be part of our Rotary family."

It will be interesting to see what "theme" Mr. Huang will choose for his year as the RI Leader.

In 2013-2014, our International President will be Ron D. Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma. Mr. Burton has a career history in fund raising and has retired from the Executive Director's position of the Community Foundation of Norman, Oklahoma as well as several other foundation posts. He is married to Jetta and has two children and three grandchildren.

His theme is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives" and his goal is to implement The Rotary Foundation's new grant model "Future Vision," which he believes will improve every club's ability to make a significant and positive impact on local communities and third world projects.

He states, "We need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued."

Programs in Fast February

Father Richard Davis chaired this month with diversity and new faces: [Ed Note: Special blessings to Father Richard for providing me with program notes and background information to make my job easier.]

2/1 Rev. Sean Sheridan, TOR, JD, JCD charmed us with his warm smile and gentle nature. As he spoke, we realized that his journey to Franciscan was a long one, with twists and turns, but ultimately motivated by how he could grow deeper in his faith commitment. Where better than here, truly.

2/8 Most Rev. Jeffrey Monfortan, the Baby Bishop of the Steubenville Diocese, may not have come from here, but his roots in Michigan make him very familiar with Steubenville and the surrounding area. He understands the needs of the church here and hopes to work to fulfill those needs for the next 25 years.

2/15 Beth Muldehill and Heather Burkey brought us several zoo animals to observe and even touch (at least the boa). They explained about each species and encouraged us to visit them and their "friends."

2/22 Dr. Jeffrey Rohde and student Matthew Stewart gave us an overview of the neglected and rare disease research opportunities available through Abbot Medicinal Chemicals and Franciscan and several other universities.

Waiting for March/Spring:

Thanks to Mike Mehalik's efforts, we will hear from the following speakers:

3/1 Frank Polito will discuss "Comcast Cares Day," an effort by Comcast to partner with groups like Rotary do to impact projects in area communities.

3/8 Pam Petrilla of the local Prevention and Recovery Board and Anthony Sheposh of Jefferson Behavioral Health will tell us what mental health services are available here to help avoid tragedies like the Newtown school shootings.

3/15 Paul Carapellotti of Anthony Mining will talk about the pros/cons of the recent natural gas boom.

3/22 Sandy Lynskey, Chief of the Consumer Protection Division in the Ohio Attorney General's Office will discuss protecting the public from unscrupulous business practices.

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

Trust me! Spring is just around the corner. February was another outstanding month for our club. We welcomed Michelle Wilson into our club and we have two members proposed to be inducted in March. We would be delighted to have even more, so please do your membership prospecting.

Thank you, Father Richard, for your efforts as program chair and also thanks to Marty Hauser for bringing the Pittsburgh Zoo ladies (with critters). Thanks to all of you Rotarians who made my daughter feel so welcome. She really enjoyed the "hands on" moment with Rosie the boa.

Great job, John Brown, in organizing our vocational mentoring day. It was a huge success. The high school counselors from Big Red and Catholic Central were very grateful for the opportunity given to so many young people.

The Steubenville Rotary/Herald Star Spelling Bee is this Saturday, March 2nd at Buckeye Local Junior High School. We have four volunteers going, but all of you are welcome to be present representing the club.

Last, we are getting ready to host five folks from India beginning April 21st through the 24th. We need host families and event volunteers. PLEASE help Cory Wingett and his committee make this special for our visitors.

That's all for now and remember, "Peace through Service!" Jim Emmerling

March 15th/Birthday Time:

Come and celebrate with John Brown, Alan Hall, Bob Hargrave, Charley Joyce, Dick McGowan and Paul Rothfuss.

Dates to remember. . .

3/2 Spelling Bee at Buckeye Local Junior High

3/12 Rotary Board meets at Noon at the YWCA. Lunch is provided. All members are welcome. It's a make-up.

3/15 Dueling Piano Fund Raiser for the Humane Society. See Marty Hauser for more information.

3/29 Good Friday (NO ROTARY MEETING) - Join the YWCA staff for the Good Friday service at 11:00 with lunch following at 11:30.

4/9 Herald Star Speaker Series will present Antonio Mendez, the real life hero depicted in the Academy Award winning film, *Argo*. Talk to Ross for details.

7/13 at 7:05 Steubenville/Weirton Community Night at the Pirates Game. See Ross or Jim for further details.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the February 50/50 drawings were won by Corey Wingett, Adam Scurti, Adam Scurti and Adam Scurti - a first in club history. Scholarships are coming up next month. Please buy those tickets.

. . . That the February winner of the 2013 raffle was Keith Murdock. The next 2013 drawing is this coming Friday. If you want some tickets added to the plastic jug, see Kathy Musso before she draws the winner.

. . . That Andrea Stoll of Valley Hospice has been proposed for membership by Suzanne Kresser. Comments in writing to the secretary for ten days.

. . . That we had many visitors in February, including PDG George Hays, Shelly Wagner, Pete Roshaski, Lynne Donahue, Bob DiBenedetto, Pat DiFrancis, Andrea Stoll and many students including Samantha Smith, Skyler Bell, John Rodish, McKenna Risler, Marina Tunsler, Megan Peyton, Erica Price, and special visitor Isabella Emmerling.

. . . That from Franciscan, we met Jessica Foti from Illinois, a philosophy major, Beteil Sahlezghi, from Colorado majoring in business marketing and Dan McNally from Michigan who is studying theology.

. . . That our Foundation Focus began with "Ladies in Red Day," Kathy Musso's idea to focus on Heart Month. She also described the results of a graduate of the Peace Fellowship program and Kyle told us about a California middle School receiving little grants for specific items from a Rotary Club's grant program.

. . . That Mike Mehalik has a brand new grandchild!

. . . That we welcome Michelle Wilson into membership (sponsored by Jim Emmerling) and look forward to getting her busy at upcoming club projects.

. . . That volunteers are needed to help host the one Rotarian and four non-Rotarian visitors coming from India. See Jim or Cory to get your assignment.

Your Editor's Opinion

A little sunshine goes a long way . . .

Our house is having renovations done to it. If you have been through remodeling projects, you know that there is no end to the creation of dust. Being susceptible to allergies, Bob and I have been feeling pretty lousy, breathing all that stuff. My mantra is "temporary inconvenience/permanent improvement," but even that isn't totally true since all things house-related need to be redone from time to time. Being home, which usually makes me very happy, is pretty depressing right now.

Yet today (this is Monday, February 25th) is a totally different story. We even went home for lunch today, because the sun pours a light-hearted feeling into our winter weary bones and gives us a reason to know that Spring will be here, the dust will go away, the grass will grow and it is so good to be alive.

Rotary too is renovating. The Future Vision grant program is supposed to make it possible for clubs big and small to accomplish great things. I think it is important for us to get involved in the "nuts-and-bolts" of what this means. It is too easy for us to stay here on the edge of the district and be quietly out of the thick of things. Recently, I found a directive from the Rotary Council on Legislation that had been distributed to us in 2001. That was the year there become only two classifications of members - active or honorary. We didn't assimilate that here until years after. It was at that time that service work and committee meetings count as make-ups. We were slow on the uptake on that one too.

As we approach Spring and plan for the new Rotary year, as we embrace the challenges thrown to us by our new International leadership (see page 1), we in Steubenville need to put aside our mundane routine (aka rut) and grab some of the energy-inspiring sunshine, facing our role in Rotary with enthusiasm and excitement. With many new members, our board needs to plan creatively to give all Rotarians a purpose-filled duty to achieve "Service Above Self." Imagine - as you enter each meeting - it is just like walking into a newly renovated recreation room - a great place to work and to play!

Time for some Humor:

Thanks to assistant humor editor, Dick McGowan, here are some thoughts that may make you smile.
[Ed. Note: I really appreciate you, Dick !!]

Donald McDonald went to study at an English university and moved into a residence hall. After a month, his mother visited. "How do you get along with the other students?" she asked.

"They're terribly noisy," he sighed. "The one on that side bangs his head against the wall. The one on the other side just screams all night."

"How do you put up with it?"

"I just ignore them and sit here quietly playing my bagpipes."

A mother looked out the window to watch her two sons playing in the snow. She called the older boy to come inside. "I've told you to share the sled with your little brother," she said. "You can't keep it to yourself."

"I am sharing," he protested. "I use it going down the hill and he uses it going back up."

A young couple had been dating off and on for years, and the man finally proposed. "I knew this would happen," the woman said to herself. "What do I do now?"

"Well, will you marry me?" he repeated.

"I'm sorry, but I just can't," she replied.

"Why? Is there someone else?"

"Oh, there's just got to be!"

A substitute teacher asked her students, "If you had one dollar and you asked your parents for another, how many dollars would you have?"

A boy raised his hand and said, "One dollar."

The teacher shook her head and said, "You don't know your arithmetic."

The boy replied, "You don't know my parents."

A woman heard her five-year-old granddaughter playing "wedding." The vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride."

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Making a List - Checking it Twice

There are three letters to the editor in this month's *Rotarian* which refer to an article published in January about taking risks. [See "The Rewards of Risk" by Frank Bures - January 2013 p. 32] Two letters clearly got the author's point, that life has risks, risk taking can be rewarding and that no risk taking can lead to a less-than-full life. The author cites Dave Freeman who wrote a book called *100 Things to do Before You Die*.

Mr. Freeman's book encouraged readers to make a list of many wild and crazy (and some not so crazy) places to go and people to see while on this short journey on earth. Mr. Freeman died quite suddenly at age 47, having only completed about half his list.

The third letter writer felt that the *Rotarian* article was "prattling" and that non-risk takers reap the reward of safety while still allowing for service (i.e., fundraiser work). He truly missed the point which has much more to do with daring to dream, taking a challenge, pushing oneself to live life to its fullest.

The first letter writer tells the story of a man devastated by the loss of his wife of 55 years. The man wailed, "There were still so many things that she wanted to do."

The writer is a pastor who counseled the grieving husband by saying, "The positive thing is that she lived right up until she died. So many people give up long before they die."

The writer of the second letter brings Rotary into the "risk/reward" equation, suggesting that "there are many things you can try that will help build a legacy for your club for many years to come."

List making, planning, setting some goals all hold risk - that awful risk of failing to achieve. But engaging in a meaningful conversation about what we hope to accomplish together is a dialogue worth having. Making a list of the

hopes and dreams of Steubenville Rotary might encourage us to accomplish more than we can imagine without that list to guide us, to evaluate us and to check up on us - once or even twice.

