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## Can You Read - Upsidedown?

This is Rotary's Literacy Month. How often it happens that just when someone requests a special announcement in this newsletter, *The Rotarian*, our club president, a humorous story or some other comment will underscore and compliment that request.

Here, from Suzanne Kresser, is that request:

On Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM, Garfield East Elementary School is asking Rotarians to donate just 30 minutes of their time to read to and with a student. *Read and Respond* is part of the district's reading curriculum encouraging every child to spend 20 minutes a day focusing on literature. [See specifics under "Did you know . . ."]

In RI President Ron Burton's opening article in *The Rotarian*, he describes how, as a first-grader, he and all his classmates were expected to read to the class, often holding a picture book for the others to see. He notes, "If you want to read out loud to a group while you show them the pictures, you can't do it the right way up. All the way through elementary school, we did that every week, until it didn't really matter to us which way we were holding the book."

He mentions that recently he was in a school where Rotarians come each week to read to children who need a little extra help with literature. Most of us have grown up in a world where you were read to, at home and at school, but today, even in the US, Ohio and Steubenville, there are children who do not have that privilege.

Rotary lists "basic education and literacy" as one of its top priorities, and puts the spotlight directly on this in March. How opportune for our Club that we are offered the chance to participate in this priority so close to where we live and work! It is relatively painless, takes less than an hour and provides the reward of a child's being able to hone his or her basic education and literacy skills.

Suzanne is a great organizer and has worked with the personnel at Garfield to set up this "when-you-are-available" chance for each Rotarian to help young people read. As President Burton concludes, "... what a gift we are giving when we help a child to read - whether it's a child on the other side of the world or right in our own hometown.

## March will bring Spring programs by Andrea Stoll:

Busy and quickly involved new member Andrea has arranged for four special speakers to visit us:

3/7 We will hear from Rob O'Hara, the CEO of the Upper Ohio Valley's YMCA's. Directed by our own Michelle Wilson, these busy "Y's" are making an impact on the health and well-being of many of our citizens - of all ages.

3/14 Ohio State Senator Lou Gentile will be back to bring us some up-to-the-minute information about our state and its government. This is a good day to prepare questions for someone who represents us.

3/21 Jason Elliott, who is the pastor of First Westminster Church, a beautiful and long-standing landmark in our downtown, will be with us to talk about downtown ministry and church relevance in 2014.

3/28 Cynthia Bougher is the CEO of Valley Hospice, where our program chair this month works. Ms. Bougher's will update us on the sensitive and special services provided to families in this time of need.

## February-Full of Ideas

John Brown introduced us to our newest community leaders, who shared goals and dreams for us.

2/7 Tim Bollard, newly hired city manager, noted that economic development is the game-changer, enhancing the city's tax base and allowing greater service to its citizens.

2/14 Evan Scurti, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Port Authority, explained his core areas of focus, including marketing, property development, management of industrial park, site development, financing conduit and infrastructure improvement.

2/21 Richard DeLuca defined his understanding of his role as President of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. "Much good has been done and I will respect that legacy, but we must evolve, collaborate, seek regionalization to improve the county's success."

2/28 Charley Joyce described the "Millennials" as a beloved generation, who multi-task, are tech skilled, have bright minds, embrace diversity, achievers who feel the pressure to do so and who live in the shadow of 9/11 and Columbine. They live a challenging life.

***A Bit of Babble from Baber:***

On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, I attended the District's Midyear Success Assembly in East Canton. It was a beneficial and worthwhile assembly. Rotarians from all over the District attended. The agenda reviewed club projects, the growth in the district, foundation giving, awards and the youth exchange project. Of interest was the cooperation of Rotary Clubs in the district. These activities are called "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Clubs such as Calcutta and East Liverpool, Canton and Massillon, North Canton and Jackson, and Malvern and Minerva, have all partnered to complete a project this year. This is food for thought for our club in the future. DG Debbie Esbenshade is appreciative for all that the Steubenville Club has done over the past year and so am I.

As we think of the question "Who is my Neighbor?", what an excellent question that each Rotarian should ask. Thanks so much for participating in collecting materials and money for the Red Cross care packages. "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" is part of our Four Way Test. This needed effort reflects on the questions of who is our neighbor and will it be beneficial to our neighbor. There are so many needs in our communities. Thanks so much for being concerned about your fellow persons and for being so kind and thoughtful. **All of you are true Rotarians!**

Our club project for April will be "Operation Families of the Fallen." This is a chance to support families of fallen veterans in the state of Ohio. Every county in the state has lost a soldier in this war. Let's be supportive. More details will follow soon.

For those club members who have had the opportunity to escape the cold and frigid Ohio weather for a few days, we can only say that we hope you enjoyed the trip and we missed you.

*Jim Baber*

**March Birthdays on 3/21:**

Celebrate the coming of Spring, daylight savings time and birthday boys John Brown, Alan Hall, Robert Hargrave, Charley Joyce and Rich McGowan.

**Dates to remember. . .**

3/8 Regional Spelling Bee at Buckeye North

3/12 Rotary Board meeting at Noon at the YWCA.  
It's a perfect opportunity for a make-up.

4/3 Herald Star/Chamber of Commerce Speaker Series  
featuring Captain Richard Phillips

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4/24 YWCA's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration! - Lunch and  
program on the history of this wonderful place.

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. . . That Rich Delatore, Amil Malesky and Christine Hargrave won the 50/50 drawings this month. Buy a ticket and support our scholarships.

. . . That Dick McGowan shared a touching article with the club by a flight attendant, stranded and well cared for by a small Canadian town on 9/11.

. . . That Bruce Trushel is chairing a fund raising committee which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month immediately following our meeting. Be a part of this vital group leading our club to greater success and service.

. . . That our visitors in February included Barry Gullen, Alex Lobeck, Donna Hrezo, Mike Paprocki, Kim DeLuca and visiting Rotarian Bill Cattrell and always-a-Rotarian Bob Lane. Paul Baker of Edison introduced Shane Pendleton and Tyler Staganni, seniors.

. . . That Bob Hargrave won the first February Raffle drawing. Due to early writing of this newsletter, the winner from the end of the month will be reported in the April issue.

. . . That our club is on the look-out for new members. As you go through your daily routine, look around your conference table, your lunch location, your bank and see if someone you see should be your guest at a meeting soon. He or she may be a perfect Rotary fit.

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *Desperately seeking sunshine . . .*

[Bob and I are going to Cancun.]

I'm depressed! I've been depressed. So I'm not funny or clever or creative right now. I'm just cold.

Now, I am no sun-worshipper. I don't lather up and let those rays age this body. [That's happening without any sunny assistance.]

In the past couple of years, when the cold blast hits, Bob says, "Let's go some place warm." Two years ago, we tried Sanibel (where Chalfants go). Last year, it was Key West (where Hersheys are now). A few weeks ago, we were in Naples (where Glaubs are now).

Guess what? Florida is cold in winters! It is not our kind of cold, the stay-in-the-house, under-a-blanket, shivery cold. But it is not sunbathing, porch card-playing, stroll without a sweatshirt warm either. [However significant numbers of flip-flops were worn on each trip.]

So we are embarking on an adventure. We are heading to Cancun. Saying that to most people provokes a reaction, some very positive, some not-so-positive. I would say the feedback to date is about 50/50, including a couple we had visit for dinner the other day where she was an enthusiastic, sun-loving "yes" and he was an "it's okay" tepid reaction.

What we know is the highs are 85° with nights in the mid-60's. Our room is supposed to be quite special at an Omni resort. We will learn for the first time what "all-inclusive" means.

I have a loaded Kindle-fire, complete with TV shows, movies and books. There are several decks of cards as well as the promise of an international Euchre challenge with my husband. We had enough Visa points to fly "in the front of the bus" (as Bob puts it).

What I hope to come out of this is sun-induced happiness, warmed up bones and a fella who smells like sunscreen. If you want to know what we think of Cancun, ask us next week. We will definitely have an opinion.

Special Note: I heard from Mr. Murdock, Jr. this week. Greg is Keith's son and has been receiving this newsletter since he first went to college. He is now a well established work force participant, and he likes my humor, especially puns. It was a treat to talk to him.

Special Note 2: It's always a delight to have Kate Carlson as my guest. I hope she comes again soon.

## Time for some Humor:

Speaking of literacy . . .

The English language is the most widely spoken on Earth. It boasts the largest vocabulary and one of the most impressive bodies of literature. But let's face it, it is killer to spell it correctly.

Some wise men have commented, "It is wildly erratic and almost wholly without logic;" "English spelling is the world's most awesome mess."

Decades ago, Carl Cochran, an English Professor, received a composition in which one of his students described his summer adventures in Venezuela, where he had worked for Gulf Oil. One error kept appearing. The student consistently misspelled the word *burro* as *burrow*. At the end of the essay, Professor Cochran wrote: "My dear sir: It is apparent to me from your spelling that you do not know your ass from a hole in the ground."

Here are some other classic student spelling errors:  
\* To celebrate at feasts, the inhabitants of old England sometimes cut the head off the biggest bore and carried it around on a platter.

\* Floods from the Mississippi may be prevented by putting big dames in the river.

\* They gave William IV a lovely funeral. It took six men to carry the beer.

\* On Thanksgiving morning we could smell the foul cooking.

\* My uncle suffers from sick as hell anemia.

\* I am in the mists of choosing colleges.

\* The doctor told me to take it easy until the stitches were out and that there would be a permanent scare.

\* In Pittsburgh, they manufacture iron and steal.

\* Every morning my father takes exercises to strengthen his abominable muscles.

\* During peek season, the beach is covered with hundreds of bikini-clad beauties.

\* They were sweathearts through high school.

\* I know people who have found dishes and tools and bowels from the Indians.

\* Vestal virgins were pure and chased.

[Thanks, Dick McGowan, for this amusing and timely piece.]

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## In Remembrance . . .

As most of you know, our club has lost another of our Honorary members. Danny Manalac died in February. Although he had not been in attendance much recently, he took his role and responsibility as a Rotarian very seriously. He sent a letter of advice to Marty Hauser when Marty was serving his second term as our President. I think it bears repeating here.

"These are statements I prepared to give as advice to incoming presidents, which I would usually deliver verbally, but somehow I missed doing that. These thoughts are still relevant. Please share them with the Rotarians.

1. You must be a liberal and paternal/maternal president in support of the membership, whether you are on the podium or not, like Judge Olivito did.
2. Make time for Rotarians to express themselves. If you have to start the meeting much earlier, do it, like Jody Glaub did.
3. You must have interesting programs, like Bob Hargrave has.
4. You must love to shock Rotarians or make them laugh, like Jodi Scheetz and Dick Powell do.
5. Just do your best. Be calm! Cool it, like Sue Hershey did.
6. Above all these, just be yourself, like Marty Hauser does, so we can appreciate your uniqueness.
7. You must love Rotary and Rotarians with a passion and live a retiring holy life, like me, Danny Manalac."

## Light Up Rotary!

It is time to meet our new RI President. He is Gary Huang from Taipei, Taiwan. He challenged the International Assembly delegates meeting in San Diego this January. "How you *Light Up Rotary* is up to you," he said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

He referred to Confucius as the world's first Rotarian, and his theme is based on the philosopher's words that it is better to light a single candle than to sit and curse the darkness.

