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Letting Go . . .

Transition is hard. Change is hard. Making a move is hard. Learning to write 2015 is hard. I'm having a hard time.

My Aunt has been a patient at Villa Vista in Steubenville for the past couple of months. This morning, her daughter from Kentucky packed up my Aunt and the last several items she had here in Ohio and moved her to Kentucky to live with their family. This is a wonderful thing for my Aunt, because, even though she is a very independent thinker, she is no longer an independent doer. She needs a little help with things.

However, throughout her illness and her "time in the slammer" (as Bob calls it), another cousin and I have been her companions and "go-fers" each and every day. Today, when I kissed her goodbye, the tears came. While I will have fewer demands on my time, I have come to enjoy popping in each day for a few minutes to find out how she is and what she might need. It was hard for me to let her go, to see the change, to think of her no longer close to me.

The celebration of the new year has always been a rather melancholy time in my heart. I don't like reveling in the passage of time. In fact, if time would stand still - or at least slow down - I would be happy to celebrate that. Perhaps one reason I resist New Year's Eve merriment is because it comes on the heels of Christmas exhaustion.

This year has been exceptionally busy and our family is a big one, so Christmas festivities go on and on and on. While that is really wonderful, I think my favorite moment this Christmas was standing next to Bob at church and lighting my candle from his. There was such peace in the moment - heavenly peace - and the reason for the season filled my heart.

Here at Rotary and the YWCA we have also experienced a move and a significant loss. Marlyn Neely moved to Missouri to be near her daughter and grandson. She will be missed here and, when I speak to her, she lets me know how much she misses us, how hard it is to make significant changes in life.

But, changes come and go, and we as Rotarians are challenged to face them and make the world better through our efforts, through our service. As we bid farewell to 2014, it is certain that 2015 will be filled with daily routine, but also with unknown excitement, surprises, challenges. Let us let go of the old and ring in the new with typical Rotary energy!

December - full of info!

We were treated to some very special guests throughout December.

12/5 Rev. Rade Merrick, pastor of the Holy Resurrection Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church described how, although we have one God we worship, we have very different ways of celebrating our faiths.

12/12 The halls of the "Y" rang out with "Ho Ho Ho" as Santa Claus visited the special kids from Steubenville schools aided by elves Michelle Wilson, Andrea Prosko and Mrs. Claus herself, Donna Hauser.

12/19 Rabbi Beth Jacowitz Chottiner visited from Wheeling, describing Hanukkah's roots and displaying some of the traditional items which signify this "holy day." She noted that every Saturday, the Sabbath, is their truly holiest day.

January - an early start:

Sylvia Ensell is program chair for the beginning of 2015. Here are her plans for us:

1 / 2 **Yes, there is Rotary on this day!** Our own Man Wang - Peggy - is going to keep up the theme of December and describe to us the Chinese New Year and how it is traditionally celebrated.

1/9 Phyllis Riccadonna, Sylvia's sister, will be here representing the Red Cross and talking about blood donation.

1/16 Judy Manfred will discuss The Women in Action Against Cancer Coalition.

1/23 A representative from Voto will discuss what goes on in a business that has flourished in our community for many, many years.

1/30 Cathy Moro, from the Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority will describe their Family Self-Sufficiency program.

Maid of Steele



Happy 2015 . . .

Celebrating the New Year is, by far, my favorite holiday (well . . . I do like Christmas and am a little partial to my birthday).

I enjoy the New Year as I have always loved the idea of a fresh start - a chance to start again, or at least to do something new or different. To me, New Year's morning is extra special. Not that any other morning can't be special, but New Year's morning is something I look forward to all holiday season long.

My typical routine is this:

Wake Up

Typically an hour or two later than usual . . . it *was* New Year's eve the night before!

Go for a run, do a few sit ups and push ups

This is not typical for me, but why not!

Breakfast

This year we're having a house full. I plan to make my "famous" French Toast.

Reflection

At some point during the day I spend a little time reflecting on the year that was and the year that will be. In years past, I've been a stickler for setting specific goals. By the time February rolls around, I'm worn out and feeling defeated that none of my New Year's goals were met. I've learned in recent years that this doesn't work for me.