April's Shower of Programs:

4/5 Larry King, art teacher of the Bob Ross method at CMA will discuss post-polio syndrome and his artistry.

4/12 Scholarship Day - Don't miss our brilliant winners!

4/19 Carl Cook - recipient of both a kidney and tissue donation, will discuss LifeLine of Ohio, the organ donors support organization.

4/26 Bill Cable, owner of Austin Lake and retired educator will discuss "What Rotary has done for me."

March Had Variety

Thanks to Mike Mehalik for letting us meet new friends and renew acquaintances with those we've met before. All the classmates of Mike's were informative!

3/1 Frank Polito, representing Comcast-Pittsburgh described "Comcast Cares Day," an effort by Comcast to partner with groups like Rotary do to impact projects in area communities. This year is 4/27. They also provide free internet and cable to non-profits and children in need.

3/8 Pam Petrilla of the local Prevention and Recovery Board and Anthony Sheposh of Jefferson Behavioral Health told us that one in four of us suffers from some mental health issue, #1 of which is depression. They have a \$6 million+ budget and many networking agencies to battle the problems.

3/15 Paul Carapellotti of Anthony Mining discussed the history of coal mining including that of his family-owned mine. The US still has a 250 year supply of coal. He noted that regulations make his work challenging.

3/22 Sandy Lynskey, Chief of the Consumer Protection Division in the Ohio Attorney General's Office told us of how she has developed a business support unit, an education unit and an identity theft unit with her division to help all of us fight the growing impact of fraud in our work and homes.

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

Guess what!! Spring training is over and the season is underway for the Pirates. While the home opener may have been chilly with not-what-i'd-hoped results, it means spring is here and summer is right behind! I, for one, am excited to see it happening and will keep those of you less enthusiastic fans up to date on the status of my Pirates.

Mike Mehalik did a fine job with the programs we had in March. Rotarians at the advisory level are always reminding us that to be a successful club, you must have interesting programs. We are blessed in this club to have so many members who realize that and who work so hard to maintain that level of excellence we are all so used to.

In April, we will present the student "Service Above Self Awards" and we will entertain a Rotarian and four business people from India. My personal thanks to Cory Wingett for grabbing the ball in organizing the schedule for our visitors. Please do not miss the opportunity to meet them. The only time our general membership will have that chance (since they will not be here for our regular meeting day) is Tuesday, April 23rd at Bella Hall from 5 - 7. We will have tasty snacks and beverages to share with our vegetarian visitors. Please be sure to stop in and let them know that the strength of Steubenville Rotary comes from the integrity and friendliness of its membership.

I've been made aware that our President-elect, Jim Baber, has been in the Cleveland Clinic for several days. I believe he has returned home to recuperate. I know I speak for all of us in wishing him a speedy recovery and quick return to his vital role at EGCC and in preparing to take the reins of this club in just a few months. It is hard to believe that my term has only three months to go.

That's all for now and remember, "Peace through Service!" Jim Emmerling

Birthdays For April

Let's wish Nancy Francis, Christine Hargrave, Greg McDonnell, Mike Mehalik and Andrea Stoll very happy birthday wishes on April 19th.

Dates to remember. . .

4/9 The Herald Star Speaker Series continues with Antonio Mendez, described by Ross Gallabrese as the ultimate "cold warrior," who will discuss his exploits depicted in the film *Argo*.

4/10 Rotary Board meets at Noon at the YWCA. All are welcome.

4/13 1:00 PM - Beatty Park Clean-up with Mike Florak. Please join for a couple hours of "service above self."

4/18 12:00 YWCA Luncheon and Style Show (\$20)

4/20 F.U.S. presents the Baron Club dinner. See Mike Florak for details.

4/21-24 A visit from India. Our club hosts the exchange team. You can meet and greet at Bella Hall on Tuesday 4/23 from 5:00-7:00. Please support this international program promoting friendship.

7/13 at 7:05 Steubenville/Weirton Community Night at the Pirates Game. See Ross or Jim for further details.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the March 50/50 drawings were not won by Adam Scurti. Jody Glaub, Terri Antill, Alan Hall and Kyle Brown were winners. A big winner was Urban Mission, who received Alan's winnings at Fr. Richard's suggestion. Our scholarships are given out this month. Keep buying the tickets to support them.

. . . That Foundation Focus looked at the many clubs affected by Hurricane Sandy and the world-wide Rotary response, pink jeeps helping bring mid-wives to mothers in Haiti, Ugandan vocational training from a partnership with Rotary in California and commemoration of World Water Day, with a look at improvements in India. Thanks, Kathy and Kyle!

. . . That Andrea Stoll of Valley Hospice and Melanie VanNuys, self-employed as a marketer, have become members of our club. We welcome them and look forward to putting them to work!

. . . That we had many visitors in March, including Rotarians Bill Cattrell and Danny Manalac, Vince Oliver, Mike Emmerling, Anita Jackson and representing Indian Creek, Julie Robinson with Brooke Piergallini and Megan Markja and Lynne Donahue of THS with Shane Sears, Rebecca Schaming, Cari Horne and Carly Sue Cooper.

. . . That we have lost our very dear friend Dan Wasko, who was a Rotarian from Weirton for many years, then transferred here. Dan and I became very good friends and his daughter Cathy Marker has kept me up to date throughout these past years when he has lived with her. He died peacefully and was a perfect example of "service above self" each day of his life.

Your Editor's Opinion

A beautiful old girl . . .

. . . no, not me! I don't ever think of myself as beautiful or old. I've also given up classifying myself as a "girl" any more. Actually, I'm referring to the Omni William Penn in Pittsburgh, where Bob and I spend most Friday nights.

They are renovating her, creating more suites, updating carpet and window treatment, safes, fridges and internet in every room. When you enter your suite, check the location of the "potty" vs. the window carefully. [Ed. Note: Shut the bathroom door.]

She is elegant yet friendly, as is her staff. If you are going to Pittsburgh for a baseball/football/hockey game - or a wine tasting (as we do), and believe you should sleep before you drive, the William Penn is the place. It has food/coffee shop/bar options. It's one block from Macy's. In fact, each year, we take a three day weekend, I park Bob in the room and with coupons in hand, go back and forth until my Christmas shopping is complete (8 kids/8 grandkids, you know)!

Pittsburgh has so much to offer. We do our Friday thing, then hit the Strip, sometimes Shadyside, a great bakery called "La Gourmandine" in Lawrenceville, Robinson's Market District and Janoski's Farm Market in Clinton before we come home, usually by 11:00 AM on Saturday

But why did I start this story? Oh yes, Omni has points and we have a bunch! So this *Contact* may be somewhat incomplete and perhaps a day late, as I catch up from a trip to Amelia Island near Jacksonville, Florida courtesy of our Omni points!

What a beautiful old girl to send us there for a three-day weekend for our March/April birthdays! Thanks to the William Penn!

[Ed. Note: If you decide to go to Pittsburgh, ask for the Hargrave discount. It doesn't exist, but it can't hurt to ask.]

By the way, the Pittsburgh Rotary Club meets at the Omni William Penn every Wednesday at Noon in Suite 328. Costs a little more than the "Y" for lunch, but it is a very classy meeting place.

April has Administrative Professionals Day on 4/24 this year. Consider sending your clerical staff to the YWCA Luncheon and Style Show by Anna-Kay's Fashions. For just \$20, your secretary can enjoy a delicious lunch, some browsing and shopping time, a great look at what's new to wear for spring and summer and a variety of prizes and gift certificates, too. If you want to sponsor or donate, see Marlyn.

Time for some Humor:

You know you are living in 2013 when . . .

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 9 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on-line before you get your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
12. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you would forward this if it were an on-line joke.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on the list.
15. You looked up to check that there isn't a #9 on this list.
16. And finally, you're laughing at yourself! Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!

One old man said to another, "I just had another birthday, It's awful to grow old alone."
"But you have your wife," the second man pointed out.
"Yes, but she hasn't had a birthday in 15 years!"

Two entrepreneurs at a networking event tried to make small talk.

"Hey, do you believe in survival of the fittest?" one asked.

"I don't believe in the survival of anybody," the other replied. "I'm an undertaker."

[Ed. Note: That's just a joke for Bob, the undertaker's son and Suzanne, the undertaker.]

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May Should Have Flowers!

April was a month of many showers, cool temperatures and some teasing from the God of Spring. Suddenly, there are blossoms, but then you must cover your newly planted pansies to protect them from a particularly cold night.

Much like the coming season of growth, Rotary International is preparing to move from President Tanaka ("Peace Through Service") to President-elect Ron Burton of Oklahoma, whose motto is "Engage Rotary - Change Lives."

"If we really want to take Rotary service forward," writes Burton, "we need to make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful role to play, that they're all making a contribution and that their contribution is valued." He encourages Rotarians to "ask." Our leaders need to ask us to be annual donors to the Rotary Foundation and each Rotarian needs to ask others to join us in service.

President Burton continues, "You have to ask! Once you get a new member, your club must engage the new member, inspire and empower him or her to get involved to change lives!" He believes that, with the new model of grant making entitled "Future Vision" and by implementing Rotary International's strategic plan, so much more can be accomplished on the club level.

He believes that Rotary's promotion of high ethical standards sets our organization apart from other service clubs. He notes, "We [Rotarians] can be trusted. All our actions are - and must be - above reproach!"

Our new President is from the heartland of our country. His energy level is high and his enthusiasm for his new role is tangible. Our club should raise our game and accept his challenge to "Engage Rotary - Change Lives!"

Hint on How to Recruit -

Use Paul Harris's criteria. "If you have the love of your fellow men (and women) in your hearts, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian."

April's Programs Inspired Us:

Thanks to Suzanne for organizing this month. Aloha, Suz! Job well done!

4/5 Larry King brought tears to our eyes and warmth to our hearts as he described his battle with polio and the help that Rotary provided to him and his family. He also visited with us on Tuesday, 4/23, to help us welcome our friends from India. We hope this inspiring man joins us often!

4/12 Scholarship Day - Our club honored nine seniors from throughout the valley, including William Scott (home schooled), John Rozenek (Buckeye), Katiri Snyder (Catholic Central), Joshua Higgins (Edison), Brooke Piergallini (Indian Creek), Alaine Moro (Christian School), Samantha Smith (JVS), Faith Bauman (Big Red) and Rebecca Schaming (Toronto). They were articulate and enlightening to hear.

4/19 Carl Cook, a kidney transplant recipient, discussed the vital need for organ donation and described his role in "Lifeline of Ohio" an organization dedicated to transplant research and donor recruitment.