## March went flying by with programs by Andrea Stoll:

Andrea's introductions were full of information and quite lively as she told us about these folks:

3/7 From Valley Hospice, Cynthia Bougher, its CEO, spoke with passion about her calling to this difficult yet rewarding community asset. Employing 160 people, VH serves the dying and their families.

3/14 First Westminster's pastor, Jason Elliott spoke about the challenge of forming relationships in communities and described their success summer program "Youth Works."

3/21 From his earliest days in office, Lou Gentile has been visiting to keep us aware of how we are represented in Ohio. Now a veteran senator, he told us about initiatives and legislation he proposes on our behalf.

3/28 Another revisit came from Rob O'Hara, CEO of the Upper Ohio Valley's YMCAs. His visit prior to the opening of the "Y" at the former St. John Arena promised great things. Four years and 8000 members later, he has more than delivered on those promises.

## April - Can It Be Spring?

Well, if robins bring spring, our program chair for April is a perfect choice. Dr. Robin Flohr will introduce us to the following:

4/4 Anita Petrella, Recycling Program Director and Louise Holliday, Education Coordinator of the JB Green Team will urge us to get involved in environmentally friendly habits for our county and tell us how the schools are participating with them.

4/11 We will have our annual visit from the Service Above Self Award winning students, with families and school representatives. We will hear the students discuss service and how it has affected their lives so far and will in the future.

4/18 No Rotary meeting today. The YWCA Good Friday Service and Luncheon is at 11:00. Please see Marilyn to make a reservation.

4/25 Charity Hospice Founder and Chief Innovative Officer (a website term) of Charity Hospice will tell us about the work of this Wintersville-based community resource.

*A Bit of Babble from Baber:*

As we depart from winter to spring, I thought about moving from world conflicts to peace in our world. Rotarians often give birth to new life in all parts of the world just as the Lord gives new life to the earth. I am moved by the outreach of Rotarians like Kathy Musso who has befriended someone like Moses from Uganda who visited with us on Thursday and Friday.

The ministry of Moses and his staff who seek to provide a safe haven for children in his country is definitely the true Rotary spirit and the spirit of the Christian faith. "Whatsoever you do to the least of these my little ones, you have done it to me." As Rotarians, let us continue to be mindful of those in our world, county and city that do not enjoy many of the same benefits and blessings that we enjoy each day. So the next time that you are involved in a conflict, work toward a resolution and seek peace.

As we focus on the advent of spring, our club must focus on developing new members. As you go about your daily activities, encourage others to become a Rotarian. We are thankful that our local newspaper, *The Herald Star*, promotes our programs weekly. Let each of us make it our goal to bring one additional member. Just think, if each member recommended one new member, we would double in membership. Wouldn't that be great!

Many thanks to Andrea Stoll for the excellent programs provided to our club for the month of March. Good job Andrea.

*Jim Baber*

**April Birthdays on 4/25:**

Celebrate the appearance of crocus, daffodils, fuzz on the trees and four birthdays, Christine Hargrave, Greg McDonnell, Mike Mehalik and Andrea Stoll.

**Dates to remember. . .**

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5/3 Weirton Rotary will sponsor "Run for the Roses," a fundraiser to which we are invited. See Kathy for details.

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. . . That Bruce Trushel, Andrea Stoll, Jim Baber, Jody Glaub and Adam Scurti won the 50/50 drawings. Adam donated his winnings to Moses, our guest from Uganda. This month we will reap the benefit of this project as we celebrate with our scholars.

. . . That the winners of our Raffle Project were Desiree Fletcher, Karl Brandt and Jim Emmerling.

. . . That Mike Florek has joined the list of Ashley Steele and Cory Wingett in training as our new leadership. Congratulations, Mike. Michelle Wilson and Laurel McDowell will also be joining the board of directors.

. . . That our visitors in March were Rotarians Mark Flake and Alex Marshall, as well as Ken Perkins, Man Wang, Tara Parks, Jan Rainbolt, Joe Emerson, Carole Scurti, Lynne Donahue from Toronto High with students Chelsea Henry, Katie Spadafora, Mary Pettus and Erin Taggart.

. . . That we were thrilled to see Alan Hall back at Rotary looking so happy to see us too.

. . . That Jim Emmerling has agreed to take on the role of Assistant District Governor in the coming Rotary year. Congratulations, Jim, as you make an effort to go and visit the clubs in Division 4B. Thanks to our two most recent past ADGs, Mark Flake and Mary Sue Lang, each of whom served the Steubenville Club with interest and commitment.

. . . That we were delighted to meet Kathy Musso's friend Moses Ssabegalla. Thank you, Kathy!

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *Secrets are awful . . .*

I sometimes keep secrets - and when I do - they sap my energy, strangle me mentally, challenge me in daily relationships and ultimately (more times than not) come back to bite me. I get found out!

Sometimes secrets - like surprise parties, special presents, visits or unnecessary information that never should be heard are okay. The first few are usually short-lived. The latter should probably be eternal.\*

Paul Harris guided us to Rotary. Rotary developed the Four-Way Test. The Four-Way Test teaches us a great deal about why, in the world of business, secretiveness is nearly always inappropriate and usually unethical.

Is it the truth? When you keep a secret, do you know for sure if it's true? Do you have all the facts?

Is it fair to all concerned? If you are keeping something from someone and that "something" affects that "someone," is it fair not to tell him/her? [\* Something you never tell may be okay.]

Will it build goodwill and better friendships? It is not likely to do that. It is more likely to build distrust, barriers and hard feelings. Lack of forthrightness hurts day-to-day relationships.

Will it be beneficial to all concerned? As Hamlet said, "That is the question." When something is going to happen in *our* world, sometimes I "delay" telling Bob. He just frets less. But in general, I like to refer to something Mr. Rogers taught me.

Fred Rogers sings a wonderful little song called, *I like to be told*. The lyrics say I want to know if it's going to hurt, if I'm going to be sad, if I might be afraid. Mr. Rogers might be the wisest man since Paul Harris. Both were so honest, put concerns of others first, approached people directly and not secretively. Let this type of behavior "begin with me." [I promise, Bob.]

### *About Cancun . . .*

Well, we went. It is my last visit to Mexico. I think I like to be busy too much to enjoy being at leisure all day long. Even though Bob says he wants to do that, he doesn't, so we struggled the first day or so. Once we accepted that we were going to be at the resort only, that we wouldn't have streets to amble down or shops to browse, once we opened the balcony door and stepped into the warm sunshine, we got into vacation mode. But, the airport coming and going was such a hassle. We will find our warmth in the USA from now on. It's good to be home!

## Time for some Humor:

Some timely tales . . .

A baseball manager walked out to the mound and said to the rookie pitcher, "Son, I think you've had enough."

"But I struck this guy out the last time he came up," the pitcher protested.

"I know, but we're still in the same inning."

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Four elderly men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf. The pro asked, "Have a good time out there?"

"Yes," the first old man replied. "I had three riders."

The second man added, "I had five riders, the most ever."

The third man chimed in, "I had seven riders, same as last time."

The fourth man concluded, "And I had 12 riders. Beat my old record."

After the men left, another golfer approached the pro and said, "I've been playing golf all my life and thought I knew all the terminology. What's a rider?"

"When you hit the ball far enough to get in the golf cart and ride to it."

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A local bartender believed he was the strongest man around. To prove it, the bar had a standing \$1,000 bet: the bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, then give the lemon to a patron. Anyone who could squeeze out one more drop would win the money.

Weight lifters, longshoremen and others tried, but no one could do it. One night, a scrawny man came into the bar and said, "I'd like to try the bet." Everyone laughed as the bartender squeezed the lemon and handed it over, but the bar went silent as the man squeezed out six more drops.

"What do you do for a living?" the bartender asked. "Lumberjack? Ninja?"

"IRS agent."

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A man answered a knock at his door and found a snail on his doorstep. He picked it up and threw it into the garden. Two years later, another knock at his door revealed the same snail on the doorstep, asking angrily, "What was that all about?"

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## Pertinent information . . .

This month's *Rotarian* is filled with vital information regarding Rotary Club membership - both attracting and retaining the people who make our clubs successful. Although the article is several pages long, there is a "Reader's Digest Version" on page 68 that sums up why our club is shrinking rather than growing. Ask yourself these questions:

1. Is my club's meeting time, format and location convenient for members with families or younger professionals still building their careers?
2. How well does my club reflect the age, gender and professional diversity of my community?
3. Whose interests are reflected in my club's programs?
4. Do ceremonial activities take time away from speakers, club business, project planning and networking?
5. Does my club have a plan in place to contact guests after they visit?

On the pages preceding this summary, there is an interview with current RI president Ron Burton, where he admits that he actually quit his Rotary Club because "I had little kids, a full-time job . . . If all you're doing is eating a bad meal every week at the Holiday Inn [not that we have bad meals at our YWCA], you're not going to stay in your club. That's why I stress the importance of engagement. We all have so many things calling on us that, to retain members, each one of us has to feel fully engaged."

When asked what one thing any member could do to support Rotary, his response was, "Invite someone. Get them involved, and keep them involved. If you find that magic, they'll keep themselves involved and invite others. I'm living proof of that. . . I quit my club because I didn't have anything to do. Then they asked me if I'd chair a committee. I stayed because I thought it was an important role."

## ***Light Up Rotary!***

Last month we had a brief overview from RI president-elect Gary Huang from Taipei, Taiwan. He wants to *Light Up Rotary*. Interestingly, our president-elect, Ashley Steele, has returned from PETS with the candle-theme at the forefront of her thinking. She, too, believes that one candle at a time will fill the world with Rotary light and will strengthen the ability of our club to serve our community and world.

## May is here:

Patricia Fletcher has the following selections for our programs in May:

5/2 Keith Murdock presents Justin Baker of Trinity Sports Medicine: "Skilled Improvements for Athletes of All Ages"

5/9 Laura Meeks of EGCC will discuss the various campuses of the fastest growing community college.

5/16 Robert Hargrave presents Guhan Venkatu, federal reserve economist from Cleveland will tell us its purpose and how it functions.

5/23 Ann Quillen, director of the Jefferson County Health Center will discuss the new dental clinic and the future of the health center, now located at Trinity East.

5/30 Bill Reed, telecom/network computer expert at FUS: "Is it really safe to open an attachment?"

## April - Showers of Info:

Robin Flohr did bring us interesting and informative folks to fill our entry to Spring. Thanks, Robin.

4/4 Anita Petrella, Recycling Program Director and Louise Holliday, Education Coordinator of the JB Green Team talked of their affiliation with "Keep America Beautiful" and noted that recycling is a program and a mission that is growing community wide. Programs in local schools are helping this goal.

4/11 There were 8 scholars chosen and each of them visited to tell us why they were deserving of a "Service Above Self" Award. As always, we learn from our youth.

4/18 A Good Friday service was presented with the guest speaker being Captain Griffin, new director of the Salvation Army. It was a thoughtful way to begin the Easter weekend.

4/25 Cathy Cich, founder of Charity Hospice, told us that hospice is not about death, but about life. She said you learn so much about living when you work with the dying.

***A Bit of Babble from Baber:***

Can you believe it? It is the month of May. There is so much to be done and time is running out for me as President of this great club.

As I reflect back over the past months, I only wish that I could have completed more goals, activities, helped more needy citizens, helped our club grow. My list goes on and on. Nevertheless, there is much to be said about you as a club and as individuals. You are the best!