But here's what does. No longer am I setting specific goals. I'm just going to work on being intentional about doing things that matter. For example:

Less TV, more reading
Less shopping, more outdoors
Less clutter, more space
Less rush, more slowness
Less consuming, more creating
Less junk, more real food
Less busywork, more impact
Less driving, more walking
Less noise, more solitude
Less focus on the future, more on the present
Less work, more play (although my work is fun!)
Less worry, more smiles
Breathe . . .

I look forward to spending 2015 with all of you!

Ashley

January birthdays:

Let's enjoy the celebration with Jim Baber, Buzz Cattrell, Ross Gallabrese, Jerry Klinesmith, Richard Pflug, Louise Snider and Cory Wingett.

Abbreviated version. . .

You will note that this is a shortened version of our newsletter. Time being constrained, it was important to me to get you the information about programs. Next month, the calendar, "Did you know" and the opinion column will be back with plenty of information to digest. Of course, the one column I believe every one reads is included below.

Time for some humor:

(With help from Dick McGowan)

On the eve of an election, the candidate asked the reporter, "Did you cover my last speech?"
"I sure hope so," the reporter replied.

Two people had a happy marriage, despite their not-quite-compatible interests. He was crazy about golf and she spent all her free time at antique auctions. One night, he cried out in his sleep, "Fore!"
She, also sleeping, responded, "Four-fifty!"

An absent-minded professor staggered home from the train station feeling ill.
"Ten hours riding backwards," he told his wife. "I never could stand that."
"Why didn't you ask the person sitting opposite to change seats with you?" she asked.
"I couldn't do that. There wasn't anyone there."

A teacher said to her class, "Name five things that contain milk."
"I know!" a boy exclaimed. "Butter and cheese and ice cream and ... and ... two cows!"

A woman, obviously pregnant, was asked by someone, "Are you going to have a baby?"
"No," she replied. "I'm just carrying this for a friend."

A baby sardine saw a submarine and swam off to its mother in terror. "Don't be frightened, dear," the mother said. "It's only a can of people."

A minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his congregation and made a house call one evening. After his knock on the door, a voice inside called out, "Is that you, Angel?"
"No," the minister replied, "but I'm from the same department."

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Who Are You . . .

The words of that song have become familiar in recent years since the airing of CSI. It is a perfect theme song for that show and has made an old hit into a new one.

I've been considering that question in recent weeks as discussion has occurred about our Rotary Club. Today, we have fewer than fifty members. Years ago, that number never dropped below ninety and often pushed toward one hundred. Does this radical drop in membership change who we are?

In many ways, it certainly does, because there is strength in numbers. There is power in numbers. There is fiscal stability in numbers. Yet, each week when we meet, each time we sit and break bread together, hear a speaker share his/her thoughts, consider our options for helping in the community, we remain Rotary. We remain service minded and we try to do what we can.

Our entire community has undergone a like reduction. Our population continues to decline. Our downtown is not bustling; our mall has many empty stores.

But when we look at our University, filled with eager students, when we consider our local schools, winning awards for being exceptional, when we see the plans forming for another summer concert series and when we start to consider scholarships for students who exemplify service above self, I for one believe I know "who you are." You are part of a Rotary Club that still makes a difference in life in Steubenville and beyond. You are a believer in the power of the individual which increases exponentially when joined by other like-minded individuals. You are a proud Steubenville Rotarian.

Recently, I listened and watched the vignettes prepared by Jim Emmerling's company about our club, and my heart was full of pride as I listened to the wisdom of our membership. From John Criss to Sylvia Ensell, the thoughts about and commitment to Rotary made me realize that staying the course is what we must do.

As we go forward, we must admit who we are, a Rotary Club, smaller than sometimes, but just as concerned about those who may need us, and just as able to be helpful when called upon. I am excited about the young leadership emerging in Steubenville Rotary. Let's get behind them and define just who we are to local observers and those far beyond.

February - Cory has ideas!

2/6 Mayor Dominic Mucci will be telling us what's in store of Steubenville in 2015.

2/13 Rotary requires us to hold a club meeting at least once a year. It will be convened on this Friday, when Ashley, Cory and Kathy will bring us up-to-date on the state of Steubenville Rotary.

2/20 Johnny May from Canton, Ohio represents IGiveH2OPE.org, an organization helping supply water filtration systems throughout the world.

2/27 A program with a focus on vocations/mentoring will kick-off with a presentation by Rob McDonald of Franciscan. Laurel McDowell has organized and planned an exciting day for the students. Her theme this year is "Ethics in the Work Place."

January - an early start:

Sylvia Ensell's programs were full of inspiration.