4/26 Bill Cable, retired teacher and Austin Lake owner/promoter talked about how Rotary has inspired him throughout his life. He also noted that his father's advice, which he heeds daily, was to associate with smart people.

May Is Here - with Jodi

Jodi Scheetz has five Fridays to fill and has chosen a fine mix of education and entertainment. We will hear from the following:

5/3 Dottie Kane or the Tri-County Family Violence Coalition will discuss that tough and timely subject.

5/10 Katie Conway of the Pittsburgh Public Theater will visit with us about their summer line up.

5/17 Although not confirmed, we may hear from a musician of the Wheeling Symphony tell us about their success as a small, but superb musical organization.

5/24 John Molnaro CEO of APEG will tell us about

5/31 Again unconfirmed, but hopefully, someone from Brooke Hills Players will stop by to entice us with the plans for this summer's productions.

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

What can I say about April? We had excellent guest speakers thanks to Suzanne Kresser, but our major focus was hosting our GSE guests from India. I'm so sorry all of you did not have the opportunity to meet Dharmendra Joshi, team leader and Rotarian, Tiny Jain, Pamil Modi, Suril Sarvaiya and Kushagra Rawal. You will still have a chance if you join me at the District Conference on May 17-18, so check your schedules and come along. I speak with them nearly every day, since they've left Steubenville. Help us give them a proper send off as they leave Ohio.

Many thanks go out to Cory Wingett, our GSE chairperson, Paul Rothfuss, Ashley Steele and my family for housing our guests, Christine and Bob Hargrave for their wonderful welcoming dinner, Father Richard and Franciscan University, Keith Murdock and Trinity Health System, Dr. Tom Brown, Carolyn Glaub, Marty Hauser, Bella Hall's fine staff and Marlyn Neely of the YWCA for making our team's trip to Steubenville so successful.

A wonderful time was had by all who had the privilege of spending time with our guests. I truly believe that programs like the GSE bring out the best of what Rotary has to offer! I know that I now have made friends for life with folks that I would have never been able to meet if it were not for Steubenville Rotary.

I don't know where the time has gone. I have trouble believing that there are only two more months in my Presidency. It's been fun but we are preparing to pass the gavel to Jim Baber in short order.

By the way, I took my new friends to a Pirates game on their first day in our country and they are taking full credit for the winning ways of my Buccos!

That's all for now and remember, "Peace through Service!" Jim Emmerling

Birthdays for May

Celebrate 2013 birthdays with Kyle Brown, Cathy Davison, Laurel McDowell, Michael McVey, Kathy Musso and Melanie VanNuys on May 17th.

Dates to remember. . .

5/8 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA. This is a perfect time to get credit for a make-up and to learn more about the business of our club. Please join us.

5/17-18 Rotary District Conference will be held at Mount Union College.

6/2013 The festivals are coming and so is the concert series. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities available in our community.

7/13 at 7:05 Steubenville/Weirton Community Night at the Pirates Game. See Ross or Jim for further details.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the April's 50/50 drawings were won by Jim Baber, Beth Warren and Ken Perkins. We also awarded Dick Powell \$500 for "Income Tax Day" and Brian Wilson got the \$100 monthly prize.

. . . That during a Foundation Focus, Kathy pointed out that we celebrated our club's 92nd birthday in April as well as the 25th year since Rotary International began the Polio Plus quest for eradication. To date, over \$1 billion has been raised to help people like Larry King, whose story was so moving right here at home. She also reported that she and Jerry Klimesmith are working with the administration at Big Red to implement our first Interact club, to be sponsored by our partner club in Pakistan.

. . . That our President and his family went above and beyond the call of duty during the GSE Team's visit. To Jim, LeeAnn, Mike, Jake and Bella, our deepest thanks and praise. This team will never forget Steubenville and will always miss you.

. . . That we had many visitors in April, including Teddy Gorman, Hugh Harrison, Ken Perkins, Paul Baker of Edison with Kelli Smith and Shelby Marquis, Mike Emmerling and Connie Cook. We also entertained the families and close friends of our Service Above Self Award Winners.

. . . That Kathy Musso suggested to the board that we gather up the extra dictionaries and box them up to send to Pakistan to be distributed by the Rotary Club with whom Kathy corresponds frequently. They have already arrived in Pakistan and there will be much fanfare when they are delivered to school children who are craving the chance to learn English.

. . . That Don Richardson has been transferred from active to honorary status with our club, upon recommendation and vote of our board of directors. Congratulations to Don, who has always been, and will continue to be, a fine example of all that Rotary means.

. . . That the Changing of the Guard is coming on June 28th. For new members information, that is when new officers are installed. If you want to help with planning this event, see Kathy Musso.

Your Editor's Opinion

As most of you know by now, I had a birthday last week. We also had a chance to meet new friends from India and to exchange cultural similarities (few) and differences (many).

Both experiences went on for several days. In fact, there were so many events, so many emotions, so many players in both that this particular birthday will always be synonymous with Rotary and the GSE team. The memories are wonderful, but also exhausting.

There is no better way to know someone quickly than to sit at a table and break bread with them, and while I loved getting to know our foreign visitors, I also loved the chance to chat with Jim, LeeAnn, Paul and Lillian Rothfuss, Ashley and Theo Steele - all people I believed I knew (except Theo, who is new), but all of whom I know a little better today.

I was struck by an idea to help our club become stronger. Wouldn't it be great to have more experiences like that? We should find time to break bread together in a leisurely environment, where our goal is to know each other better, to really learn about our own similarities and differences. Perhaps this is a challenge to the "New Generations Avenue of Service" to see if this is a possibility.

I believe we represent "a variety of gifts" and as we listen to each other, our leaders would discover these gifts and how to channel the many talents of Steubenville Rotarians for improving our service to our community, our district and our world. I'd love your comments on the idea of some small group meals to engage our seasoned Rotarians with our new blood to help us "transfuse" new to old and old to new to find greater strength and energy for the future. As we prepare to Engage Rotary - Change Lives, with President-elect Burton, perhaps we should say, "And let it begin with me."

An article of local interest by Ernie Pyle in 1937: [Note: I found this recently and thought you might enjoy the read. Some things don't change.]

Pittsburgh is undoubtedly the cockeyedest city in the US. Physically, it is absolutely irrational. It must have been laid out by a mountain goat.

It is the only city in this country in which I can't find my way around, the only one of which I can't get a mental bird's eye picture. I've flown over it, and driven all around it, and studied maps of it, and I hardly know one end of Pittsburgh from the other. It's worse than irregular - it's chaotic.

There's just one balm - people who live here can't find their way around either. One friend of mine who was born and raised here says she could

drive to almost anyplace in the city but probably couldn't find the shortest way.

Another friend of mine has lived here six years, and all he has ever figured out is how to get from his house to Downtown. Every time he gets off this path, he is lost, and although he has asked hundreds of people how to get somewhere, nobody ever knew.

The reason for all this is the topography of Pittsburgh. It's up and down and around and around and in betwixt. Pittsburgh is hills, mountains, cliffs, valleys and rivers. Some streets are narrow; some are wide. None runs more than a few blocks in a straight line.

You may have a friend who lives half a mile away. But to get there you circle three miles around a mountain ridge, cross two bridges, go through a tunnel, follow a valley, skirt the edge of a cliff and wind up at your friend's back door an hour after dark.

Makes you a bit grateful to live in the Ohio Valley, doesn't it?

Time for some Humor:

As we approach Mothers Day, here are some 2nd graders' answers to questions about mothers.

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world and my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My Grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who let's you sleep over with friends.

What's would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

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Emmerling Exits Excellently

What have we learned in a year following a leader like Jim Emmerling?

We started out learning a lot about baseball, Jim's second true love. His column, "Up to Bat - Making Contact," brought insights about his interests and goals. In the beginning he admitted he was essentially a Rotary rookie. Well he is certainly a seasoned Rotarian now!

He promised he would put the best team he could on the Rotary field, and he has, giving many of us assignments and then following up to be sure we've done what we promised for the club's sake.

He also got his family team involved, introducing us to them at his "Changing of the Guard" and including them in many of our events. Their role at Oktoberfest and with our Indian guests was so important to the tremendous success of both of those under-takings.

His use of Rotarians' talents has been easy to observe, with the weekly report from Clark (Ross) Kent, fining those who appear in the paper, the humor filled birthday well-wishers, the people who open the meetings with prayer and those faithful 50/50 sales folks.

Jim was very wise to select past presidents to fill in for him on the rare occasions when he could not lead our Friday meetings. Ross Gallabrese, Dan Keenan and Charley Joyce lifted the gavel with enthusiasm.

The Christmas parade float and party for the children were holiday highlights of this Rotary year.

We participated with excitement in the local and regional spelling bees, and look forward to the outcome from Washington, D.C. this week.

But probably the best feather in Jim's cap is our visit with the folks from India. A tremendous challenge of organization (thanks Corey) and cooperation of so many, Jim was the leader and made their visit to Steubenville so memorable.

From his midnight rendezvous at the airport, to the Pirate game, touring Steubenville and Pittsburgh and the social events, Jim carried the reputation of Steubenville Rotary to new heights. He has no doubt made life long friends with our guests, but has also

made his skills and the skills of this club known to our District. Well done, President Jim. Your quick learning curve has taught many of us a lot about Rotary.

What is coming in June, Jon?

Jon Brandt will provide programs for the first three weeks of June. He offers the following:

6/7 Dr. Jim Slater of Franciscan will describe his visit to Austria, where he taught at the Gaming campus and visited Vienna.

6/14 Alecia Sirk will represent the WV Convention and Visitors Bureau and specifically the new Summit Art Gallery in Weirton.

6/21 Toronto native Pat Lamantia has worked for decades for Purina Dog Food company and will describe his career, but Purina's interest in Steubenville's newest police recruit - a drug sniffing dog.

6/28 The Changing of the Guard will let us learn what plans Jim Baber has for the club. Kathy Musso and Jim are planning an international theme for the day. If you would like to help, see Kathy right away.

May has come and gone:

Jodi Scheetz did a great job with her variety of programs. We learned and were entertained.

5/3 Dottie Kane of the Tri-County Family Violence Coalition told us violence can happen anywhere - home, work, on the streets.

5/10 Katie Conaway of the Pittsburgh Public Theater bubbled with enthusiasm about the upcoming season. She urged us to come as a group to an event.

5/17 Frank O'Brien, of Wheeling's Convention and Visitors Bureau described the impact the Capital Theater has on Wheeling's economy.