I had to make an emergency trip to Florida this past Thursday to accompany six of EGCC's terrific students. I was moved by one of the keynote speakers who happened to be the gentleman who discovered the Titanic. He is 72 years old, but he has not lost his zeal to explore and to seek answers to questions such as "why," and "why not," and "what can I do about it."

This concept really fit those of us who are Rotarians. "What can I do about it?" This is the question that we as Rotarians should ask ourselves as we travel through life. "What can I do about it?" You, Steubenville Rotary Club, have done much. You have answered this question often. You have contributed much for the betterment of this area and you continue to be supportive of so many activities in our community. Thanks for all that you do.

Thanks, also, to all of you who make a concerted effort to attend the weekly meetings. I look forward to seeing all of you on Friday.

Many thanks to Robin Flohr for the excellent programs provided to our club for the month of April. Even though I missed most of them, you did well Robin. Also thanks to Suzanne Kresser, Carolyn Glaub and Ashley Steele, who presided in my absence.

*Jim Baber*

**May Birthdays on 5/16:**

Let's celebrate with Kyle Brown, Laurel McDowell and Kathy Musso as well as our leave-of-absence Rotarians, Cathy Davison and Mike McVey.

**Dates to remember. . .**

5/3 Weirton Rotary's "Run for the Roses" fundraiser.

5/14 Rotary Board at the Y at Noon. All members are welcome to attend.

5/18 Charity Hospice is hosting a spaghetti dinner/fund raiser at Triumph of the Cross beginning at 1:00.

6/22 Red Cross is hosting a golf outing. See Kathy Musso or Kyle Brown to register your team.

**Did you Know . . .**

. . . That we honored eight students on "Service Above Self" Awards Day. They were Karlee Jo Leonard and parents Ed and Kim, Monica Fischer and Mark and Susan, Melanie Sich with Alexander and Nataly, Madeline Williamson and George and Melissa, Patrick Scott with his brother, last year's winner, Jessica Eckersberg with mom Darla, Alyssa McIntyre with Michael and Mitzi and Zach Calabrese with David and Toni. Attending as school representatives were Lee Gillison, Jim Maul, Judy Bratten (home school rep), Leah Eft, Dolores Michnowicz and Krista Kinyo. The schools have been so helpful in this project and so supportive and proud of their students. It is always rewarding to see and hear about all the service done by young people throughout Jefferson County.

. . . That Alan Hall, Jodi Scheetz and visitor Craig Allen won the 50/50 drawings. In two raffle drawings, Karl Brandt and Grant Brokaw won the raffle money. You recently saw the recipients of your investment in this weekly drawing. Thanks. Please keep buying those tickets.

. . . That the YWCA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party was celebrated at a luncheon of 90 people, including many students from area high schools and hosted in part by the Y-Teens from Big Red, some of whom dressed in "Ten Decades of Fashion." We heartily congratulate the "Y" for so much faithful service for so long.

. . . That two visiting students were Madeline Williamson and Kayla Stewart from Edison High School. Madeline was also one of our scholars.

. . . That our visitors in March were Rotarians Susie Nelson and Alex Marshall, as well as Michelle Miller, Tara Forrest, Judy Bratten and Craig Allen.

. . . That two past-presidents, Suzanne and Carolyn, and one President-in-waiting (literally) Ashley Steele stepped in for Jim Baber throughout April. Thanks!



## Your Editor's Opinion

### *Learning from the past . . .*

Did you know that half of our current membership are living past presidents of the club? They are Dick Powell, Karl Brandt, Dick McGowan, Marty Hauser, Bob Hargrave, Chuck Govey, John Criss, Dan Keenan, Dave D'Anniballe, Gary Cain, Lee Kinney, Jon Brandt, Sue Hershey, Charley Joyce, Chris Irvin, Christine Hargrave, Jody Glaub, Kyle Brown, Ross Gallabrese, Suzanne Kresser, Brian Wilson, Jodi Scheetz, Carolyn Glaub and Jim Emmerling.

This group covers forty-five years of our club's service and history. Interestingly, last month's *Rotarian* discusses how to utilize input from past presidents to build a stronger, more appealing club for new folks, because long-time members are still participating.

Certainly, clubs are constantly changing, but they also have some historic practices that continue for generations. So while we add the "New Generations" Avenue of Service, we must keep a place for the perspectives of the past.

This week, Suzanne and I have invited the past presidents to come together to talk about the club's future. Our club is full of future presidents, but more importantly, our club has so much "Service Above Self" still to perform. As our numbers have dwindled, we are less and less able to bring necessary financial assistance to this community and beyond.

Many of our newer members are looking for service opportunities and fund raisers. It is critical that we are open to their ideas and draw from their energy to "do something" for the club. We do not want to hear a story similar to RI President Burton's decision to quit Rotary because he had no purpose in his club and didn't need just "another meeting."

If you have an idea simmering, please bring it to the attention of the board, so that we don't miss a single opportunity for this wonderful organization to grow and develop as it should.

### *Let's Fat - and so much more . . .*

I love Fridays. You have to eat lunch somewhere. Why not be with many like-minded and likable folks at the Rotary meeting? We come together at the YWCA because we have come to be a Friday-Family. I love the conversations, the shared concerns, enlightening information, a bit of gossip and the well-wishes for the weekend.

Recently, trying to be funny and very "off the cuff", I am afraid I have offended one of my special Friday Friends. As a Rotarian, who takes the 4-Way test very seriously, this is extremely worrisome. Sometimes when you ad-lib, you bad-lib. There was no intention of being offensive, and if a remark I made bothered you, please forgive me. It was never meant to hurt or disparage anyone.

## Time for some Humor:

As my birthday has just passed, I have been given a little humor book on thoughts about aging. Although not as funny as I'd hoped, many ring very true!

"I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older I find I don't want to do them."

"I refuse to admit that I am more than fifty-two, even if that does make my sons illegitimate."

Nancy Astor

You know you're getting older when:

you don't go anywhere without your sweater.

you can't find your glasses without your glasses.

you stoop to tie your shoelaces and ask yourself, 'What else can I do while I'm down here.'

your broad mind changes places with your narrow waist!

your head makes promises your body can't possibly keep.

Your childhood toys turn up in antique malls with huge price tags on them.

Two elders meet on a street corner downtown. One says to the other, "Gosh, I haven't seen you in years. I can't seem to remember - was it you or your brother who died?"

Side benefit of forgetting names and faces: You keep meeting new people every day!

Dilemma:

Perched in my shorts on the edge of my bed,  
With a shoe in my hand and my teeth in a cup,  
I'm looking for clues, so I don't have to ask:  
Am I going to bed now or just getting up?

Rose-colored bi-focals:

The older you are, the smarter you were as a kid.

Evolutions:

Lounge lizards have become couch potatoes.  
Trailers have become mobile homes.  
Iceboxes have become refrigerators.  
Stoves have become ranges.  
Lanterns have become flashlights.  
Roads have become freeways.  
Hopscotch has become break dancing.  
Garbagemen have become sanitary engineers.  
Janitors are now environmental serenity specialists.  
Simps have become wimps.  
Saps have become jerks.  
Secretaries are now administrative assistants.  
Plumbers have become rich  
And most amazing of all - WE HAVE BECOME OLD!

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## New Theme/Renewed Energy!

Our new Rotary International President Gary Huang has chosen a motto that our incoming local President Ashley Steele has embraced. There is no doubt that Ashley will "Light Up Rotary" and we all need to stand with her - every one of us! Let us shine!

Ashley is the epitome of a Rotarian, a daily practicing server-above-self. Who better to lead us through 2014-15 and who better for us members to rally behind than she? Our club has seen waning membership yet our enthusiasm for being Rotarians is strong.

A perfect example is our recent first meeting of our past presidents. There were more than twenty past presidents who attended and others who voiced support but could not be there. The meeting teemed with energy and enthusiasm for Steubenville Rotary.

It was a delight to have a third visit from our current District Governor, Deborah Esbenshade. What a champion she has been for our district - and for our club! This is a woman who has discovered Steubenville, and she likes us. She really likes us.

We must echo her compliment to President Jim Baber for getting to so many of the district events and meetings. He has helped keep us up-to-date on what the district is doing, and he has also helped keep the district up-to-date on what we are doing. This mutual communication does require effort to get up early and drive quite a distance to enhance this partnership between district and club. We as members should thank both Jim and Deborah for "going the extra mile (literally)" for our Rotary club.

Next year, Jim Emmerling will serve DG elect Phil Mariola as Assistant Governor and Kathy Musso has agreed to serve on a district-level committee that Deborah is going to chair. Our commitment to "Light Up Rotary" is in full swing. Another year of service is upon us.

## May's Programs - a big hit!

Patricia Fletcher's programs educated us from many sources. Thanks, Patricia for a month filled with challenges to us all.

5/2 Keith Murdock presented Justin Baker of Trinity Sports Medicine: "Skilled Improvements for Athletes of All Ages"

5/9 Laura Meeks of EGCC put true meaning into "Better Education/Better Life" with emphasis on the Horizon Grants, for county students who go straight from high school and can then transfer all their credits. Congratulations EGCC on 45 successful commencements.

5/16 Guhan Venkatu, federal reserve economist from Cleveland, painted a fairly bleak picture of the national economy and an even darker view of our situation locally. Probing questions of the audience did improve the outlook slightly.

5/23 Beth Ruppert introduced Ann Quillen, director of the Jefferson County Health Center, whose outlook was truly on the bright side of this community. The free clinic is serving over 2000 patients and has provided over \$2 million in medications to those in need.

5/30 Bill Reed, computer expert at FUS, warned us of many potential dangers in cyberspace. This very frightening message encourages each of us to be careful. The "bad guys" (as he described them) could be watching us right now!

## June is Here:

Beth Ruppert Warren will introduce us to the following folks as we welcome summer:

6/6 Melissa Ryan, a licensed massage therapist, will discuss her profession and how we may benefit from her "treatment."

6/13 Goodwill Industries' job developer Dawn Gombard will let us know what occurs at the facility we see so often.

6/20 Don Heiss, of Teramana Cancer Center will describe its food bank.

***A Bit of Babble from Baber:***

Greetings! Can you believe it? This is the last bit of "Babble from Baber" I am going to miss my role as president of the Steubenville Rotary Club. All of you are such a joy to work with. As nervous as I was about taking this role, I couldn't be any more satisfied with the end results. We have completed many of the goals we set out to accomplish. Thanks to all of you for your participation and a very successful year.

As a club, we pause for a moment to remember our fellow Rotarians who have fallen asleep. The Rotary Club has past members who did great things. So in this memorial season, let us not forget their contributions to this organization and to our community. In the nine years that I have been a member in Steubenville Rotary, I continue to be amazed at the many outcomes completed by such great people. Let's make sure that we tell the great stories often of those who are deceased.

Now I wish to thank all of you for helping me this past year. I urge each of you to do all that you can to ensure that our club is the number one club in the nation.

God Bless!

*Jim Baber*

**May Birthdays on 6/20:**

A big celebration is coming for Patricia Fletcher, who should be joined by Howard Brettell and Father Richard Davis with birthdays this month.

**Dates to remember. . .**

6/11 Rotary Board at the Y at Noon. All members are welcome to attend and learn of volunteer opportunities throughout Rotary.

6/22 Red Cross is hosting a golf outing. See Kathy Musso or Kyle Brown to register your team.