1 / 2 **What a great program to start 2015!** Man Wang - Peggy - brought the tradition of Chinese New Year to life for us. She described what a wonderful celebration it is for her homeland. She even shared some of the photos and a few of us even won some Chinese money!

1/9 There is certainly no lack of energy and enthusiasm in Phyllis Riccadonna, Sylvia's sister. Her passion about persuading folks to donate blood was very real. And her compassion for her baby sister was very touching. It was an inspiring presentation.

1/16 Always a reliable, go-to guy, Jim Emmerling took that microphone when Sylvia's planned speaker came down with the flu. With his usual humor, Jim told us about the making of Em-media and how he and his family have embraced our community and made it home.

1/23 Judy Manfred is full of life. When discussing the Women in Action Against Cancer Coalition, her excitement for what they are able to do is visible. It is written all over her face. Another treasure hidden in this community, her description was inspiring and filled with hope.

1/30 Cathy Moro, from the Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority discussed the Family Self-Sufficiency program, which seeks to bring independence and stability to families less fortunate than many of us.



At the Heart of it All - a valentine ...

Much of the work we do as Rotarians falls in line with my daily work at the Urban Mission. Recently, as I was thinking about Valentine's Day, I experienced a comment about a heart, that truly warmed mine.

A young couple came into the mission the other day in need of some assistance. The young man was just getting ready to start a new job which required him to be there no later than 5:00 AM every morning.

"I can't be late," he said. "This is my chance to finally get ahead. *I can't be late!*"

Tears welled up in his eyes as he spoke about his family and how their life changed after he had been in an accident a few years ago. He was proud that he worked hard to get back to full health, to get additional training and to find a job that could support his wife and child.

Now he just needed a little support to keep him moving in the right direction. As he walked out of the mission with a gas card in his hand and new boots on his feet, he smiled a big smile and said, "My heart is so full right now. Thank you."

We may never see this young man again. To a certain extent I hope we never do, but after his visit and the silent prayer I said for him as he walked out the door, I was reminded that this type of work gets to heart of the Urban Mission. It also goes straight to the heart of a practicing Rotarian.

Our motto at the mission is "Listening with Compassion. Serving with Love." Our motto at Rotary is "Service Above Self." At the mission, we measure our effectiveness by the New Testament teachings. At Rotary, our measuring stick is "The Four Way Test." These comparisons remind me that I am blessed to have the roles I do at Rotary and the Urban Mission. It brings a wonderful balance to my life and a warm, happy feeling in my heart.

Ashley

Birthday Valentines:

Loving birthday wishes go to Danny Manalac, Don Richardson, Bill Rhinehart and Jody Scheetz. A special happy day to Suzanne Kresser, as well.

Dates to remember. . .

2/11 Rotary Board meets at the YWCA at Noon.
Lunch is provided. All are welcome.

2/14 The Weirton Heights Rotary Club once again will sponsor its Mardi Gras Charity Ball at Williams Country Club. This year the recipient of all proceeds is the Social Media Advisory Council. Time is 7:00 PM. Contact Jack Fowler at 3034 Pennsylvania Avenue for further information.

Did you know . . .

. . . That it is a new year - and a new raffle. Kathy has her big plastic jar reloaded with tickets for the 2015 drawings. Already Mary Alice Brandt and Mike Florak are winners for January. Tickets are still available and remember, even when you win, your ticket goes right back in the jar, so you can win again!

. . . That we learned there are four regular blood donors in our Rotary Club. They are Terri Ferroni, Kyle Brown, Keith Murdock and Jody Glaub. Here is another fine example of Service Above Self.

. . . That Marty Hauser read a list of sixteen perfect attenders for the past quarter, including some folks who exceeded 100%. Wow!

. . . That President Ashley's mystery person this month was Mike Florak. His favorite movie, *The Natural*, gave him away.

. . . That our 50/50 drawing winners were Bruce Trushel, Bruce Trushel, Jody Glaub and Christine Hargrave. Yes, Bruce won back-to-back!

. . . That our guests this month were prospective members Jenn Brown and Todd Phillipson, Susie Nelson, visiting Rotarian, Joe Staniszewski and Brandon Gotta from Franciscan and Clint Marshall.

. . . That Amel Malesky passed away this past weekend. A tireless Rotarian, he had been at every service opportunity throughout his membership. Please keep his family in your prayers.