5/24 John Molinaro CEO of Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth told us there is much to eagerly anticipate in regional development in the near future.

5/31 Judy Bratten returned to tell us of all the opportunities to be entertained in our Ohio Valley and around the Old Fort Steuben this summer. Concerts, exhibits, festivals - there's so much to do downtown!

Up To Bat - Making Contact by Jim

The merry month of May! I'm in the home stretch of my presidency and what a race it's been. The GSE experience is something I will cherish and remember forever. Those of you who had the opportunity to be a part of it, kudo's, and those of you who didn't, you missed a great experience.

Attending the District Conference was a high light that I didn't expect to experience, much less enjoy. I'm very glad to have been there and to complete my time with my friends of India.

Thank you, Jodi Scheetz for terrific speakers in May.

This message is going to be short this month in hopes I will take the time to prepare a meaningful farewell speech in June.

As we transition, I wish Jim Baber good luck in taking the reins of such a terrific organization and remind him of how many Steubenville Rotarians are at the ready to help him. He will find being president of this club both challenging and rewarding.

That's all for now and remember,
"Peace through Service!"

Jim Emmerling

Birthdays for June

Here come our June birthdays including Howard Brettell, Fr. Richard Davis, Malcolm Irwin and Patricia Fletcher.

Dates to remember. . .

6/12 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA. Every Rotarian is welcome to come for lunch and learn a little about club business.

6/2013 The festivals are coming and so is the concert series. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities available in our community.

6/25 Red Cross Media Day Blood Drive is at St. Florian Hall from 9:00 - 7:00. Please participate. It is truly Service Above Self.

7/13 at 7:05 Steubenville/Weirton Community Night at the Pirates Game. See Ross or Jim for further details.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That May's 50/50 drawings were won by Marty Hauser, Jody Glaub, Keith Murdock and Matt Galabrese. Ann Cattrell, Buzz's wife, won the \$100 monthly prize.

. . . That during a Foundation Focus, we heard about a water project in Equador.

. . . That frequent visiting Rotarian Bill Cattrell's daughter Amy and her University of Cincinnati team placed second in the Duke Energy Inter-University Green Button Case Competition at Miami University. When you see Bill, ask him what that is?

. . . That we had many visitors in May, including Teddy Gorman, with students Malory Giannamore, Deena Diomeni and Abraham Bruzinski, Bill Cattrell, Pete Rososki, Lynne Donahue with students Austin Lucas, Kaylee Yasko, Mariah Turner and Lisa Ann Scalley, plus Cheryl Speaks and Matt Gallabrese.

. . . That Kathy Musso points out that we have had much international interaction this year, so she has recommended our Changing of the Guard pick up on that theme. Those who wish to dress in another country's garb are encouraged to do so.

. . . That former member and past president Tim McCoy was inducted into the OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2013. What a great choice! Congratulations, Tim.

. . . That Father Richard Davis has been appointed as the Provincial of the TOR. By the end of June he will be relocating to their location at Loretto in Pennsylvania. We will certainly miss his warm greeting, but ask that he keep Steubenville Rotary in his prayers.

. . . That the Rotary theme for next year is *Engage Rotary - Change Lives*, chosen by incoming RI President Ron Burton of Oklahoma. Our incoming District Governor is Deborah Esbenshade of the Rotary Club of Youngstown. We will certainly look forward to meeting her this summer and learning of her plans for our District.

Your Editor's Opinion

The Loss of Two Fathers

As you know, on May 14th, very suddenly, my 88 year old father died walking into his bathroom. I am told he didn't suffer. He just went down and that was it.

At 88, I knew that he was prepared to take that step to heaven, but he forgot to say goodbye to me, and I'm not very happy about it. Several years ago, for this column, I jotted down some thoughts about my relationship with my dad, but never managed to use them. I'm going to indulge myself and share them with you now.

Dad and I have been partners for decades. He would sit down at the piano and say, "Sing Kid," and I would. I would stand by the piano and say, "Play Dad" and he did.

My dad never had any sons, so he relied on his "strong daughter." When you are in a musical family, there is always the occasion to need to move the piano. My job, as the strong daughter, was to hold up my end of the piano. I always tried to do that for my dad.

When I came to Cattrell's to work, no one knew what I would do. What does a trained musician with a divinity degree bring to the construction table? Other than prayer and harmony, I really don't know, but whatever it was, dad trusted it would work. He put more and more faith in my ability to learn, and so I did. With Buzzy as my partner, we took our dads' dreams and made them a pretty good reality. He was so proud of us both.

Today, I miss his phone calls, the countless e-mail jokes, but not political commentary. He was a source for the humor column often, so feel free to help. I will sorely miss him this summer, when he would live here and visit us several times a week.

His life was good. He rode his bike four miles the day before he died. He was a great dad and a true friend. I am a very lucky person.

At the same time I experienced this loss, I learned of another father leaving my life. During the past couple of years, I have developed a friendship and affection for Father Richard that is so very special. I know many feel this closeness with him, but we have found a bond, in sharing our love of food, of roses, of wine, of music and of faith.

There's not much Catholic in this Methodist girl, but Father Richard and I agree on so much about the importance of a right and constant relationship with God. I will miss this "father" very much, but I know he will continue to love his "family" here in the Ohio Valley as he serves God in a new and vital capacity for the Franciscan Friars.

Time for some Reflection:

A friend of mine opened his wife's underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper-wrapped package. "This isn't any ordinary package," he said.

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box. "She got this the first time we went to New York, 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on, was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it."

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the clothing he was taking to the funeral home - his wife had just died. He turned to me and said, "Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion."

I still think those words changed my life. Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family and less at work.

I understand that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer 'keep' anything.

I use crystal glasses every day. I'll wear new clothes to the grocery store, if I feel like it. I don't save my special shoes; I wear them.

The words 'someday' and 'one day' are fading away from my dictionary. If it's worth seeing, listening, doing, I want to see, listen or do it now . . .

I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be there the next morning, this nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and close friends. I'd hope she would go out for Chinese, her favorite food.

It's these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come. Each day, each hour, each minute, is special. Live for today, for tomorrow is promised to no one.

And as a Rotarian, live each day by the Four-way Test, serving above self.

Time for a little Humor:

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and began experiencing turbulence. One nervous passenger happened to be sitting next to a minister and turned to him for comfort.

"Can't you do something?" she asked.
"I'm sorry, ma'am," he replied gently, "but I'm in sales, not management."

A woman asked her husband, "Could you please go out and buy a gallon of milk? And if they have avocados, buy six."

A short time later her husband returned with six gallons of milk.

"Why did you buy so many?" the wife asked.
"They had avocados."

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The Rhythm of Life

Rhythm is one of my favorite words. Just observe how it is spelled. There is no "legitimate" vowel. Yet, it is a societal staple today. Why?

There are many reasons. Cell phones, i-phones, smart phones, music players, all with earphones, feed one's aural orifice with sound and beat. There is a Liberty Mutual commercial running that I hope you've seen. It's about rhythm. There are no words, just sound and movement, suggesting a way to communicate without spoken or written word. Watch for it and let me know what you think.

When you walk down the street, be aware of the bouncing step, the shaking head, even full-blown dancing going on around you to music - and rhythm - you cannot hear because it's being pumped directly into the mover's ear. *You can't hear it, but you can see it!*

I watched a program last night where the hero was plugged into his computer visiting a "virtual night club" and listening through earphones. The director kept cutting from the cartoon room to the real room, where the actor was belting out songs to no music, while thinking he was performing with an orchestra in the pretend place where he was. It sounds weird - and was - but funny. We've all heard a kid singing, sometimes loudly, to music we cannot hear.

Of course, part of what makes for interesting "communication" like this is clever editing. On PBS, they are running very short features (you know they are not commercials because public television doesn't run commercials) that are edited brilliantly. One is of Julia Child and the other features Fred Rogers. It is spliced and diced in a crafty way that makes it sound like each of them is singing in a tribute to cooking or children's programming on PBS - a terrific promotion.

Our every day lives are full of similar rhythms. Listen - or feel - your own heart beat. Are you moving at least to that rhythm? Are you feeling the pulse of your daily grind? Does it motivate you to dance or pull you to one side, making you wait for a partner to invite you into the action?

RI President Ron Burton wants Rotarians to be persons of action, to participate. For me, that means "Get up and feel the rhythm around you." It means we all should move, and keep moving, regardless of the occasional misstep or backstop. You are a Rotarian - by definition that makes you a "mover-and-a-shaker."

If I ever become RI President, my theme will be, "Let's Dance!"

Here come the five Fridays of August:

Bob and Christine Hargrave will host the following programs during the dog days of Summer.

8/2 Cherie Metcalf, an extraordinary teacher at Steubenville High School, and several former students now in law school, will describe the Mock Trial competition - a highlight for many Big Red students.

8/9 Susie Nelson, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley, will describe its merger with the Community Foundation of Jefferson County, and how our county benefits from this local philanthropic effort.

8/16 Marlies Brandt will share the artistry and imagination of modern quilt making.

8/23 Dr. Mary Ann Sunyoger, Franciscan English teacher, has written a book describing her experience in the classroom with her students. The anecdotes should be amusing and inspiring.

8/30 Ben Jerovic, Director of Engineering at Ergon - West Virginia, Inc. will discuss the changes and growth planned at this local refinery.

July is over! Is summer?

Ashley Steele, our President-elect, presided as program chair, bringing us a brief peek at Cadiz and more.

7/12 Glenn Fannon, director of the Joshua Program and helpers Austin Jones and Kevin Williams described this growing volunteer effort to help the needy with people from across the country visiting here in Steubenville.

[NOTE: For our DG's message, see "Did You Know"]

7/19 Nan Mattern of Cadiz, operator of the Clark Gable Museum, told stories of his upbringing, his humility ("I'm just a lucky slob from Ohio.") and his Hollywood persona and the love of his life.

7/26 Executive Director Jacquie McCoy of Project Hope told us about the tremendous impact that federal grant has had on students attempting to make their way through higher education when the financial burden is overwhelming.

A Bit of Babble from Baber.

Dear Rotarians:

Our Club is off to a good start this year. Thanks to Rev. Ashley for providing excellent programs for the month of July. We are looking forward to some exciting programs in the month of August that will be provided by the Hargraves.

I have found a quote in the Rotary International Foundation Newsletter that states, "No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain; What Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we Rotarians do today." What our club is and will be depends upon what each of us as Rotarians do weekly, monthly and yearly. The question is, "What am I doing as a Rotarian?"