6/26 Rotary Roasts **Adam Scurti**. Don't miss the chance to laugh along with Adam as he offers his good nature to help increase the club's coffers. Your early birthday gift of \$ to him will go directly to our Foundation account. Tickets are \$30 for food and admission. BYOB. The fun begins at 5:00 at Bella Hall.

**Steele - Thinking of You:**

A word or two from Ashley -

In less than a month, I will stand before you and take the oath of office for the 2014-2015 Steubenville Rotary Presidency. Thank you for this great honor!

It has been four years since I first joined you for a Friday lunch. I want you to know your hospitality made quite an impression on me. A smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement - your acts of kindness did not go unnoticed.

Your support these past four years, both personally and professionally, has been a blessing as well. What a testament to your character and your commitment to being a Rotarian every day of the week!

On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to the Steubenville Rotary Club's annual induction ceremony - our Changing of the Guard. On this day we will give thanks for Dr. Baber and his contributions to Rotary and the larger community during his presidency. We will also talk about the future of our Rotary Club which, from my perspective, looks "bright."

Please join us on this day, and as always, invite a friend!

*Ashley*

**Did you Know . . .**

. . . That Father Richard Davis, Jim Emmerling, Sylvia Ensell and Christine Hargrave won the 50/50 drawings. In two raffle drawings, Marty Hauser and Jody Glaub were the happy winners. Thanks. Please keep buying those tickets.

. . . That the club has welcomed its newest member Man Wang (who goes by Peggy) who was proposed by Jim Baber. Peggy lives in Richmond with husband James Ramsey and owns Sunrise Consultancy, LLC. She has already been selling 50/50 tickets and is happy to volunteer her talents to our club.

. . . That two visiting students were Laralee Popp and Ty Hall from EGCC.

. . . That our visitors in May were Justin Meeks, Nicholas Charles, Greg Lamatrice and Ron Ferguson. We also welcome Mark Miller and his guitar.

. . . That we congratulate Charley Joyce on his second retirement and his ability to get around with a stress fracture. Enjoy your leisure, Charley!

. . . That we wish our President and DG the best as they resume "life after Rotary leadership."

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *Weddings - What fun!*

About a week ago, I experienced one of the sweetest weddings I have ever attended. It was a "true love" event when Bill Ferroni married Terri Antill in their backyard.

When Judge Joe Corabi asked, "Will you take Terri to be your wedded wife?", Bill responded, "Am I supposed to yes?" Joe said, "That's fine. Say yes." So Bill said, "Ok then. Yes."

Joe turned to Terri and said, "Will you, Terri, in spite of Bill's question, take this man to be your husband?" While I thought Terri should say, "Oh sure," she actually answered "I will." From then on the wedding stayed on script and was just wonderful.

With family and neighbors as witnesses, the most perfect weather day of the spring and flowers, food and drink everywhere, it was a great party. And you know, "They've only just begun . . ." I know they'll live happily ever after.

(By the way, the bartender was really cute!!)

Next week, I am going to Louisville, Kentucky to see my little cousin get married - in a Catholic Church - with this little Methodist minister playing the mass! (Uh oh). Fortunately, I have a local mentor who is coaching me on what to play when, another cousin who will be singing and giving me cues, and Bob, my kids and grandkids as my cheering section.

We've been close to these cousins for many years, and Bob (the bartender mentioned above) has served throughout the past six months as her fashion consultant, choosing the perfect wedding gown for our little bride. There will be family fun for sure, so our summer is beginning with a series of love stories. What a great start to June!

### *Don't miss the fundraiser . . .*

Be sure to come to Bella Hall on Thursday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup> to have a little pre-birthday fun at Adam Scurti's behalf. This idea (a brain child of Bruce Trushel's) has provided successful fund-raising for other Rotary clubs. Of course, you need to be part of the evening for it to truly be a success.

It begins at 5:00 with hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Bring a bottle of wine or some beer and settle in for an evening of silliness to benefit the vital work of this Rotary club. Adam keeps cards; Rotary any money.

### *Don't miss the Changing of the Guard*

The very next day, at our regular Rotary meeting, we will move Jim Baber back to the floor and Ashley up to the stage as we prepare to "Light Up Rotary."

## Time for some Humor:

In thinking about Father's Day . . .

Teacher (on phone): You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?  
Voice: This is my father.

Joe: What does your father do for a living?

Jon: He's a magician. He performs tricks, like sawing people in half.

Joe: Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Jon: Yup, four half-sisters and a half brother.

Four men were in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answered the man. I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!"

"That's weird," he answers, "I work for 3M company."

Then a nurse tells the third dad, "Congratulations, you are the proud father of quadruplets!"

"That's strange," he responds, "I work at the Four Seasons Hotel."

The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others asked.

"I work for 7-up."

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!

Manny: How do you like the drum set you got for your birthday?

Theo: I love it!

Manny: Why?

Theo: Whenever I don't play it, my dad gives me 10 bucks.

Dad: Son, if you keep pulling my hair, you will have to get off my shoulders.

Son: But, Dad, I'm just trying to get my gum back!

Dear Dad,  
School I\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need. \$o ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Love, your \$on.

Dear Son,  
I kNOw astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.  
Love Dad.

Science teacher: When is the boiling point reached?  
Science student: When my father sees my report card.

**Happy Fathers Day, Rotary Dads!**

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## Passing it on!

What do you do with your *Rotarian* magazine after you have finished reading it (and in my case, working the crossword puzzle)? In a letter to the editor this month, there is the suggestion to "pass it on." A club in Illinois encourages their members to bring them to a meeting where they are collected and then distributed to waiting rooms throughout the area.

It may be easier for us to each target a waiting room we visit and just ask if we could place our monthly magazine there for the edification of others who wait. It's not only a good way to share the information in the magazine, but a great way to enhance awareness of Rotary. Our attractive magazine, which is currently being very well written, is likely to find a curious person or two who will pick it up, find it interesting and may decide to ask someone what Rotary is all about.

Even though much of our communication these days is electronic, there is still plenty of value in the printed word. I still enjoy turning the pages of a book, or reading Ross or Janice's columns. I love it when, by the end of Sunday, there is newsprint on the side of my hand, from resting it on the many crosswords available that day.

Another item of interest in the current *Rotarian* is the excellent article written by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. It was surprising to me to learn that he has written several books and is a Rotarian. Apparently another article he wrote was in the February issue. I am going to look that one up, since it is on "Three Rules of Retirement" and that seems to be a subject on my husband's mind of late.

In the article in the current issue, he writes about how important learning history is to healthy development. He notes, "No matter what technological advances we make, humanity at its core is about how we love and what we're willing to do in the name of love."

Isn't that really what being a Rotarian is all about? Once again, the magazine and its writers have inspired me to think about why I come to these meetings every week. I certainly don't want any of us to miss the opportunity to provide service above self. As we celebrate the coming of a new Rotary year, let each of us remember why we became a Rotarian and learn from our years together that our work is far from over. There is much to be done. It is our opportunity to work with Ashley to provide Rotary service to others.

## July - will be a surprise!

Cory Wingett, who is our President-elect and over-all program chair in 2014, has asked for help in filling the program spots in July.

7/4 Fourth of July - No Rotary. Go somewhere with your family and enjoy "Independence Day!"

7/11 "Changing of the Guard" - In Steubenville Rotary Speak that stands for installation of officers. This year, District Governor Phillip Mariola will visit and install President Ashley Steele and the other officers listed on the back page of this newsletter. There will be special recognition of Jim Emmerling, newly appointed Assistant Governor.

7/18 There will be a surprise on this Friday. You won't want to miss it!

7/25 In recent years, our club has had the pleasure of taking field trips to WTOV9 and The Herald Star. This summer, we are invited to The Old Fort Steuben.

## June is Gone, but where?:

Beth Rupert Warren brought informative folks to help us learn more about what is available to us here in our hometown.

6/6 Melissa Ryan, a licensed massage therapist, told us about Quality Health Massotherapy, which "should be first in line in conservative treatment." It is not painless, but "no pain, no gain," she said with a smile.

6/13 Goodwill Industries' job developer Dawn Gombard told us of the many ways their store and services help not just the needy but the thrifty and the elderly in our communities.

6/20 June Crago, volunteer at Teramana Cancer Center's Dietary Institute talked about providing healthy food products to cancer patients who could not necessarily afford them in a pilot program funded completely by donations.

## *Maid of Steele*



### *Something Bigger Than Ourselves:*

As I write today, Team USA just earned its spot in the last 16 of the World Cup. News reports, Twitter feeds and Facebook posts were all abuzz that the USA was advancing despite initial hesitations of their ability to compete in the world arena.

This evening's news projected pictures of Americans celebrating across the world. It was the same scene all over - red, white and blue painted faces, World Cup USA scarves held high, the ever impressive American flag flying proudly and the familiar chant, U-S-A!

Whether you're a soccer fan or not, you can't help but cheer on this team of underdogs. Even if they don't make it any further, these "football" players sure have generated much pride for the rest of us back home.

This current interest in the World Cup confirms to me that people desire to be a part of something bigger than themselves, that perhaps deep down in all of us is a need to be connected, to be in relationship and to experience life together. It's what inspires us, keeps us motivated and provides a common bond.

I feel like I can say the same thing about our Rotary Club. This desire to be a part of something bigger than ourselves is what keeps us coming back Friday after Friday, week after week. We take pride knowing our local Rotary as well as Rotary International is making a profound impact in the world. We share a special bond with each other knowing that the person sitting across the table from us is one of our biggest fans.

As your 2014-2015 President, please know I count it a privilege to be a part of your team. I will be your biggest cheerleader, supporter and encourager of new and creative projects, ambassador to the community and keeper of the rich traditions of our beloved Club.

All I need from you is a reminder that we are all in this together, that Rotary is much bigger than any one of us and that it is a privilege to be a part of an organization with such profound impact.

Oh, and one last thing . . . when we need a boost, shout the occasional chant . . . RO-TA-RY!

*Ashley*

## **July Birthdays on 7/18 :**

Please join us to celebrate the birthdays of Karl Brandt, John Criss, Rich Delatore, Sylvia Ensell, Terri Ferroni, Richard Powell and Adam Scurti.

## **Dates to remember. . .**

7/9 Rotary Board at the YWCA at Noon. All members are welcome to attend and learn of volunteer opportunities throughout Rotary. This will be Ashley's first meeting as President and Chair.

7/11 First Rotary meeting of the new term. Be sure to be on hand to help Ashley "Light up Rotary!"

## **Did you know . . .**

. . . That Ashley, Matthew and Theo Steele have welcomed Elliot Drew to this world. He was born on June 12<sup>th</sup> and weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 ozs. He was 21" on his "birth" day. Congratulations to the growing Steele household!

. . . That the new program chairs for this year are listed on the back of the Contact. The new logo and slogan are there, as well as a list of this year's officers, our District Governor's name and contact information and reminders about important dates and make-up locations.

. . . That our 50/50 was won by Beth Rupert Warren, our June program chair, and by Sylvia Ensell, one of our newest members. Thanks to everyone who continues to support this worthwhile "game" to fund our nine scholarships.

. . . That we had no student guests in June, due to most schools being closed, but we did have a visit from Teresa Schiappa, Marty Malesky, Stacey Williams, Marti Wukelic, Nick Charles and Nick Orsay.