. . . That Jim Emmerling thinks "The Burb of the Burg" was one of the best campaigns he has ever done. I think most of us would agree, as it still plays well in our heads. Atta boy, Jim.

. . . That Phyllis Riccadonna, active Kiwanis member, suggested we have an annual service club social event. Our board has suggested Oktoberfest might be a good time to try that. Please share your thoughts.

Your Editor's Opinion

My pet peeve . . . Many of you may know that I have strong opinions. One of those involves the performance of *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Again last night, it was sung at the Super Bowl, not as it was intended to be sung. Bob found the article below in yesterday's paper and I just have to share most of it with you, because it is right on target.

I am quoting Paul Cox from the Post Gazette, "Often before games . . . someone sings "The Star-Spangled Banner," our national anthem. Sometimes they bungle it pretty badly. I think this may happen because they don't really know what the words mean, and sometimes because they mistake the nature of the song itself.

It is expressed in the conventions of American poetry from 1814. Thus, the clause "O'er the ramparts we watched" just pops up in the middle of a description of the scene of rockets and bombs. In ordinary conversation today, no one would arrange a sentence that way, but this is early 19th century formal poetry. It is, as they say, what it is.

You probably know that the tune began as a comical British pub song, designed to be vocally tricky and show-offy. But it isn't necessarily silly music. When performed well, it's jaunty, energetic and self-confident, so it works well as a national anthem.

Some singers, however, show appalling ignorance of the anthem. They perform it as if it were sultry and soul-searching. They begin by painfully moaning "Oh say" and then load up the rest with pointless warbles, shudders, squeals and elaborations to suggest they are dealing with tormented and deeply introspective ruminations. I doubt such singers actually bother to read the words. They may not think the idea of the song really matters as much as their vocal writhing.

It's all just wrong. "The Star-Spangled Banner" isn't about painful self-analysis. It's about the nation, not about the singer's personal psychic struggle. It brims over with confidence, hope and national pride. It should be sung in a straight-forward manner and with energy. When sung that way, it is quite effective.

My favorite singer of the anthem is Jeff Jimerson, who sings it before Penguin games. His voice is clear, strong and accurate. He sings the anthem with energy and precise intonation and no ornamental foolishness. Lately, he has been encouraging the audience to sing along and that's a good idea: It gets people involved as participants in national pride.

Although many make the case for changing the national anthem to "America the Beautiful," because it is lovely and much easier to sing, currently our national anthem is "The Star-Spangled Banner," like it or not. I think we should treat it with appropriate respect, perform it with dignity and enjoy its many virtues. **[AMEN to that!]**

Time for some Humor:

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh. For this I will give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay, said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

And a thought about "Service Above Self"



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Full House . . .

If you missed Rotary last Friday (2/27), you missed inspiration. You missed a vision of the future, of vintage and future Rotarians sharing careers achieved and goals and aspirations explored.

You also missed a challenging lecture on ethics with a very fine and simple example spelled out in terms young and old understood.

It was a meeting perfectly coordinated by Laurel McDowell, Cory Wingett, Kathy Musso and President Ashley Steele. Robbie, Mary and Gert of the "Y," with help from John and Ray rose to the occasion and handled the double attendance with seeming ease.

It would have made Paul Harris and those who have come after him, very proud. It combined youth education, the avenue of vocational service and the Four-Way Test, which was particularly moving when the entire group recited it together to begin the proceedings. We shared our meal and then listened as Dr. Rob McDonald challenged all of us to chase our dreams in the most ethical and moral way possible. It was a room teeming with excitement for the future coupled with respect for the past and present.

As our local clubs, district, regions and Rotary International leaders encourage us as Rotarians to perform service for others, there is no better place to begin than with our youth. We had forty young persons who now know what Rotary is. They are intrigued about becoming successful and, perhaps in the future, being invited to become Rotarians themselves.

When this Vocational Service day was revitalized by Chuck Govey several years ago, and then was handed off to John Brown, schools, youth and Rotarians became interested in pursuing the idea of shadowing someone in a potential occupation. This year, upon John's retirement, the program was taken over by Laurel McDowell, who embraced the concept with her usual enthusiasm, as well as her own vocational investment. To have the school counselors with us, several of the trainers on hand and so many students exposed to Rotary was a milestone for this program.

It was a great day to be a Rotarian, to challenge these future Rotarians as well as each one of us to live up to our commitment to ethics at work and in life!