I urge each of you to expand upon the ideals and objectives of Rotary, i.e. "Service Above Self." You are an excellent group of leaders, and I am proud to serve with you. So in this frame of thought, please participate in the recycle eyeglasses and hearing aid programs for the month of August. Each of you as Rotarians have meaningful roles to play, you make meaningful contributions and your contribution is of value to our club.

There are many projects that we can address this year. I welcome your input and participation. Please inform me of what you would like to see happen in our community that will improve the life style of our citizens.

Have a good summer! *Jim Baber*

Birthdays for August:

Let's sing to Jon Brandt, Ed Cusick, Carolyn Glaub, Sue Hershey, Lee Kinney, Amel Malesky, Keith Murdock and Ashley Steele.

Dates to remember. . .

8/14 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA. Every Rotarian is welcome to come for lunch and learn a little about club business.

Concert Series continues at the Berkman Theater.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That July's 50/50 drawings were won by Brian Wilson, John Brown and Dan Keenan. The \$100 monthly prize went to Mike Florak and Jody Glaub won \$500 in celebration of the new Rotary year.

. . . That we had a visit from District Governor Deborah Espenshade, of the Youngstown Rotary Club. She described Rotary as a "catalyst" to success, to meeting people, to accomplishing much good and to enable one person (joined with many other individuals) to make a difference in our world. Her goals include a club net gain of 1 member, collection of hearing aids, 100% club participation in an international service project, each member donating \$20 to purchase coats for kids, to encourage donations to PolioPlus and to engage with the District. We wish her much success as she leads us in 2013-14.

. . . That Paul Rothfuss has become grandfather of a 10 lb. 3 oz. baby boy. That's the good news. For our club the bad news is that Paul is being transferred and will be leaving our club. We have appreciated his input, his humor and enthusiasm and will miss him and his wife in our community.

. . . That we only had two visitors in July, Assistant Governor Mark Flake and Toronto Pastor Eric Frye.

. . . That Simmie Hill, one of the greatest basketball players to come from Western Pennsylvania, died on Sunday, July 14th at the age of 66. Many of you may have heard of him, but did you know that Hank Kuzma was his high school coach, on a team that is still considered today as the best team in Pennsylvania boys basketball history? In his senior year, Mr. Hill scored 657 points and his team went 28-0 and won the seven playoff games by an average of 23 points per game. Congratulations Hank on this historic feat and sympathy at the loss of this gifted athlete.

. . . That our club is asked to bring in old reading glasses to be recycled and provided to people who cannot afford them.

. . . That there were twelve perfect attenders last quarter. They are Jon Brandt, Karl Brandt, Jim Emmerling, Ross Gallabrese, Carolyn Glaub, Jody Glaub, Chuck Govey, Christine Hargrave, Marty Hauser, Dan Keenan, Kathy Musso and Paul Rothfuss.

Your Editor's Opinion

Have you read any good biographies lately? I used to read every biography of every first lady - perhaps aspiring to be one. [Well honestly, I grew up aspiring to be Queen, but Charles went for the younger Diana and, my horse skills being what they are, I could not rival Camilla.]

From Patsy Dandridge (Martha Washington), Abigail Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt, Barbara and Laura Bush, I have learned so much about the power I have as an independent person with the ear of someone with power. From them, I also learned that power has degrees and is malleable.

It is not merely about power, either. In fact, each of these strong women taught me that influence - wielded as very gentle pressure - often outweighs the brute force of many with power.

When I read about very different types of people, I am surprised at what I learn about myself. There are traits I recognize in others that I either have, hope to develop or sometimes hope to eliminate from myself.

Perhaps that is what Paul Harris was trying to accomplish as a Rotarian in surrounding himself with people from different professions, thus setting up the original requirement for classifications of members. Paul Harris wanted to know more about men who were a success in other walks of life than his own. He wanted to see what he could recognize in others that would be beneficial if incorporated into his life and way of thinking.

RI has now dispensed with the need for classification, since we have so many members world wide reflecting so many different walks of life. But I still think it is important to be able to learn from someone who is different from you.

When the folks from India visited, I was surprised to learn how important and powerful Rotary is to them. Their understanding of what it means to be a Rotarian seems profoundly different from ours. One can wait for a long time to get invited into a club in India and in fact, one may never get the call to become a member.

We are urged by RI President Ron Burton to make the experience of being a Rotarian deeply meaningful - deeply personal. If our club does that, it means we work harder at getting to know each other. We assess strengths of other members and encourage the use of those strengths to achieve Rotary's goals.

I believe we should be comfortable in our Rotary skin, but not complacent. As a good Rotarian, we always need to keep changing, keep going and keep growing to become the best servant above self we can be. I hope that if a biography is written about me or you, it includes the words "She is a practicing Rotarian."

Time for some Humor:

Puns for Intelligent People:

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center read "Keep off the grass!"

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

A vulture boarded an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looked at him and said, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion per passenger."

Two fish swam into a concrete wall. One turned to the other and said, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Then there was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.

No pun in ten did!

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Would you rejoin your own Rotary Club today?

Every month when *The Rotarian* arrives, I make sure I turn each page. I may not read each page, but I look at them. Most months, I find one or two articles, letters to the editor, the President's column and always the crossword puzzle to be very interesting. Often, I am not intrigued to read many of the longer articles.

This month was an exception because from the moment I picked it up and saw the cover, I couldn't wait to see what was inside. On the cover is Rotary International's first female vice president. Yes, she will become RI's first woman president. On page 34, you can read a very enlightening and engaging interview with her. She has Rotary coursing through her veins.

I also learned that the RI president (currently Ron Burton), chooses the incoming vice-president. I think that is a pretty awesome responsibility to entrust to one person, but given the quality of RI presidents we have had over the years, the process must work very well.

I also read with interest the interview with President Burton (p. 46) regarding New Generations, and his commitment to the inclusion of younger Rotarians in Rotary clubs across the globe. There are several cartoons worth perusing about how Rotarians are being dragged (sometimes kicking and screaming) into the new era of communication, finance and mobility of the modern, young Rotarian. In that interview, Burton posed the question in the headline. How would you answer that question?

In the letters to the editor, there are three that caught my attention. One referred to the *Rotarian* as a dark magazine, that turns people away from Rotary, one discussed the idea of mobile managers being able to affiliate with more than one club, as a frequent traveler to the same locations and another made me envious. Read the last letter on p. 9 from Thomas Drake about his very successful Rotary Club. Last year they had 22 social and fundraising events.

On page 25, there's a terrific article called "Much Obligated," about the obligation of thank you note writing. To e-mail or not to e-mail, that is one of the questions raised. The final word from Emily Post's grandson is to do both!

Don't miss the magazine this month. It's a good one.

The five Fridays of August are over-and so is summer:

Christine Hargrave hosted the programs she and Bob selected to enlighten Rotary as summer wound down.

8/2 Cherie Metcalf brought several former and one current student to tell us about their experience with Mock Trial and how it led them to study law.

8/9 Susie Nelson, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley, told and showed us what Community Foundations can do in a wide variety of ways to benefit many from cradle to grave and from bricks-and-mortar to the arts.

8/16 Marlies Brandt, local long-arm quilter, provided examples of vintage and modern quilting. Her examples were stunning studies in design, color and math.

8/23 Dr. Mary Ann Sunyoger, English professor at FUS, shared anecdotes from her soon to be published book. She was amusing, inspiring and delightfully dramatic.

8/30 Ben Jezovnic, Director of Engineering at Ergon - West Virginia, Inc., described in word and picture the complicated and diverse operation of the refinery, making many more products than simply fuel and doing business world wide.

It's time for a September Song (and Dance) by Adam

Adam Scurti will bring us programs throughout this coming month. He has in store:

9/6 Robert Bianco, Steubenville native and grad, who is TV critic for the *USA Today* and who will tell us what's new in the world of television entertainment.

9/13 Joseph Hamrock, native of Mingo Junction and Catholic Central grad, who serves as Executive VP and CEO for NiSource Gas Distribution will describe what we can expect in our valley from that industry.

9/20 Beth Edwards, director of development for the Mall at Robinson will give us its history, present status and future plans.

9/27 Bill Phillips, WPXI sports announcer, will update us on what to expect from the Steelers in the coming season.

Dear Rotarians:

What excellent and inspiring programs we have had for the month of August. I urge future program leaders to follow the example set by the Hargraves. I am sure that the month of September programs will be exciting.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the club's eyeglasses and hearing aids recycling programs. For the month of September, I am proposing that we support "Operation Warm" as a project. We will have a fund raising activity to collect dollars to buy jackets for students in Jefferson County. The Urban Mission has agreed to distribute these jackets for us. We will, through Rotary, have the ability to purchase jackets at a cost of \$15.00 per student. Thanks in advance for your support.

Water: yes, H₂O! Do you ever think of what a precious commodity this is? We are blessed in this country to have an abundance of water. In many other countries this is not the case. In a country like Haiti only 39% of Haiti's schools have potable water. Eighty percent of Haitians live on less than US \$2 per day. So if purified water was available, they would not have the means to pay for it. Think of what our club could do to enrich others in this world by helping to provide drinkable water!

As we start a new school year, my thoughts are with our friend, Father Richard Davis. I miss him and hope that he is in all of your prayers. We do hope to see Father Nathan soon!

Jim Baber

Birthdays for September:

Four special Rotarians have birthdays this month. They are Robin Flohr, Chuck Govey, Beth Warren and Brian Wilson. Also former Rotarian and Past President Tim McCoy has a birthday this month!

Dates to remember. . .

9/11 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA. Every Rotarian is welcome to come for lunch and learn a little about club business.

9/12 United Way Kick Off at the YMCA (St. John Arena) from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. RSVP by 9/6.

9/17 Speaking of Lunch and Learn, Bob Hargrave and Don Clarke will offer a free (including lunch) seminar on how to deal with end of life issues. Everyone is invited to attend.

9/26 United Way Day of Caring - 8:30 at YWCA

10/27 Rotary's Octoberfest!

Did you Know . . .

. . . That August's 50/50 drawings were won by Emil Malesky (twice), Hank Kuzma, Jim Baber and Rich Delatore. The \$100 prize went to Jerry Barilla.

. . . That the YWCA will be presenting a series of "Lunch and Learn" opportunities for adults, much like they do for Y-Teens. The first is a discussion of issues families face at the end of life and how to be prepared and have your family prepared. Presenters are Funeral Director Don Clarke and Attorney Robert Hargrave.

Lunch is free, but please let Marlyn know if you plan to attend. There will be three more presentations regarding things we ought to know as we age.