. . . That newsletters from other sources are full of information. The Port Authority has an on-line newsletter reporting its progress locally and offering opportunities to learn and share. "Library News" from our local library is teeming with chances to fill your summer with fun, food and games. The Urban Mission's newsletter has a cover story this month on Elliot, complete with photos, and also notes the need to begin gathering school supplies and cranberries for Thanksgiving. The Historical Society of Jefferson County always has a fascinating newsletter. If you belong to other organizations that send newsletters, include a copy to me. I will highlight special events and fundraisers to our Rotarians.

. . . That we thank Jim Baber for a job well done!

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *Missed Opportunities!*

To all who made it to Bella Hall last Thursday to participate in the "roast" of Adam Scurti, I am sure you'll agree that it was a very funny time. Bruce Trushel, Keith Murdock, Jody Glaub and Bob Lane each had a field day at Adam's expense, and emcee Ross Gallabrese got in plenty of digs of his own - and not just at Adam, but at the other presenters, as well. The "roasters" were very well prepared, and Adam was an extremely gracious punching bag. His closing remarks were funny, self-deprecating and a little bit poignant, as he spoke about his many good friends in Rotary, and made special mention of Dick Powell, who was the "Club Roaster/Comedian" for many, many years.

Bella Hall is a great place for an event like this. Special thanks to Jim and Lee Ann for opening their doors to this club so often. The light buffet from "Triple Play Café" was just the perfect snack to begin this informal fun.

We were a small, but hearty group, and our compliments go to Bruce Trushel for organizing and to Adam, Carleen and Monica, who took the ribbing well for a good cause. Remember, between now and his actual birthday (July 17<sup>th</sup>), you may make a contribution to our Steubenville Rotary Foundation in his honor to help fund the important work of the Club and RI throughout the world. Just drop off your "gift" to Kathy or to Adam.

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Speaking of Keith Murdock and Jim Emmerling, how many have had a chance to watch the "first pitch" at the Pirate game on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>? Was that fun or what? It just happened that my daughter and her family attended that game - and suddenly she hears these names she knows! She was really impressed. Then I learned on Facebook that Keith used his father's baseball glove. I even got Bob to watch the video. If you missed the chance to see it "live," there is video out there of these two Rotarians throwing themselves - literally - into Pirates' baseball. Let's go Bucs!!

### *An Opportunity you haven't missed!*

Due to Elliot taking his time to join his family, Ashley requested a little longer to get back on her feet, so the board voted to postpone the "Changing of the Guard" until Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. If you thought you missed it last Friday, you are in luck, because you did not.

Our District Governor, Phil Mariola, will be on hand to do the honors for Ashley and her officers. It will be a great time to be present and "Light Up Rotary."

## Time for some Humor:

Independence Day is coming . . .

*What* did King George think of the American colonies? He thought they were revolting!

*What* happened as a result of the Stamp Act? The Americans licked the British!

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual Fourth of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.

"This baked ham is delicious," the Priest teased the Rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Warren's prized Virginia baked ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The Rabbi looked at the Priest with a big grin and said, "At your wedding!"

### **And now - an important message:**

To the citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

In light of your failure in recent years to nominate competent candidates for President of the United States, and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence effective immediately.

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and territories (except Kansas which she does not fancy).

Your new Prime Minister David Cameron will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections. Congress will be disbanded.

A questionnaire will be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed. To aid in the transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are introduced with immediate effects: (You should look up "revocation" in the Oxford English Dictionary.)

1. Look up aluminium and check the pronunciation guide. You will be amazed at how wrongly you have been pronouncing it.
2. The letter "u" will be reinstated in words such as colour, favour, labour and neighbour. Generally you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (Look up vocabulary.)
3. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 PM with proper cups with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes, plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.

On this Independence Day weekend, God Save the Queen.

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## Membership Growth Means Service Grows, too!

Did you know that August is Membership and Extension Month? There has been much talk through the past several years in our club about membership. In fact, our dwindling numbers have had a drastic effect on our ability to serve our community. It is a problem we need to face head on.

So where do we look for new members? Our RI President looked across the breakfast table. Last year, a new club was chartered in Taiwan, and his wife Corrina said to Gary Huang, "It's time for me to be a Rotarian too." She joined the new club which now boasts 102 members - in just one year!

President Huang points out that just getting someone to join is not the answer to Rotary membership. The person truly becomes a member when he or she is enjoying being a Rotarian and never wants to leave! He states, "... making sure that our clubs are enjoyable places to be is a key part of growing membership."

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## Words in Print

As we sat at lunch together at the Fort last Friday, my tablemates and I began to discuss the printed word, mainly newspapers (as Ross was at our table), and how much all of us enjoy holding that newspaper or book. Today, in the latest issue of *The Rotarian*, a letter to the editor addresses that very matter regarding the magazine itself.

The writer indicates, "Every month, the magazine arrives at my office, where mail for the entire 21-story building is sorted in the basement. Each Rotarian receiving the magazine at a physical address is making a visual impact on non-Rotarians who see our message. The magazine can be easily shared, passed around the office and left in the break room. And the cover photos grab me in a way that an e-mail subject line can never do."

One reason you each receive this newsletter on paper is due to my commitment to printed reading material. I hope you agree with me that printed words - written words - are a vital part of our education and edification. Please keep reading.

## August's Programs:

President-elect and annual program chairman Cory Wingett has taken on the month of August. Here is what he has in store for us.

8/1 Darin Lautenschleger of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy will address clean water issues, one of Rotary's main focuses worldwide.

8/8 TBA - Arranged speaker cancelled. Watch the website and e-mail for updates.

8/15 Patricia Allen from the Jefferson County Children's Service Agency will come to talk to us about the plight of and services to troubled and needy children in our area.

8/22 Michael Angelo is a motivational speaker and Rotarian from Caruso Royal Oaks, Michigan. For all of you who love "out-of-town" speakers, forgive his Michigan roots and come to hear what he has to say.

8/29 Eric Towell, representing Invesco, will discuss economic and market outlooks.

## Goodby to July:

6/29 Beth Warren's last program was Steve Forte from Fishers Council, a non-denominational ministry of community out-reach. They walk the streets and foster trusting relationships with people from all walks of life.

7/11 District Governor PhilMariola visited and presided at our Changing of the Guard. Phil hopes to help clubs struggling with membership and to tell the Rotary story better. President Ashley plans to help us all "Light up Rotary" near here and far away. She wants to recognize the impact Rotary has and get every member involved in what we do.

7/18 Sheriff Fred Abdalla shared stories of his endless day, which includes solving murders, growing tomatoes and peppers and busting drug dealers. He likes to help children in unfortunate circumstances.

7/25 Rotary picnic at Old Fort Steuben, hosted by Jerry Barilla, was wonderful. The trivia quiz presented by Alan Hall, who also selected many prize winners, was informational and gave new facts to many of the Rotarians present. Jerry invited us to make the Fort an annual luncheon stop for our Club. The picnic food, provided by the Y, was delicious.



## *Maid of Steele*



*Remembering our past . . . taking responsibility for our future.*

Last week our Rotary took a "field trip" to the Fort in downtown Steubenville. I truly enjoyed our time there as it was wonderful to visit such a bright spot in our city and learn a little more about our history. (Thanks, Alan Hall!)

It was a good reminder to me that I must never take history for granted, to appreciate those who have gone before me and to learn from their leadership. What great value to our city to have the Fort (thanks in large part to Rotarian Dick King), the murals (thanks to Rotarian Louise Snider), the long-time businesses and long-time residents to gain wisdom from!

The same can be said about our Rotary Club. Our history is rich. We have strong ties to the community and I hold a deep appreciation for our forefathers and mothers (since 1989) who helped pave the way for us.

But as we remember the past, we must also take responsibility for our future. We, as Rotarians, hold a sacred trust with each other as well as the community.

We were chosen into membership in the Rotary Club of Steubenville because our fellow members saw something special in us. They believe we already demonstrate the characteristics of service above self in our workplaces, our places of worship and our homes. They believe we can make a difference in our community, shining light in the darkest of places for the benefit of all concerned. And now they believe we are worthy of the name Rotarian.

Yes, it is no easy task, but it is one we are already equipped to do, not on our own, however, but collectively. As we enter into a "new year" of Rotary, let us stay true to our past, lifting up the high ideals of service above self, while remembering it is up to us to march boldly into the future paving the way for the generations to come.

Our responsibility begins now. . .

With appreciation to all of you and especially Cory and Kathy for organizing last Friday,

*Ashley*

## **August Birthdays - 8/15 :**

Celebrate with Jon Brandt, Ed Cusick, Carolyn Glaub, Sue Hershey, Lee Kinney, Amel Malesky, Keith Murdock and Ashley Steele. This should be a fun roast - and a good collection!

## **Dates to remember. . .**

8/13 Rotary Board at the YWCA at Noon.

8/15 Red Cross "Girls Night Out" at the Bates Barn on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. \$35/person, includes food, spirited beverages, DJ Scott Feist, a purse auction and more. See Kathy for more specifics.

9/2 Deadline for submitting requests for grants for the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley Women's Giving Circle. The projects must serve women and/or girls. See Christine if you know an organization that may have interest.

9/11 Herald Star and The Chamber Speaker Series present Col. Mark Tillman, Air Force One Pilot. Col. Tillman flew President Bush on 9/11 and during his two terms as president. This evening, our community will honor veterans and first responders. Tickets are available through the Chamber of Commerce.

9/20 8-Noon Rotary PR/Marketing Workshop, Foltz Community Center, East Canton, OH

10/18 Rotary Leadership Institute, Foltz Community Center, East Canton, OH - \$100 fee; 7 hour session.

## **Did you know . . .**

. . . That a guest at our Changing of the Guard was Anthony Biggio, an author of the book *You Told Me That Before*, about growing up in Steubenville with stories from his father and grandfather from World War I to Prohibition to Slot Machines. The book was privately published, but (according to the librarian serving us the longest) our library has a reference copy and two circulating copies in the Local History Room at the Schiappa branch.

. . . That Jim Baber was honored on July 18<sup>th</sup> at our meeting for his year of service as our president.

. . . That our 50/50 drawings were won by Sylvia Ensell and Barry Gullen. Thanks for supporting the scholarship fund. Raffle winners were Jody Glaub and Ross Gallabrese.

. . . That we had visiting Rotarians Tony Biggio and Susie Nelson and guests Bernadette Mariola, Marianna Biggio, Stacy Williams, Dan Flohr and Chloe Wilson.

. . . That two programs which will be a major focus for District 6650 and, therefore, our club, are the continuation of "Operation Warm," and "Operation Family of the Fallen" to help families who have lost loved ones or are caring for service people with injuries.

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *At Time to Mourn*

Lately, my husband has been watching PBS retrospectives featuring Peter, Paul and Mary, Judy Collins, Pete Seger and others, taking me back to some memories from the past that make me smile and make me cry. The song, "Turn, Turn, Turn," based on scripture from Ecclesiastes, is especially moving to me right now, because I have lost yet another friend and neighbor, Jim Allen.

When Bob and I married and moved to Weirton, Jim and his wife Rosemarie made us feel at home. I realized, upon reading Jim's obituary that when we moved there, they were approximately the ages that we are today. Although they were parental in age, they were anything but that in activities. They loved parties, people, food, family and fun! Rosemarie became my best neighbor ever. Their porch was party-central.