February - Cory planned well - again!

2/6 Steubenville Mayor Dominic Mucci offered a thorough report of the city's current status as well as plans for the future. He is always available to answer questions or hear suggestions citizens may have.

2/13 The annual meeting of the membership was held under the leadership of President Ashley and Secretary-Treasurer Kathy. Ashley provided the history of the Four-Way Test. Then Kathy reviewed our financial reports, reminded us how easy it is to make up meetings on line and shared the findings of the Strategic Planning Team's survey.

2/20 Johnny May from Canton, Ohio represented IGiveH2OPE.org, an organization helping supply water filtration systems throughout the world.

2/27 Dr. Rob McDonald of Franciscan University of Steubenville inspired and reminded us all about our commitment to Laurel McDowell's them for the day, "Ethics in the Work Place."

March - a lion like start weather-wise. Let's see what the programs will be.

Andrea Prosoko has lined up the following:

3/6 Representatives of "The Fishers Council," a Christian Community Outreach organization, will introduce themselves and their program for working with individuals in need in Steubenville.

3/13 Don Heiss, from the Tony Teramana Cancer Center of Trinity Hospital, will describe the dietary initiative being implemented at the Center.

3/20 Representing Valley Hospice, its CEO Cynthia Bougher has new information about programs they are developing and implementing as they continue to provide this valuable service to our community.

3/27 Fred Abdalla, Jr. will be our guest speaker. Fred Junior works as Chief Probation Officer for the Jefferson County Juvenile Court. He will discuss his work with our youth and, hopefully, the transition to the newest Juvenile Judge in our Justice Center.

Maid of Steele



The Power of Mentoring

Just this past Friday, our Rotary Club shared space with more than forty high school students participating in Steubenville Rotary's Vocational Service Day. As always, this event did not disappoint. IT was a joy to see so many bubbling, inquisitive and gifted students interested in learning about professions they feel called to at such an early age.

Although I've only been in my profession for a little under ten years, I get distinct pleasure sharing what I've already learned in my short time of service. I believe strongly in the power of mentoring and the impact it can have on someone's life and vocation. I am a product of mentors who are willing to dedicate their time and effort to help shape who I am today. I am reminded of Betty and Edna, the Cadiz food pantry directors, Dr. Chrisman, my college guidance counselor and Dr. Fred Smith, a community developer who continues to inspire and mentor me today.

As Rotarians, we have an opportunity - no, a responsibility - to share what we've learned with others, and not just on Vocational Service Day, but every day.

As leaders in this community, we have been given the power, the voice and the wherewithal to significantly affect the future of our Rotary as well as our community as a whole. The key - mentoring others. There are multiple ways to do this, but it starts with a commitment. Let's be committed to empowering and motivating those around us - in Rotary and outside of Rotary.

Side Note: One of the leading reasons why people remain in poverty is that they don't have enough resources to help them break the cycle. The second leading reason is that they don't have relationships. When people are in relationships, they thrive. When they aren't, they remain stuck.

Birthday's in March:

Spring birthday wishes go to Alan Hall, Bob Hargrave, Charley Joyce and Dick McGowan. We also wish happy birthday to newly retired member John Brown.

Dates to remember. . .

3/11 Rotary Board meets at the YWCA at Noon. Lunch is provided. All are welcome. Don't forget this meeting counts as a make-up.

4/3 The YWCA's annual Good Friday Service and lunch begins at 11:00. This year's speaker is Rev. Mark Gilliam from Second Chance Ministries. Music will be sung by Beth Ruppert Warren. Please plan to attend. Let the YWCA know if you can be present. There is no Rotary meeting on Good Friday.

4/16 The Speaker Series continues with the presentation of Rebekah Gregory DiMartino, who will discuss "Boston Strong" - her account of the 2013 Boston Marathon, her injuries from the bombing and her recovery and determination since. She is training to run in the Marathan just several days after she speaks here in Steubenville. See Ross or call the Jefferson County Chamber for tickets.

Did you know . . .

. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups on line is www.rotary.org, then search for e-clubs. Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form.

. . . That we had many guests this month, including John Mascio, Janet Mayle, Melody Wilheld, Bob Phillipson, Roger Isla, Jude Lucas, Kathy Pavlik, Brad Burkhead, Sam Bailey, Janet Sharpe and Rotarian Bill Cattrell. Paul Baker, Edison school counselor, introduced Marissa McClasky and Cheynne Cunningham.