. . . That Kathy Musso will organize the student guest schedule from September through May.

. . . That our visitors have been Shawn Crosier, Barry Gullen, Lisa Bruzzese, Melinda Young, Steven Bevan, Mike Paprocki, Father Nathan Malavolti, Tom Schiffer and visiting Rotarian Bill Cattrell.

. . . That Rotary International has worked hard to improve the user friendliness of their website. Go to Rotary.org to sign up. They will guide you the rest of the way.

. . . That our club is asked to bring in old reading glasses to be recycled and provided to people who cannot afford them.

. . . That there were twelve perfect attenders last quarter. They are Jon Brandt, Karl Brandt, Jim Emmerling, Ross Gallabrese, Carolyn Glaub, Jody Glaub, Chuck Govey, Christine Hargrave, Marty Hauser, Dan Keenan, Kathy Musso and Paul Rothfuss.

Your Editor's Opinion

One Small Step - One Giant Leap

Many of you do not know about "Rotary Anns." Ask John Criss, Karl Brandt or Dick McGowan. Their wives were Rotary Anns.

Those women had no chance to be a Rotarian, but their roles - at fund raisers and social events - were crucial to Rotary's early success. They oiled the cogs of Rotary's wheel and got things moving.

For the past several years, I have written a letter annually to Rotary International suggesting that while working very hard to be racially inclusive, they have been sorely lax in involving the female membership in leadership roles. At last, RI President Ron Burton has answered my plea. Ann Matthews is his choice for Vice President of Rotary International.

I said to my office whiz, "Guess what has happened in Rotary?"

"What?" she asked.

"In two years a woman will be RI President."

"How do you have time for that?" she sort of snarled.

"Not me," I said, "but a very brilliant and classy lady who also loves to wear St. John knits." (Picture on p. 35 of *The Rotarian*)

Ann will rock the Rotary world. I know it! She has planned for it. You can tell by reading her bio and background. Women who achieve these heights often follow a strategic plan to get there. We are - by nature - planners.

I am anxious for her term, although I am already impressed with Ron Burton and his goals and plans to achieve them. [Back to the magazine, p. 17 picture 22, does his wife look like my quilting neighbor to you?]

Why did I headline the small step before the giant leap? Because Sue Hershey, I, Suzanne Kresser, Jodi Scheetz and Ashley Steele were elected Steubenville Rotary leaders. Those small steps were made years ago.

It has taken much longer to get one woman RI recognition and responsibility for our international presidency, following the example of many local clubs who utilized those skills women demonstrate.

Thanks for "stepping up," RI. It's about time!

[I have a cousin who is a Rotarian in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, who may be RI's next best female choice!]

Time for some Humor:

[Thanks to Assistant Humor Editor, Dick McGowan!]

An old married couple sat on the couch watching a TV program about death planning. "Honey," said the husband, turning to his wife with a grim expression, "I want you to promise me that if there ever comes a time that I depend on machines and bottled fluids to stay alive, you will make sure to put an end to it."

"No problem, honey," his wife replied. She promptly rose, turned off the TV and poured his beer down the drain.

Some thoughts about healthy, senior living . . .

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age, I don't care so much. It's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, but
4. A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

You tell me I should exercise! I don't think so.

A little silver haired lady called her neighbor and said, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

"According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go and help with the puzzle. The lady lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box. He turns to her and says, "No matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He took her hand and said, "I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea and then," he said with a sigh, "we'll put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

An old man told his grandson, "You know, back in the old days, you could go to the store with a dollar and get a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs and a watermelon. You can't do that today. There are just too many surveillance cameras!"

[Please forward any good, clean jokes you find to chargrave@cattrell.com.]

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What is Oktoberfest?

When Crown Prince Ludwig married Crown Princess Therese on October 17, 1810, all the citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gate. Over the years, the festival has been prolonged (up to seventeen days) and now ends on October 3rd (German Unity Day). This was done to improve the chance for good weather.

Today, it is the world's largest fair with 6 million people attending from all over the world. In 2007, it is reported that 7 million liters of beer were consumed, all crafted by six specific breweries in Munich.

Our Oktoberfest, on Sunday, October 27th will again feature Gaudi Buam, a great Oompah Band. The Steelers are playing out of town, but will be on the big screen at Bella Hall, 2728 Sunset Blvd. The festival begins at kick-off. Watching the game is not mandatory. There will be plenty of more entertaining things to do.

The food will be typical for Oktoberfest, but especially tasty this year. There will be brauts, hotdogs and sauerkraut. A very special treat will be the potato pancakes and red cabbage prepared for us by a German woman who works at the German Club of Pittsburgh. Jim Emmerling spent several minutes coaxing her to sell us these items. Finally, she agreed to make them herself. What a treat!

We still have steins for everyone, or you can bring your own. We will have the traditional raising of the steins once the crowd has gathered.

And just as last year, we will have the voting for this year's King and Queen. Marty Hauser and Christine Hargrave will be passing on these important roles to the new royalty once the club has elected their successors. You won't want to miss your chance to vote for these two important figures, representing King Ludwig and Queen Therese, in old-fashioned Oktoberfest style. Sign up at the sign-in table or give Kathy Musso an e-mail or call.

Where did September Go?

Adam Scurti brought us delightful, informative and varied programs. Thanks, Adam!

9/6 Robert Bianco, TV critic for *USA Today*, discussed the upcoming season and reflected on how television has changed from a family unifier (all watching "Ed Sullivan" on one TV), to TV's in every room and countless channels with hundreds of options. He recommends "Black List," "Mom" and "The Millers," plus several others.

9/13 Joseph Hamrock, Executive VP and CEO of NiSource (Columbia) Gas spoke of the vast benefits of the shale industry, including energy independence, lower prices, jobs, environmental benefits and improved American competitiveness world wide.

9/20 Beth Edwards and Shema Krinsky gave us an interesting history and future plans for the Mall at Robinson.

9/27 Bill Phillips of Channel 11 Sports discussed the Steelers. He made some pretty big promises about an assured victory in London. We should invite him back to face the music on the prediction of a sure victory. His insights into the Pirates and particularly their manager were very interesting - as was the whole weekend of baseball!

October is Here!

Laurel McDowell has a docket of interesting programs prepared for our journey into fall.

10/4 Jefferson County Commissioner Dave Maple will talk about county progress, including the Tower Building, the airpark, Oil and Gas Committee (GO Jefferson County) and other items of interest.

10/11 Chris Ledyard, Director of Athletics at Franciscan, will report on the expansion of the field house and updates with the athletic program.

10/18 Dr. Neal J. Nesbitt, President of the Ohio State Medical Association, will discuss the medical profession as it faces drastic changes in the laws which govern it.

10/25 Dr. Patrick Macedonia will tell us about da Vinci robotic assisted surgery.

Basic Education and Literacy

I read an article on the internet entitled "10 Cities That May Not Make It Back From the Crash." Steubenville, Ohio was listed as number 10. The article stated that Steubenville needed 17.9% growth to peak and that, for this year, we have experienced zero (0) percent growth.

This is where Rotary becomes involved. Rotary clubs support activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults. There are four areas of focus:

- a) involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
- b) increasing adult literacy in communities;
- c) working to reduce gender disparity in education; and
- d) supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

Thanks to all of you for your support as we strive to improve the lives of citizens in Jefferson County. We may be number 10 now, but with the help of Rotarians like you, we will improve this statistic for Steubenville.

Don't forget about bringing in coats for Operation Warmth. Thanks to everyone who helped with the glasses and hearing aids. Also, don't forget to sign up to attend Oktoberfest. Part of what makes a strong Rotary Club is finding time to socialize. You won't want to miss it.

Jim Baber

October Birthdays are:

Gary Cain, Pete Chalfant, Bryan Felmet, Jody Glaub, Marty Hauser, Chris Irvin and Michelle Wilson. Be sure to attend on October 18th to celebrate with all these October "babies."

Dates to remember. . .

10/9 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA. Every Rotarian is welcome to come for lunch and learn a little about club business. Don't forget, the board meeting counts as a make-up.

10/4 and 10/11 - Special collection for Operation Warmth.

10/23 YWCA of Steubenville will hold its Annual Meeting. The guest speaker is the Executive Director of the Wheeling YWCA. The meeting begins at 11:30. All are welcome to attend and learn more about what the YWCA offers to our communities.

10/27 Rotary's Oktoberfest!

Did you Know . . .

. . . That September's 50/50 drawings were won by Dan Keenan, Beth Warren, Mike Mehalic and Hank Kuzma. Congratulations and thanks for supporting our scholarship fund.

. . . That the \$100 first of the month prize was won by Charley Joyce.

. . . That student guests have begun to visit us. We had Ted Gorman from Steubenville High School bring us Alyssa McIntire and Paul DeFrancis, who introduced themselves. It was refreshing to hear the young people tell their own story.

. . . That our visitors in September were Marian Houser, Rob VanDyne, Jeff Cochran, Ken Perkins, Kelly Knight, Stan Sagan and visiting Rotarian Victor Greco.

. . . That your editor might not be the only one who has not been successful at approaching RI's new website. I suggest that someone with a lap top bring it in and show those of us who are technologically challenged how to use it.

. . . That our president is very serious about monthly projects. This month is Operation Warmth where we will collect gently used coats or \$15/coat (for purchase) to be distributed through the Urban Mission.

The Board has challenged the club to raise money to purchase new coats and will match up to \$500 of the funds raised. Make your tax deductible check payable to "Steubenville Rotary Foundation." Send it to P.O. Box 1485, Steubenville or bring it on October 4th or 11th when a collection will be taken at our meeting.

Your Editor's Opinion

My Think Tank - Thoughts from the Tub . . .

I have always done my best creative thinking in my bath tub. When you come to visit our house, Bob will give you a \$3.00 tour (which I will always comp), and you will see this lovely claw foot tub in which I bathe at least once a day.

It's cast iron. The water holds its temperature for about ten seconds. There are no jets or fancy sprays. It is called a slipper, because it's short - just my size. As long as I add hot water, and keep adding it until my thinking is complete, it is perfect!

So I'm inspired to pay tribute this month to my "think tank." It's the place where plans for problem resolving get hatched. It's where I make schedules, shopping lists, menus, calendar adjustments, travel plans and end-of-the-night to-do lists for the next day.

I love lists. How can anyone function without them? Yet, in my tub, my lists get very serious, very intense. If you get on a list I make in my think tank, it means you're in my sights. You will hear from me. I have my eye on you.

Well, here are my latest lists. The first is a series of questions about Rotary. We have all voiced concerns about declining membership, low attendance, fund raising and general relevance.