We lost Rosemarie three years ago and Jim this week. At the funeral home, they had pictures rotating which showed many of the times we had shared in their lives. At Jim's funeral, the service began with a recording of Frank Sinatra singing "My Way" and ended with a recording of "Anchors Aweigh," as Jim was a Naval Officer in World War II and Korea.

Eighty-eight years should be celebrated - and it was, but there is still reason for tears. As the pastor said, letting go is very hard, even for the most faithful.

My dad began talking about "more sand in the bottom of the hour glass" when he was about fifty years old. That hour glass, which I bought him for his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday, now sits in my office - a reminder that 50 is the new thirty and for me was a good while ago.

Not meaning to be maudlin, I cannot stop thinking about how important it is not to waste any more time. Looking at each day as an opportunity to make the world a better place, I feel compelled to try harder, to be a better Rotarian - a better server above self. Every day is an opportunity to love more and to show it; each hour is a chance to be a better friend to those I meet and to make contact with those I don't see often enough any more.

I think that is part of what Rotary wants to teach us, what Paul Harris was trying to share with his contemporaries. This life is a finite gift. Don't waste a moment on trivial and petty things. Spend each dollar wisely. Spend each minute even more wisely. Perhaps it goes back to RI President Huang's "Light Up Rotary." I don't want to waste my time "cursing the darkness."

## Time for some Humor:

### Little Andy's First Day of School:

Mrs. Whyte was explaining to her class that each day would start by saying together "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." She instructed the students to put their right hand over their heart.

As Mrs. Whyte starts the recitation, she looks around the room and sees Andy who has his hand over the right cheek of his bottom. "Andy, I cannot continue until you put your hand over your heart."

Andy looks up and replies, "It is over my heart."

After several more attempts to get Andy to do it correctly, Mrs. Whyte inquires, "Why do you think that is your heart, Andy?"

"Because every time my Grandma comes to visit, she pats me there and says, 'Bless your little heart,' and my Grandma never lies."

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One liners about education - from some wise guys!

I have never let schooling interfere with my education.  
*Mark Twain*

I took a test on existentialism. I left all the answers blank and got 100. *Woody Allen*

My school was so tough the school newspaper had an obituary section. *Norm Crosby*

I'm not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. Let them walk to school like I did. *Yogi Berra*

If there were no schools to take the children away from home part of the time, the insane asylums would be filled with mothers. *Edgar W. Howe*

America believes in education. The average professor earns more money in a year than the professional athlete earns in a whole week. *Evan Esar*

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world. *Nelson Mandela*

Strange as it may seem, no amount of learning can cure stupidity and higher education positively fortifies it!  
*Stephan Tiziczey*

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Teacher: Brett, your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your sister's. Did you copy her work?

Brett: No ma'am. It's the same dog.

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## The Importance of Good Programs

When *The Rotarian* arrives in my office, I am immediately aware that it is time to think about preparing this newsletter. I look on the back of *The Contact* to see who the next program chair is, I often call Kathy to see if she has anything specific which should be included so we all know what's going on in our club or our District and beyond.

Then, I read the magazine pretty thoroughly in case something catches my eye that is timely for our club. And this month, once again, it did.

At the very last page of the magazine, they almost always have interesting and entertaining vignettes. This month, it is about Robots. Each paragraph had information I did not know, until the very last one. In that description, we are told about minimally invasive surgery by a robot called da Vinci. Well, this club already knew all about that from our program recently presented by Dr. Pat Macedonia and attested to by Andrea Stoll.

I particularly recall how good and interesting that program was, and the information has certainly stuck with me. As you think about recent programs, are there some that you feel were especially interesting to you?

Each person who agrees to provide a month of programs is taking on a big responsibility because I believe one of the key ways to keep members interested and active is to draw us here each Friday to hear something informative, entertaining or unusual. It is always fun to come and learn, and in general, our program chairs have done the job well.

We are all going to be encouraged to propose a new member, so our club will be strengthened and perhaps rise back to the near 100 members of the past. Be sure that person attends several meetings and begins to see the reason why we come each week. Certainly "service above self" is our primary goal, but fellowship and information are also part of the Rotary experience. We each learned something from Michael Angelo Caruso about arriving at a meeting and making someone welcome, about empty chairs at the head table and about making a new or potential member feel special. I don't think our potential member, Stacy, has been back since that day. (Oh dear!) Keep up the good work, Program Chairs. It is important to the future of our club.

## October has Five Fridays!

Kathy Musso and Kyle Brown are teaming up to fill the slots for the coming month. Kathy will present the first two weeks and Kyle will provide the last three.

10/3 Beryl Wright from Beaver, PA will discuss "Threads of Blessings," a ministry to Ugandan women teaching textile skills and artistry.

10/10 Bob Carson, local emergency coordinator, will discuss "Not Your Grandfather's Ham Radio," and how helpful operators are in time of disaster.

10/17 John Molinaro, President and CEO of the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG) will discuss growth activity in eastern Ohio.

10/24 Jim Conrad and Joe Miller are business agents for Local 186 Carpenters and will talk of the contributions the building and trade crafts make to our area and will discuss Project Best, a partnership between unions and contractors.

10/31 Our Halloween speaker will be Mike McGlumphy, who is director of "Ohio Means Jobs - Jefferson County." He will tell us how the Workforce Investment Act is helping Jefferson County.

## September had diversity!

Brian Wilson as our program chairman had colorful, and perhaps a bit controversial speakers. Thanks for keeping us on the cutting edge of timely topics, Brian.

9/5 Robert Murray, of Murray Energy, called himself an "old coal miner" and recounted the ways he believes coal-fired power plants are being phased out and his fear for the sharply rising costs of electricity.

9/12 Mary Birkhimer, of the Jefferson County Board of Elections, was very entertaining in discussing the big job provided by her department. They work hard to make sure every vote counts and counts correctly.

9/19 Todd Colton represented Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, describing Ohio's Common Sense Initiative to bring more jobs to Ohio by comprehensive regulatory reform. The goal is to make a partnership with business and government and show others that Ohio is a business-friendly state.

9/26 James Ullom is the District Director of the Ohio Fair Tax Initiative, a national retail sales tax which would abolish the current tax code and the IRS. He stated, "Our tax system cannot be fixed."

## *Maid of Steele*



## *Falling back - literally . . .*

Football games, hooded sweatshirts, pumpkin spiced lattes, chili on the stove, long hikes enjoying the fall foliage . . . I could go on and on about this time of the year and how wonderful it is.

Wait, who am I kidding?!

In the midst of it all, I have to remind myself daily to stop and smell the pumpkin bread baking in the oven!

More importantly, I have to stop and recognize the many people who work, donate, volunteer and give themselves in service for others.

As your President, I can't say enough for our Rotary Club and its commitment to Rotary and to the community at large. Did you know that in just one week, we raised over \$700 for Operation Warm?! This is commendable and I thank you for your support.

As we move into the fall season and, dare I say, the holidays, our schedules will get tighter and our stress levels heightened. But in the midst of it all, let us remember that this is also a great time of the year to show the community what Rotary is all about.

Keep up the good work, Rotarians!

*Ashley*

## **Birthdays in October:**

Several members will celebrate this month, including Gary Cain, Pete Chalfant, Jody Glaub, Marty Hauser, Chris Irvin and Michelle Wilson. Be sure to come on October 17<sup>th</sup> to sing to them.

## **Dates to remember. . .**

10/5 Hymn Sing at Starkdale Church at 7:00.

10/8 Rotary Board meeting at the YWCA at Noon.

10/12 Hymn Sing at 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Wintersville at 6:30.

10/18 Rotary Leadership Institute, Foltz Community Center, East Canton, OH - \$100 fee; 7 hour session.

10/28 YWCA Annual Meeting - 11:30; Lunch at Noon. Reservation requested. Each Rotarian is invited.

## **Did you know . . .**

. . . That Ross Galabrese, Jim Emmerling, Suzanne Kresser and Ken Perkins deserve our thanks and congratulations for organizing the Mark Tillman lecture? Ross, with assistance from Rich DeLuca, did a great job as emcee. The Community Band and barbershop quartet provided appropriate and inspiring music. Then, the speaker rose and with a backdrop of photographs, took us through days which forever changed our country. It was a memorable evening and a job very well done.

. . . That President Ashley's mystery persons this month were Keith Murdock (a mighty hunter), Mike Mehalik (a self-proclaimed nerd, so no one wanted to guess) and Bob Hargrave (It's true. He loves *Sleepless in Seattle*). [NOTE: If you didn't get a sheet to fill out, ask Ashley. She has them with her.]

. . . That our 50/50 drawings were won by Jim Baber, Buzz Cattrell, Christine Hargrave and Buzz Cattrell [Yes, twice in one month!]. The raffle winners were Ken Perkins and Louise Snyder.

. . . That we entertained several guests this month, including visiting Rotarian DG Phil Mariola and guests Chris Ice, Rob Rickets, Ron Ferguson, Nick Orsay, Joe Miller, Carol and Ken Robb, Brian Hershey, Marty Howard and Carleen Scurti? Ted Gorman had Big Red seniors Robbie Agresta, Alexis Murray and Sierra Porter introduce themselves to the club and describe their plans for the future. [Thanks to Kathy Musso for organizing the schedule for students to visit.]

. . . That Brian Hershey (son of Sue and Ed) has had his second book published? It is called *Forgotten Sin* and is getting great reviews. He will be at Schiappa Library on Saturday, 10/18 from 1:00-3:00 and at Fort Steuben Mall on Saturday, 10/25 from 10:00-3:00 for "Meet and Greet" and book signing. His mother is very proud and read and enjoyed the book.

. . . That our club mourns the sudden and unexpected loss of Karl Brandt and Hank Kuzma. We will deeply miss these loyal men and send our sympathy to Mary Alice and Jon Brandt and to Kay Kuzma and the Kuzma children.

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *What do you remember . . .*

When Bob and I go on vacation, my packing list never includes a camera. I have never been much of a photographer and neither has he. I will buy a postcard or two, for a memory aid, but in general, I store our trips in my head. I have learned to take a cell phone picture or two.

I have two friends who are the exact opposite. One has just returned from a trip to Greece. He filled Facebook with pictures every day. When did he have time to really experience the wonder of where he was? My other friend had daughters in the Toronto Marching Band. At every competition, she filmed their performance - and never once saw them full sized!

So I read with interest the article entitled "Photographic Memory" in this month's *Rotarian*. The author describes being high above Hong Kong and standing there for two hours, soaking up the view - the experience. He watched as tourists came and went, snapping quick photos to experience the view at another time and in another place.

Did you know that every day there are 60 million pictures on Instagram and 350 million uploaded to Facebook? There is a 2012 estimate that in a single day 1.4 billion cell phone photos are taken.

I agree with the author that photographs are great documentation. We have become quite careful at our company about documenting work with photography. But experiencing life's joys and beauties full sized, with your eyes and all your other senses engaged, is what makes a memory. The author says, "The memory I have contains so many things . . . including the sun and the wind and a feeling of wonder, all of which I will never forget."

### *"Hang on to your hope"*

Noted author E.B. White (*Charlotte's Web/Stuart Little*) received a letter predicting a grim future for humanity. Here is how he responded.

"Dear Sir:

As long as there is one upright man, as long as there is one compassionate woman, the contagion may spread and the scene is not desolate. Hope is the thing that is left to us, in a bad time. I shall get up Sunday morning and wind the clock, as a contribution to order and steadfastness.