. . . That Gary Cain, Keith Murdock, Mike Florak and Alan Hall won the 50/50 drawing. This is how we fund the scholarships, which will be awarded next month on April 10th. Please keep buying those tickets.

. . . That our February raffle winners were Chuck Govey and Kyle Brown. Congratulations!

. . . That Bob Hargrave does not have a Facebook page, but he does have e-mail (rbhargrave@sbcglobal.net). He will celebrate a "O" birthday this Wednesday, in case you want to send him a greeting. On Saturday, Bob and I appeared in the Rotary photograph in *The Herald Star*. You could see Bob's face, but the back of my head was featured. Luckily, it was a good hair day!

. . . Cory Wingett is still seeking input on the flag project. The idea is for individuals to purchase a flag and holder for \$75.00 annually to be displayed on five holidays at home or throughout the community. A committee of Rotarians will place and remove the flag timely for each holiday. Order forms will be distributed shortly after the next Rotary board meeting.

Ashley

Your Editor's Opinion

An Era is Over . . .

Well done, good and faithful servant, Linda Porter. For four decades she sat to the left of the three men managing Jefferson County - and in each decade she managed those men.

She was a woman of words - sometimes of instruction, sometimes of clarification in no uncertain terms, all hers, sometimes of wisdom, sometimes off color, sometimes of (often razor sharp) humor, sometimes of understanding.

But always, without fail, Jefferson County's best interests were in her heart. She could show you to your place or put you in your place. She could lead you through the complicated channels of local politics or she could build a dam in that channel that you could never navigate around.

She took pride in her reputation of being the person in the know in Jefferson County politics - but more importantly, in Jefferson County government. And "in the know" she was. There is a huge chasm in Jefferson County today at the loss of Linda Porter.

She was far more interested in what you got done than who you were. If you accomplished your task (for the good of the order as she saw it), you earned her respect. If your goals were primarily political or self-serving, she had little time - and harsh words - for you.

Linda, though seemingly outgoing in bravado, was truly a very private person. Citizens who spent much time in the courthouse learned to treasure her little epithets of wisdom, her sometimes bawdy humor and her frequent verbal editorials on what was going on around her. But there were not many who got too close. You would often see her sitting alone on the bench in front of the courthouse, watching the public walk by - and thinking, always thinking.

She was a lady of significant boundaries. That, too, is to be respected now, as her son follows her wishes for privacy in death.

I didn't know Linda well, except through her frequent comments to Bob about law and life, but I respected her each time I entered the Commissioners Office and saw her demonstrate time after time that she was truly the "woman behind the men." Tough job! Tough lady! And today, I trust God has raised her up on eagles' wings and holds her in the palm of His hand.

Time for some Humor:

Facts you may not know . . .

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently. There was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A bird pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and to everyone's relief, confirmed that the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of the deaths appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis, it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues, scientists determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTS then hired an ornithological behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. He very quickly concluded the cause:

When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah," (as it's pronounced in Massachusetts), not a single lookout could shout "Truck."

A Real Pittsburgher . . .

The year is 2024 and the United States has just elected the first woman as President of the United States and she is from Pittsburgh!

A few days after the election, the president-elect calls her father in Pittsburgh and asks, "So Dad, I assume you will be coming to my inauguration?"

"I don't think so. It's a long drive; your mom isn't as young as she used to be, we'll have the dog with us and my arthritis is acting up in my knee.

"Don't worry about it Dad. I'll send Air Force One to pick you up and take you home and a limousine will pick you up at your door," she said.

"I don't know. Everybody will be so fancy. What would your mother wear?"

"Oh Dad," she replied. "I'll make sure she has a wonderful gown custom-made by one of the best designers in New York."

"Honey," Dad complained, "You know we can't eat those rich foods you and your friends eat."

The President responded, "Don't worry, Dad. The entire affair is going to be handled by the best caterer in D.C. I'll be sure your meals are salt-free."

So her parents reluctantly agreed, and on January 20th of 2025, they arrived to see their daughter sworn in as President of the United States.

The parents of the new President are seated in the front row. The President's dad sees that a senator is sitting next to him and leans over and whispers, "You see that woman up there with her hand on the Bible, becoming President of the United State?"

The senator whispered in reply, "Yes sir, I sure do."