How would you answer these five questions?

What do you find most valuable about being a member of Steubenville Rotary?

What do you find most frustrating about being a member of Steubenville Rotary?

When did you last invite someone to become a member of our Rotary Club?

Do you have an idea for a fund raiser or a social event we haven't tried?

And, as I asked last month, if you were not currently a member, and were asked to join this club, would you?

My second list is our club roster. During this month, I am asking you to take a serious look at these questions and provide me with the answers. I promise to share the results and see what we can learn so our club might become one of growth, able to do the things we do now, but in a bigger, stronger way with greater impact on our local and global world. E-mail them to chargrave@cattrell.com or hand them to me.

Please think about these issues. If you are eager to share, just let me know.

Time for some Humor:

A man walked into a bar and ordered a drink. While the bartender mixed his beverage, the man heard a quiet voice say, "Nice suit."

He looked around, but no one was there. Then he heard another voice say, "I really like that tie." The man wheeled all the way around but still didn't see anyone.

Then a third voice said, "Nice haircut. You must have a really good barber." This time, the man jumped off the stool, wondering if he was imagining things. Just then the bartender returned with his drink.

"I keep hearing voices," the man exclaimed.

"Saying nice things about you?" the bartender asked. The man nodded. "Those are our peanuts," the bartender replied, pointing at the bar. "They're complimentary."

A dollar bill met a \$20 bill and said, "Hey, what's up? I haven't seen you around here lately."

The \$20 bill replied, "I've been hanging out at the casinos, went on a cruise, came back to America, saw a couple of baseball games, visited the mall, that kind of stuff. How about you?"

The dollar bill said, "You know, the same old thing - church, church, church."

A sixty year old man visited his doctor for a check-up. The doctor told him, "You're in terrific shape. There's nothing wrong with you. You have the fitness levels of a thirty-year old. By the way how old was your father when he died?"

"Who said he was dead?"

The doctor looked surprised and asked, "How old is he and is he very active?"

Well, he is eighty years old, goes to the gym three times a week and plays tennis and badminton regularly."

The doctor was astounded at the information and asked, "How old was your grandfather when he died?"

"Who said he was dead?"

The doctor was astonished. He said, "You mean to tell me you are sixty and both your father and grandfather are alive? Is your grandfather active?"

"He still goes skiing a lot and swims every day. Yes, he's 104 and is getting married again next week."

"Why on earth would your grandfather want to get married at his age?"

"Who said he wanted to?"

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Wow, That's Oktoberfest!

Food, glorious food started the second annual Oktoberfest celebration of our Club in enthusiastic style. Two tasty beers from kegs flowed freely among the many Rotarians and families who shared in the festivities. A few guests (Suzanne Kresser, Brian and Tamara Wilson, Carolyn Glaub and Christine Hargrave) chose to sip wine, which also paired well with the tasty fare. Mike Florak and Jody Glaub found a special beer which they shared - mostly with each other.

We may not have been the world's largest fair but we raised our steins in honor of the Munich party with an enjoyment parallel to the thousands who celebrate in Germany each year.

Our Oktoberfest also featured Gaudi Buam, a great and improving Oompah Band. This year, authentic German costumes were added to their "look" and the music was tuneful and plentiful. The Steelers are another story entirely, but fun was prevalent in spite of the game which quickly lost Rotary's attention.

The authentic Oktoberfest menu benefits from Jim Emmerling and Keith Murdock's memberships in the German Club of Pittsburgh. This year, Jim, Keith and Ken Perkins fried up genuine German potato pancake batter and brought the red cabbage prepared by the German Club chef. It became apparent very quickly that Steubenville Rotarians appreciate the research that has gone into improving the fare! Homemade applesauce is pretty good too.

Then came the voting and crowning of our King and Queen. Even though protesting that he wanted a second term, King Marty crowned successor Ross Gallabrese while Queen Christine relinquished her crown to Suzanne Kresser. These close buddies will reign until the next "fest" and will be offered a seat of honor on the Rotary Christmas float.

It is obvious that social events are vital to a successful Rotary Club. That family atmosphere, so cherished by Rotarians, was very apparent throughout the afternoon and evening. It was wonderful to see all ages of attendees enjoy each other's company. A very special thank you to Jim and Lee Ann and Mike Emmerling for being such gracious hosts, to Kathy Musso for sign-ups, reminders, bill paying and to President Jim Baber for presiding over such an enjoyable time.

What does November Hold?

Bruce Trushel will be filling the program bill for us in a November which has four Fridays to fill.

11/1 Dane Summerville, an operation specialist and Dive Coordinator for the Locks and Dams Branch on the Allegheny River will be our speaker. Although no specific topic was provided, this is information we probably have not heard before.

11/8 Mark Bevilacqua, Fire Chief of the Wintersville Fire Department Volunteers, will describe the equipment they use and protective clothing they wear.

11/15 Local entrepreneur Stephen "Steve" Zdinak, has owned and operated several business and is currently an account executive with The Business Resource Network in Steubenville whose goal is "to help you identify, understand and access the services your business needs."

11/22 Bruce Trushel will present the program himself, entitled "Have 10 Will Travel." This will give the membership a chance to know one of our newest and hardest working members.

October is Over!

Laurel McDowell presented a wonderful cross-section of speakers. Great job, Laurel!

10/4 A very excited and enthusiastic commissioner Dave Maple described new economic development, including the Port Authority, infrastructure improvements, cost controls for the County and the oil/gas industry's impact locally.

10/11 Chris Ledyard, Director of Athletics at Franciscan, portrayed the university's approach to developing an athlete's mind, body and spirit. The improvements to Finnigan Field House embraces that methodology.

10/18 Dr. Neal J. Nesbitt, President of the Ohio State Medical Association, explained that Obamacare means more expense, fewer choices, more bureaucracy and more IRS involvement in our personal health care. It was not a hopeful discussion.

10/25 Dr. Patrick Macedonia described the benefits of robotically assisted surgery for both patient and physician. Becoming certified to do the surgery is difficult and challenging, but the results are a plus side of ever-changing medical options we face.

As I was reading the latest edition of *The Rotarian*, the article addressing sanitation issues really caught my eyes. In this day and time, those of us who live in the United States very seldom think of toilets

In 2001, Jack Sim founded the "World Toilet Organization" and in 2013 the UN voted to make the 19th of November "World Toilet Day." Mr. Toilet, as Sim is known, uses humor as a way to break through the toilet taboo. While we understand the importance of good sanitation, it makes sense to promote clean water and the use of toilets. While we may not like talking about it, it is very important to a healthy society. "It is not a criminal offense to go to the toilet, so let's get comfortable talking about it," stated Sim. Since we all have to use it, the next time you go, be mindful that many in our world do not have the same resources as we share in this country.

Thanks to all of you for demonstrating the true Rotarian Spirit by supporting Operation Warm. As Thanksgiving approaches, let's think of providing food for those less fortunate in our city. More information will come your way soon.

Do enjoy this beautiful fall season.

Jim Baber

[Editor's Note: My father, who described himself as "Bob, the Plumber" always said, "The plumber controls the health of a nation."]

November Birthdays are:

Dave D'Anniballe, Jim Emmerling, Steve Kline, Hank Kuzma and Pete Olivito will be celebrated in November. Be on hand to hear them roasted and to serenade them on November 15th.

Dates to remember. . .

11/13 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA.

11/25 YWCA Thanksgiving Brunch at 11:00.

12/7 Steubenville Christmas Parade at Noon
"Sights and Sounds of Christmas" featuring our
Oktoberfest King and Queen!

Did you Know . . .

. . . That October's 50/50 drawings were won by Mike Florak, Bob Hargrave (for Operation Warm), Mike Mehalik and Dick Powell. Our scholarship winners thank everyone who participates.

. . . That the \$100 first of the month prize was won by Terri Antill.

. . . That student guests have begun to visit us. We had Lynn Donahue from Toronto with Holly Eckart, Kriesten Presley, Amber Fuller and Danielle Mason and Ron Clark of Buckeye with Morgan Fidorka and Josh Figurski

. . . That our visitors in October were Tricia Maple, Tony Morelli, Jeff Cochran, Ken Perkins, Kelly Knight, Stan Sagan and visiting Rotarians Bill Cattrell (Weirton) and Susie Nelson (Wheeling).

. . . That Chuck Govey is organizing Rotary Bell Ringing to benefit the Salvation Army. Once again our "day" will be indoors at K-Mart. Thanks, Chuck, for taking on this duty year after year.

. . . That our president is very serious about monthly projects. He is planning to announce a food collection or donation campaign in conjunction with November's Thanksgiving holiday. In the past month's focus on Operation Warm, we raised over \$300 from the membership to be matched by the funds of the club.

. . . That we mourn with the families of two long-time Rotarians, Frank Biggio and Malcolm Irwin and with the Emmerling family at the loss of Lee Ann's mother, Gertrude Klingensmith.

. . . That we rejoice with Father Richard Davis, who attended our meeting on October 11th and was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship, donated by Christine Hargrave, from winnings from last year's raffle.

. . . That Ross Gallabrese and Jodi Scheetz are selling this year's edition of the "Joy" coupon books, available at the Secretary's table prior to Rotary each week.

. . . That two new members are proposed to our Club. Mike Florak has proposed Fr. Nathan Molavolti, VP of Community Relations at FUS and Karl Brandt has proposed Jerry Barilla of Frank and Jerry's, the Fort, Steubenville Revitalization, the Historical Society and other downtown, worthwhile endeavors. Comments may be made in writing to the Secretary for ten days.

. . . That Bruce Hitchcock is working on an international project to help bring potable water wells to Liberia. The project developer is Jack Hopkins. The three year project involves a \$107,000 budget. Rotary District 6630 has agreed to participate. Jack is willing to speak to organizations to encourage participation in an opportunity to literally save lives and build a nation out of devastation and poverty. Shall we ask him here?

Your Editor's Opinion

Sweeping clean - a tough job, but someone's gotta do it!

Once again, I have been inspired by *The Rotarian*, publishing an article that is particularly timely for me. It is on p. 25 of the November magazine and is entitled "The things we leave behind." It is a sad, but slightly funny and very practical article by a former husband of a woman dying of cancer, and how he, their daughters and she started getting rid of all the "stuff."

As you know from past newsletters and our conversations, I have just done that job in two houses owned by my dad and stepmom. I couldn't help smiling when I read this comment by the author. "When I was 17, I took it as an article of faith that you kept your high school yearbooks. But I have learned something in the last year: Your children do not want your high school year books. Admit it: Unless you are from an East Coast dynasty of prep school loyalists, not even you want your high school yearbooks."