Sailors have an expression about the weather: they say, the weather is a great bluffer. I guess the same is true of our human society - things can look dark, then a break shows in the clouds, and all is changed, sometimes rather suddenly. It is quite obvious that the human race has made a queer mess of life on this planet. But as a people we probably harbor seeds of goodness that have lain for a long time waiting to

sprout when the conditions are right. Man's curiosity, his relentlessness, his inventiveness, his ingenuity have led him into deep trouble. We can only hope that these same traits will enable him to claw his way out.

Hang on to your hat. Hang on to your hope. And wind the clock, for tomorrow is another day."

[Mr. White died in 1985, so these words were not written about today's world, but they certainly hold true for me, and I wanted to share them with you.]

## Time for some Humor:

Below are complaints actually received by "Thomas Cook Vacations" from dissatisfied customers:

1. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned.
  2. "On my holiday to India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
  3. "We booked an excursion to a water park, but no one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
  4. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
  5. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white, but it was more yellow."
  6. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
  7. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
  8. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
  9. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
  10. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom suite and ours was significantly smaller."
  11. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air conditioning."
  12. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."
- BE AWARE - THEY WALK AMONG US - AND THEY VOTE!**

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## More About Good Speakers

Our recent speaker, Michael Angelo Caruso, has been featured in the latest issue of *The Rotarian*. The one page article is a four step guideline to selecting good speakers/programs for a Rotary Club. He was interviewed for the article at the International Convention in Sydney and indicates that, as we have often said, good programs help clubs engage new members and retain current ones.

The following are his suggestions:

"1. Sell your club. Emphasize to prospective speakers that it's a big deal to present at your club and that they'll get something out of it. If you can't promise them a big crowd, promise them that 20 of the top leaders in town will be there. Consider changing your vocabulary. Rather than asking someone to be the 'program' at your 'club meeting,' see if they will be the 'keynote speaker' at your 'lunch.' Take your speakers seriously, and they will take your club seriously.

2. Create buzz on social media before, during and after the meeting. Ask your speakers for a head shot and short video and post them on social media to generate interest in your event. Ask their permission to tweet and photograph during the meeting - social media revolves around what's happening right now. If you took video of the presentation, post it afterward.

3. Invite speakers who appeal to the members you have and the members you want. If you bring in presenters who are popular in the city, chances are they will have friends, associates and customers of their own who could come for the presentation. Welcome your speakers to bring their own audience to your club meeting and you may find prospective new members. Also invite people you know who might be interested in your speaker.

4. Start small, but think big. Finding and promoting 52 big-name speakers may sound daunting, but what about 12? Designate the first meeting of each month as the 'speaker showcase,' and aim to double your attendance at that meeting based on the draw of a star speaker. Having a large crowd increases the chances that you'll get media coverage and that other notable speakers will come to your club as well. Don't forget to collect business cards from visitors so you can let them know about upcoming programs and club events."

This is some real food for thought about how to improve the weekly life of a Rotary Club.

## October Five Fridays Flew by:

Kathy Musso and Kyle Brown presented interesting ideas from some fascinating characters who live and work in our area.

10/3 Beryl Wright from Beaver, PA told us about "Threads of Blessings," a program to teach Ugandan women to support themselves and their families. Our members were able to purchase some of the goods.

10/10 Rev. Bob Carson has a ham radio hobby, and explained how this type of safe communication is vital today, should the regular communication grid become damaged or indisposed.

10/17 John Molinaro, President and CEO of the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG) described his organization as a three-headed beast. His up-beat message was one of positive growth and development for our county's future.

10/24 Jim Conrad and Joe Miller from Local 186 Carpenters told about Project Best, which means Building Efficiency by Striving Together, uniting labor and management to be partners not adversaries.

10/31 Mike McGlumphy, director of "Ohio Means Jobs - Jefferson County," described the millions of dollars and hundreds of workers affected by his efforts to pair persons seeking work with employers needing to have work done.

## November is here already!

Bruce Trushel and Jody and Carolyn Glaub have teamed up to fill the Fridays in November.

11/7 Mark Cummings, Residence Manager of Wyngate in Weirton, will bring his assistant, Heather Hayes to help tell the story of assisted living and how it is done at their facility.

11/14 Victoria Uveges, Chef at La Bonne Vie at Mountaineer, will share cooking tips and ideas for the coming holidays.

11/21 A speaker representing The Heinz Museum will be present to tell us of some of the amazing history in their museum and share some exciting activities and opportunities available there.

11/28 No Rotary today. Have a very happy Thanksgiving.



## *Maid of Steele*



## *Support systems . . .*

I came to a humbling realization the other day. Almost everything I do is a direct result of the generosity of someone else.

For example, in order for the Urban Mission (of which I am a part) to provide food, shelter and other essential services to the 5,000 people we serve, we rely on the larger community to give of itself. Time, money, resources, oftentimes in abundance, are needed to protect the most vulnerable of our community. Without the kindness and goodwill of others, the work of the Urban Mission would be absent of any true impact.

The same can be said about Rotary. Without your generosity and your commitment, our Rotary Club would not have the same impact it does in our community and beyond. You play an important role in the life of our local Rotary Club. Each person makes the difference as to whether students receive scholarships, organization are supported and, on a global scale, whether polio is eradicated or not. Each meeting you attend, each event you support and each guest you invite is essential to the furthering of our Club's mission and purpose.

This holiday season, you have an opportunity to support our Club in a major way. On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, our Rotary Club will be gathering at the Hargrave's home for a night of fun and fundraising.

I am asking each Rotarian to attend and, if possible, bring a guest. There will be plenty of food, drinks, music and laughter, not to mention some pretty significant raffle prizes. Our goal- to ensure the future success of our Rotary Club. I look forward to spending the evening with you and your guests. Thanks in advance for your attendance and support.

*Ashley*

## **Our November birthdays:**

This month we will celebrate another year with Dave D'Anniballe, Jim Emmerling, Steve Kline and Pete Olivito. Sadly, we will miss celebrating Hank's birthday this month too.

## **Dates to remember. . .**

11/12 Rotary Board Meeting - Lunch at Noon

11/14 and 15 Rotary Foundation Meeting in Youngstown (14) and Canton (15).

11/24 Thanksgiving Service and Lunch at the YWCA. Cost is \$8 and reservations are requested by 11/17. Rev. Ashley Steele will be the speaker and music will be provided by students from Big Red.

12/4 YWCA Annual Christmas Bazaar. If you are disposing of any gently used Christmas items, please donate to the "Y."

12/6 Steubenville Christmas Parade at Noon. Meet at 11:30 near the high school.

## **Did you know . . .**Christmas is coming .

. . . That the Steubenville Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please volunteer to help Cory Wingett with the Rotary float. This year, his goal is to make it rider-friendly and wants many Rotarians to "hop on." Please pick up bags of post-Halloween candy on sale to be distributed by the float-riders that day!!

. . . That Donna Hauser will be back to help Michelle Wilson and Andrea Prosko with the Annual Children's Christmas Party. We will have a volunteer opportunity for gift wrapping after Rotary on Friday, 12/5. Please bring paper, scissors and tape.

. . . That Bob and Christine Hargrave will host "Light Up Rotary," a Christmas party for members and guests. There will be six raffle prizes awarded that evening, including a television, two one-night stays in a suite at the Omni William Penn with dinner at the Carlton, one weekend at Seven Springs, a sports package, including Steeler, Penguin and Pirate tickets and a night, with dinner and racing at Mountaineer. The evening will culminate with carol singing and the lighting of real candles on the Christmas tree.

. . . That President Ashley's mystery persons this month were Adam Scurti, John Criss, Andrea Prosko and Jim Baber. [NOTE: If you didn't get a sheet to fill out, ask Ashley. She has them with her. If you have one, please turn it in - Carolyn.]

. . . That our 50/50 drawings were won by Barry Gulan, Jim Emmerling, Bruce Trushel, Buzz Cattrell and Keith Murdock. The raffle winners were Bob Hargrave and Robin Flohr. The special Halloween raffle winner was Betsy Standaugherty.

. . . That our guests were Rotarians Susie Nelson and Bill Cattrell. Others who visited were Debbie Venci, Rev. Ben Wright, Nick Cacciaccaro, Mary Beth Sills, Ed Looman, Donna Hrezo, Grace Liu, Jennifer Garrison, FUS student Bernardo Gonzales, Lynne Donahue from Toronto with students Emily Rodesh, Maria Dunlope, Jordan Allison and Donna Tharp.

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *A Club in prayer . . .*

Adam Scurti is a wonderful friend and a man with a heart of gold. When he stood before our club last Friday and asked for prayers for a young granddaughter of a former club member and friend, my heart wept for the family and teemed with love for the members of this club.

The request was respectful and respected. And I know we prayed genuinely, hopefully and sincerely. Yesterday was "All Saints Day" on the Christian calendar and that is the day the child we prayed for joined the communion of saints.

As I grow older, I am less sure of what heaven is, but more sure that my God exists and is preparing a place in heaven for me, for you and had a place prepared for Cynthia. I know prayers are answered. I also know it is God - not I - who defines the answer.

As we embrace and celebrate Thanksgiving in this country, we should be aware of how much we have, how safe we are, how we are blessed to live each new day.

On Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us at the YWCA to celebrate Thanksgiving in a brief, but meaningful service, and then share lunch here together. This year, Ashley Steele will deliver the message and we will have special music from the Y-Teens at Steubenville Big Red. Please make your reservation with the "Y" folks and join us to start the week of Thanksgiving off on the right foot.

As we prepare to give thanks, let us continue to pray for help and comfort for the Phillipson family. Let us think about our own families, our Rotary family and those who will not have the abundance so many of us have each and every day. Add to your prayers all of those served by the Urban Mission.

In a recent newsletter from the Urban Mission, Ashley wrote, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." She prayed it because an announcement had been made at lunch in the Unity Kitchen that a young family had a child in surgery and needed money for food. They passed around a coffee can, asking for spare change. There were \$61 donated that day at that lunch in that special place.

Ashley's prayer, set to the tune "The Old Hundredth," is sung in churches week after week. This month, sing this prayer in your head and heart as you and yours celebrate the traditions that we each call Thanksgiving. We should be thankful for all our blessings, one of which is this wonderful Rotary Club.

***Blessed Thanksgiving!***

## Time for some Humor:

What did the turkey do in the Thanksgiving Day Parade? *He played his drumsticks.*

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? *If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!*

What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey? *Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving!*

What is a turkey's favorite black tie celebration? *The Butter Ball*

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? *The outside!*

What do you get when you cross a turkey, the beach and Broomhilda? *A turkey sand-witch!*

Why do turkeys eat so little? *Because they're stuffed!*

### ***A dozen reasons to be thankful you burnt the bird:***

Salmonella won't be a concern.

No one will over eat.

Everyone will think it's Cajun blackened.

Uninvited guests will think twice next year.

Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newly found appreciation.

Pets won't pester you for scraps.

The smoke alarm was due for a test.

Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.

After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.

The less turkey Uncle George eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.

You'll get to desserts quicker.

You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

### ***A Poem: The Turkey Popped Out of the Oven***

The turkey popped out of the oven  
And rocketed in to the air;

It knocked every plate off the table  
And partly demolished a chair.

It ricocheted into a corner  
And burst with a deafening boom,  
Then splattered all over the kitchen  
Completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows;  
It totally coated the floor.

There was turkey attached to the ceiling,  
where there had never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance;  
It smeared every saucer and bowl.  
There wasn't a way I could stop it;  
That turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scraped with displeasure  
And thought with chagrin as I mopped,  
That I'd never again stuff a turkey  
With popcorn that hadn't been popped.



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## The Most Wonderful Time

"Everything that lives and breathes and grows is related and dependent on everything else that lives and breathes and grows." This is a quote from Charles Elliott, a U.S. naturalist and editor who lived from 1906 to 2000. He was quoted in *The Rotarian* in 1962 and again this month.

Holiday time is here and, although the song from which the title above is taken describes the singer's feelings about "holiday time," I was having a bit of trouble getting into the proper spirit to consider it "the most wonderful time." There was just too much going on.

Then I had the privilege of attending the YWCA Thanksgiving service and lunch. Two Rotarians led the service and brought my mood to a place right with the season. Carolyn Glaub sang "We are an Offering" with such heartfelt sincerity and I believed every word she sang. It was inspiring when I really needed some inspiration.

Then Rev. Ashley Steele delivered a message about Ubuntu, an African way of thinking that, much to my amazement, I believe is perfectly described in the words quoted from Charles Elliott above. I understood her description to mean that we are very interdependent, and when you are sad, I *must* be sad too. If, instead, you are joyous, I *must* share in your joy. What a revelation!

My house has been filled with family over the past several days. It has been amazing fun, with much food and wine flowing (and some beer, too), music pouring out of the living room, as carols and family favorites were sung and played, hard fought Euchre tournaments raged around the tables and the annual cousins "Trip to the Strip" occurred early Saturday. A good time was had by all.

Now my house is quiet again. Towels are clean, beds remade, shoes piled by doorways have gone and I am truly at peace with that. But as I think about the days past and those to come, I realize that it is the relationships, with the breathing and growing of all around me, that make this the "most wonderful time of the year."

I am thankful for Thanksgiving and look forward to sharing Christmas with my loved ones.

And as a special bonus, Bob and I will celebrate 20 years of marriage on Wednesday and take a couple of days off to celebrate - a most wonderful time!

## December - only three meetings:

Kathy Musso and your editor talked about doing something seasonal for this month's coming programs. Since the annual Children's Christmas Party is in the middle meeting, the other two Fridays will be filled with seasonal messages.

12/5 Rev. Rade Merrick, pastor of the Holy Resurrection Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church will talk about Christmas - its meaning, traditions and history in his denomination.

12/12 The "Y" will be filled with the sound of youth, little folks to whom Santa Claus is awesome and presents come from the special elves who work so hard at the North Pole.

12/19 Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner, who serves in Wheeling, loves to discuss the history of Judaism and Hanukkah, and promises to help us learn a little more about her holiday traditions which also occur in December.

12/26 The YWCA will be closed and there will be no Rotary meeting. Enjoy family time.

1 / 2 Discussion at the last board meeting indicates that our club will meet. The Y will accommodate us if we choose to get together as usual.

## November has come & gone

Bruce Trushel and Jody and Carolyn Glaub provided interesting speakers for our three meetings.

11/7 Mark Cummings, Residence Manager of Wyngate in Weirton, with assistant, Heather Hayes, described just what "assisted living" is and how they approach it at their facility in Weirton. The concept is very family friendly.

11/14 Victoria Uveges, Chef at La Bonne Vie at Mountaineer, was delightful, describing foods and answering our questions about cooking and menus. She also brought some show-and-taste, which was great!

11/21 Jack Sheehan and Bill Evans of the Heinz Museum on Smallman Street in Pittsburgh, described how an original icehouse is now filled with several floors of the history of Pittsburgh and the surrounding area.



### *A Perfectly Imperfect Christmas . . .*

If everything went as planned, by this time in December . . .

- Our family tree would be up and decorated with the Polar Express train running on the floor beside it,
- My Christmas gifts would be purchased, wrapped and under the tree,
- The candles would be in the windows, the lights hung outside,
- Christmas cards would be stamped and ready to be mailed and
- The smell of holiday goodies would fill our home each and every night.

But, it's been a busy year, and my family will be lucky if . . .

- We actually take the Halloween pumpkins off our porch before they turn to mush,
- We find the non-labeled Christmas decorations in our attic,
- We have the opportunity to go shopping so we don't have to re-gift last year's gifts,
- We'll be lucky to get Christmas pictures taken of the boys as every time we attempt this paramount feat inevitably Little E spits up on his Christmas outfit and Little T runs away half-dressed. By the time we get them corralled, both have tears in their eye and have been told that Santa won't be coming this year because they've been bad,
- and baking . . . well, let's just say, everyone is getting a Downtown Bakery gift card instead.

The other day while making my "to do" list, I came to the realization that it is okay if our tree is half decorated, or if the Polar Express gets de-railed each time Little T touches it or if we send out New Year's cards instead of Christmas cards.

I'm going to put away all of my preconceived ideas of what a "perfect" Christmas looks like and enjoy the season as it is intended.

This year, you'll find me in awe and wonder, not because I've completed my "to do" list, but because I'm finally taking the time to just "be."

May you have a perfectly imperfect Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ashley

### **Our December birthdays:**

This month we will celebrate another year with Mike Florak, Dan Keenan, Bruce Trushel and soon-to-be installed member Todd Phillipson.

### **Dates to remember. . .**

12/4 YWCA Christmas Bazaar from 11:00 to 3:00.  
Lunch - eat in or carry out. Please support this!

12/5 1:00 - Wrap presents and pick up dictionaries.

12/6 Steubenville Christmas Parade at Noon. Meet at 11:30 near Big Red.

12/9 at Noon - Monthly Rotary Board. ***Please note date change! This is on Tuesday next week.***

12/13 - Rotary Christmas party at the Hargraves at 7:00 PM.

12/26 - No Meeting.

1 / 2 - We will have Rotary on this Friday.

### **Did you know . . .**Christmas is coming .

. . . That the Steubenville Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please volunteer to help Cory Wingett with the Rotary float. This year, his goal is to make it rider-friendly and wants many Rotarians to "hop on." Please pick up bags of post-Halloween candy on sale to be distributed by the float-riders that day!!

. . . That Donna Hauser will be back to help Michelle Wilson and Andrea Prosko with the Annual Children's Christmas Party. We will have a volunteer opportunity for gift wrapping after Rotary on Friday, 12/5. Please bring paper, scissors and tape.

. . . That Bob and Christine Hargrave will host "Light Up Rotary," a Christmas party for members and guests. There will be five raffle prizes awarded that evening, including a television, two one-night stays in a suite at the Omni William Penn with dinner at the Carlton, one weekend at Seven Springs, a sports package, including Steeler, Penguin and Pirate tickets. The night, with dinner and racing at Mountaineer will be awarded at Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

. . . That President Ashley's mystery persons this month were Louise Snyder and Jim Baber.

. . . That our 50/50 drawings were won by Jerry Klinesmith, Jim Emmerling and Christine Hargrave. In two raffle drawings, the winners were Jon Brandt and Terri Antill Ferroni. It's almost time to sell the new tickets. Get yours from Kathy and be sure to turn them back in. Remember, they stay in the jar, even after you win.

. . . That our extra special guests this month were Jasmine Baber and Father Richard Davis. What we lacked in number we made up for in quality!!

## Your Editor's Opinion

### *What can I give . . .*

One of my favorite Christmas carols is *In the Bleak Midwinter*. The second verse begins, "What can I give him, poor as I am?"

Father Richard visited Rotary recently. Other than Bob and my grandkids, there is no one else I'd rather hug. When I see him, I am reminded that we are about "giving" not "getting" as Rotarians. His presence, his smile, his friendship give me and many others so much joy.

We can serve as a Rotary Club, but we cannot "get" any where - making an impact locally or worldwide - without "giving" of ourselves, whether it is our dollars, our time, our prayers and our friendship. We won't "get" new members - true workers - if they don't understand that by joining our club, they are expected to "give" of themselves to the projects we undertake to serve others here and beyond. What do they "get" for giving us their time and talents? Here in Steubenville Rotary I think a new member gets embraced by the true meaning that Rotary is a family.

We are about to have a Christmas party, a time to get together to enjoy the friendships Rotary has helped us build. It's about having fun, food and drink, but it is also about the relationships that make a Rotary Club strong. We don't achieve nearly as much without the team approach that Paul Harris understood so long ago.

There are many opportunities to share our Rotary family time in this month of December. Be sure to embrace as many of them as you can. Wrapping, parade, parties, raffles, 50/50, dictionaries - all of these are ways to "give" your all to our club.

Recently you were asked to fill out a questionnaire about perhaps making some changes, adding some meeting times, building the club's size. Please take a moment to read and consider the suggestions. This is a critical time, not just for Steubenville Rotary, but for many, many Rotary clubs in this country. There are countless ways to "spend" your time. We want to be sure that any member realizes that investing in a Rotary club (and particularly this one) is a wise move.

As you decide who to bring to the party as your guest (and potential member), look at your spouse, consider your cousins, check out your neighborhood, look around at church. Everywhere you look, there is a potential Rotarian, someone who would benefit from joining us and sharing our values and goals.

Rotary is a wonderful place to be on Friday at Noon, but, as Karl Brandt taught us, Rotary happens many times at many places. One of his greatest joys was visiting clubs all over the world, literally. We can all learn from his example. "Give" Rotary your all!

## Time for some Humor:

[A page from assistant humor editor Dick McGowan]

A store employee quit his job and joined the police department. Several months later, a friend asked him how he liked his new line of work.

"Well, the pay and the hours are good," he replied. "What I like best is that the customer is always wrong."

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A woman in a movie theater noticed that the man in front of her was sitting next to a large dog. Throughout the film, the man would lean over and whisper to the dog - and the dog would nod in response.

Not only that, but funny scenes elicited from the dog a noise that sounded like laughter. The dog even whimpered at the sad ending.

The woman leaned forward and said, "Excuse me, sir, but I just can't get over your dog's behavior."

Frankly, neither can I," the man replied. "He hated the book."

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It's better to give than receive. With some gifts, this is especially true.

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Two people on a blind date were having a horrible time. Fortunately, the man had arranged for a friend to call so he'd have an excuse to leave.

When he returned to the table, he lowered his eyes, put on a grim face and said, "I have some bad news. My grandfather just passed away."

"Oh good," the woman replied. "If yours hadn't, mine would have had to."

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Even when a newspaper staff discovers that it has splattered egg on its pages, the clean-up operation can be embarrassingly messy, as witness these three so-called corrections:

\* Our paper carried the notice last week the Mr. Oscar Hoffnagle is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Hoffnagle is, of course, a detective on the police farce.

\* Yesterday we mistakenly reported that a talk was given by a battle-scared hero. We apologize for the error. We obviously meant that the talk was given by a bottle-scarred hero.

\* In a recent edition we referred to the chairman of Chrysler Corporation as Lee Iacocoo. His real name is Lee Iacacca. The *Gazette* regrets the error.

### *We need a little Christmas . . .*

Christmas - the time of year when everyone gets Santamental.

What is the purpose of reindeer?  
It makes grass grow, Sweetie,

What is a webmaster's favorite hymn?  
"Oh dot.com all ye faithful!"