He continues, "The impulse is to call the kids and ask, 'Should I throw out my marching band uniform from high school?' or 'Do you want my baptismal gown?' But that is the wrong approach. Save them the hassle of making such decisions, whether you are dead or alive. When in doubt, throw it out."

The author describes some of the sessions the family had together. When the mother was feeling well, it was like a family party, with food and laughter and joint decisions. When she was not so well, they became quiet, played music, shared memories, took time to love. The key is being together.

He points out - and so do I - that the next generation does not want your 1987 tax return - or, in our case, every cancelled check you've written in the past 23 years or every magazine delivered in the last 10 - years not months!

He closes, "Far up in your attic or deep in your basement, there is a lodestone of material possessions that keeps you revolving in your orbit around it. It is your stuff. And when you pass from this earth as all of us must, your children will come in and find their hearts twice rent from losing you and from inheriting your stuff. They don't want to let you go, and yet, cruelly, they have been forced to do so. And then your stuff becomes your proxy, and they do want to let it go, but it pains them to do so because, well you kept it, so it must mean something important. You see the dilemma?

What is life but time spent on earth? You can give your children the gift of time and therefore more of their own lives. The time you spend going through your own stuff is time they will not have to spend doing it."

Having lived through this, I hope many of us take his advice to heart. Living is about time together, not the gathering and stowing of stuff.

Time for some Humor:

I was recently given more amusing church bulletin blunders. Here are a few for you to enjoy.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help!

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in our church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespear's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up:

The associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

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December is Here Already!

Holiday time has arrived. Having Thanksgiving late does not make Christmas early. It makes less than a month between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We're on a very short time table.

This compact, but festive, time line also makes the importance of a Rotarian's commitment to service on the fast track. Should I support President Burton's request for funds to restore the Paul Harris home? Should I help fund the Steubenville Downtown Revitalization? Should I donate to the Grand Theater?

Should I pledge to the United Way, attend the Red Cross Holiday Auction, help the Urban Mission or the YWCA? What about Foundations at Franciscan, Trinity or the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley? Should I give extra to support my church? Or should we help indulge our kids and grandkids in a whole bunch of Christmas stuff (needed or not)?

These questions are not for our club to decide. These questions are for you, before the year end, to decide, and there are NO wrong answers. Perhaps this year, your family's needs are absolutely the most vital. Perhaps this year, everyone is doing fine and you can be generous to others. The joy of being a Rotarian is that you are committed to serve. Where you serve may be directed by your club, but at this time of year, it is also up to you.

Please participate in the annual raffle which helps our club meet needs all year. It's fun and it works. If all 50 members sell 8 tickets each, we have \$10,000, with a net of \$8,000 to help others.

Please don't forget to bring paper, scissors, tape and tags to help Suzanne wrap up Christmas for our Children's Christmas Party. Or bring your creative construction skills to help Cory prepare this year's Rotary float for the Annual Parade.

This coming Friday is a busy Rotary day. Please be part of it!

November-very interesting

Bruce Trushel introduced us to many characters, all in one program (11/22) and had three other great speakers, too. Thank you Bruce, for your creativity.

11/1 Dane Summerville, an operation specialist and Dive Coordinator for the Locks and Dams Branch on the Allegheny River explored the civilian side of the Corps of Engineers and noted that on the river, "you can move so much for so little."

11/8 Chris Minor, a fire fighter and paramedic from Wintersville, described how each person is given basic and intensive training and told of some miracles he had witnessed.

11/15 The Business Resource Network of Steubenville was represented by Angie Peters and her assistant, Anthony Iachini. They described ways in which their organization will help your business grow from worrisome to successful.

11/22 Bruce Trushel showed the "many faces of Bruce" in a most entertaining spoof of our Rotary - or perhaps - any Rotary Club. After an amusing discussion of fundraising, he taught us a clever game about the Ten Commandments.

December - over before you know it!

Cory Wingett confessed that he always chooses December because of the few Fridays to fill. Of course, he then volunteers hours for the parade, so he performs plenty of "service above self."

12/6 Kelli McCoy, local marketing entrepreneur, will describe the many changes being undertaken at Weirton Medical Center to keep it on the cutting edge of medicine.

12/13 Suzanne Kresser begins her tenure as coordinator of the Children's Christmas Party. We will welcome children from Steubenville Schools, along with their teachers and assistants. Santa's coming too.

12/20 Attorney Jane Hanlin has recently been selected as a federal prosecutor. She will tell us what new duties she will assume with this added responsibility.

A Bit of Babble from Baber:

As we complete the Thanksgiving season, I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your blind generosity toward others in our local and national communities. Each time that you have been called upon to assist in a project that enhances our community, you have embraced the request with open arms. In this season of thanks, let's not forget those who find themselves less fortunate.

The sudden change in the weather (wow, it is really cold as I write this), got me to thinking about the jackets that will be delivered to our club on December 6th by District Governor Deborah Esbenshade. How sad it is that children in our society, who did not ask to be here, must suffer so much at the hands of parents who do not or cannot properly care for them. Thanks to you, Rotarians, some forty (40) plus kids will be experiencing new, warmer jackets in a couple of days. Thanks to you we raised over \$800 for this activity.

There are club members who are facing some difficult issues in the workplace and in their personal lives. I ask that you keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

For the holiday seasons, Christmas and Thanksgiving, let us as a club keep in mind the idea of Rotary "service above self" which is so much a part of each of you. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and the joy of working as a Rotarian into the coming new year.

Jim Baber

December Birthdays are:

Just three in number. Be sure to celebrate with Mike Florak, Dan Keenan and Bruce Trushel, who's a true Christmas baby.

Dates to remember. . .

12/3 Red Cross Holiday Auction at St. Florian

12/7 Steubenville Christmas Parade at Noon
"Sights and Sounds of Christmas" featuring our Oktoberfest King and Queen!

12/11 Rotary Board will meet at Noon at the YWCA.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That November's 50/50 drawings were won by Dick McGowan, Pete Olivito, Bruce Trushel and Jody Glaub. We will begin the preparation for presenting scholarships right after the New Year. Buy a ticket and help the cause.

. . . That the \$100 first of the month prize was won by Brad Burkhead of Cattrell Companies, Inc. This is his second win of \$100.00. He said, "Thanks. I really like Rotary."

. . . That student guests have begun to visit us. We had Mary Hunt and Lorinda Saunders from EGCC introduced by President Jim. Paul Baker of Edison introduced us to Josh Smith and Matt Dillon.

. . . That our visitors in November were Jasmine Baber and Assistant Governor Mark Flake.

. . . That Chuck Govey is organizing Rotary Bell Ringing to benefit the Salvation Army. Our day is Tuesday, December 17th indoors at K-Mart. Thanks, Chuck, for taking on this duty year after year.

. . . That our president is very serious about monthly projects. He is asking us to donate toward Shelter Boxes to assist persons in the Phillippines with disaster relief.

. . . That we regret to announce that Cathy Davison has resigned from the Board of Directors and is taking a leave-of-absence from the club.

. . . That the YWCA hosted the community on Monday, November 25th to hear Msgr. Gerald Calovini and musician Phyllis McAlister share words and music about Thanksgiving.

. . . That Ross Gallabrese and Jodi Scheetz are selling this year's edition of the "Joy" coupon books, available at the Secretary's table prior to Rotary each week.

. . . That last month we had several FUS guests who did not get recognition in this newsletter. They were Diana Salcido, Chris Ice, Pete Rosaschi and John Lamanna. Thanks to Mike Florak for helping me remedy this oversight.

. . . That we hope to induct Father Nathan Malavolti and Jerry Barilla into membership in our club on Friday, December 6th. Please make them welcome.

Your Editor's Opinion

Nineteen - and counting!

Today, Tuesday, December 3rd, I will celebrate nineteen years of marriage to my best friend, Bob. He is quick to tell folks how many bets there were that we would never have *one* anniversary, let alone nineteen. But here we are, planning dinner at the Hyeholde and, hopefully, a trip to the Rose Bowl.

What does it mean to me to have a husband as a best friend? I was raised with two younger sisters - who were and are - my best friends. I have a few people who are so close that I consider them "best friends." Terri, Kate, my LC Bev and her four daughters - they are best friends all because of how I love them.

But my BEST best friend is *who* he is to me because HE LOVES me. He loves me without condition. He just loves me. I know it!

I count on the fact that he KNOWS I love him too without condition.

We certainly are not easy egos! We are each head strong, opinionated and - yes - selfish. So why has it worked? Perhaps because before Bob married me he introduced me to the 4-Way Test and encouraged me to think like a Rotarian. Then Lee Kinney asked me to be a Rotarian.

They both put thoughts in my head about Truth, Fairness, Benefit and Building Good Will - great thoughts, good feelings, happiness!

I actually believe that if couples contemplating marriage could chat with a good Rotarian about "the things we think, say and do," there would be far fewer divorces. I thank Bob, Rotary and the 4-Way Test for leading me to marital longevity with my best friend. . . . and that's the truth!

Time for some Humor:

It's Christmas Humor this month.

Reindeer's Story:

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December.

Female reindeer retain their antlers until after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl.

We should have known . . . ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

Trust Him?

On the Saturday before Christmas Reverend Billy Graham was walking down Highland Street in Mt. Holly, North Carolina on his way to see a parishioner. However, he wanted to post a parcel urgently so he asked a young boy where he could find the post office. When the boy had directed him, Rev. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to church tomorrow, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy replied, "I think I'll give your sermon a pass. If you don't even know your way to the post office, how will you lead me to heaven?"

Father Christmas Calls

Alex was five; all his Christmas presents were always signed, "From Father Christmas."

A little while after Alex had opened all his presents on Christmas morning, we became aware that he was looking quite down in the mouth for no obvious reason.

"What's the matter, Al?" I asked.

"Ummmm," replied Alex slowly, "I really hoped you and Mummy would give me something for Christmas this year."

Christmas Turkey

It was Christmas Eve and at the meat count, a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.

In desperation she called over a shop assistant and asked, "Excuse me, do these turkeys get any bigger?"

"No, madam," he replied, "they're all dead."

Christmas Riddles

How many ears has Captain Kirk got?

Three: the left ear, the right ear, and the final front ear.

How do snowmen get around?

On their icicles

What does Santa call reindeer that don't work?
Dinner.

What do lions sing at Christmas?
Jungle bells!

Merry Christmas to all!