Dad says proudly, "Her brother played football for the Pittsburgh Steelers."

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Rotary "Anns"

Years ago, men were Rotarians; their wives were Rotary Anns. I've always thought of that as a take-off of Raggedy Ann, but recently it occurred to me that early Rotarians may have thought of their wives as the female part of the Rotary family, so there were male "Rotari-ans" and female "Rotari-anns." That may be an historical question to which we never know the answer, but today, Rotary couples and Rotarian female members are vital to Rotary's current and future success.

In recent years, Rotary International Presidents have stressed the "whole family" approach to Rotary membership, urging spouses and children to be made welcome at all Rotary events. I have a cousin who is in Rotary in Kentucky. Her club meets Friday mornings for breakfast and her youngest daughter attends every week. She feels completely a part of that Rotary experience.

Meanwhile, here in Steubenville Rotary, we have had the pleasure of inducting several women into membership in recent years. Last Friday, two of them added to the information provided by speaker Fred Abdalla, as Jodi Scheetz and Beth Warren both provided input on his topic from the female - and social worker - perspective.

On Sunday, in a great article in *The Herald Star*, we learned that Jodi had been chosen by the Ohio Valley Business and Professional Women's Club as their Woman of the Year at the "Wine and Shoe Extravaganza."

Jodi is a Rotarian through and through. She advocates so that women who cry are heard, women who suffer are tended and women and girls who are molested get justice. For all her "beer bravado," this woman puts her real money where the lives of other women are on the line. Congratulations to Jodi. The honor is well-deserved appreciation for all the women and girls she has served. Thanks, Jodi, for keeping so many ALIVE.

In addition, our club has had the privilege of honoring Mary Alice Brandt and Kay Kuzma with their own Paul Harris Fellowships for their years of service to this club. Each has been through many chapters of our history. We urge them to remain part of our Rotary family and to continue in service with us, sharing our meetings, parties, newsletters and, of course, fund raisers. These are two people we need as club participants - even from their days as Rotari-anns.

April and Spring arrive - with help from Alan Hall

4/3 On Good Friday, the club will not meet. Please make a reservation and join the YWCA staff for a meaningful service and lunch in commemoration of this very holy day. Service starts at 11:00. Cost - \$8

4/10 The annual Service Above Self Scholarship Awards luncheon will be held. This year ten students from throughout the county will be given \$500 and will tell you why they think service is so important in their lives. Thanks to everyone for buying the raffle tickets and allowing this tradition to continue.

4/17 Misty Teasdale, the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County Children's Services Director will discuss ABC READ - THE LETTER D. This program helps prepare children for school through stories, games and crafts.

4/24 Kent Hall, Professor of Engineering at Washington State Community College will discuss "A Honduras Mission," a five year annual journey for this pastor of a Baptist church, member of Marietta Morning Rotary and brother to the infamous Alan.

March - some inspiring thoughts

Andrea Prosko celebrated her second Rotary anniversary by sharing some great speakers.

3/6 Steve Forte of "The Fishers Council," a Christian Community Outreach organization, described his role as an iron man, walking the streets hunting for treasure, human treasure from people who need to be found.

3/13 Don Heiss, of Trinity, told us how important their new Cancer Dietary Initiative is to patient and family healing. All donations go to the food program to help maintain better diets as treatment is provided.

3/20 Representing Valley Hospice, its CEO Cynthia Bougher shared new information about programs implemented for patients and families. She noted that their operation is moving to Trinity West.

3/27 Fred Abdalla, Jr., life-long friend of Andrea, described the challenges he faces as the county Chief Probation Officer for Juvenile Court. He noted that kids here are committing adult crimes and that he and Judge Corabi are seeking community service opportunities to keep kids off the streets.



It's the right thing to do!

At our March 20th Rotary meeting, Cynthia Bougher, Valley Hospice's CEO, said something that has stayed with me ever since. During her talk, she emphasized the fact that decisions made at Valley Hospice often come down to, "What's the right thing to do."

I appreciated this comment as each day I am presented with decisions that must be made.

Some decisions are easy. Some are not. Often, I find myself tempted to take the less controversial or least time intensive path, instead of really wrestling with what's best. In other words, I will take the easy way out.

But, at the end of the day, when I reflect on what I do and why I do it, and most importantly, who the decisions will impact, I realize the "right thing to do" is the best thing to do.

What is the "right thing to do?" Sometimes I wish I knew. The four way test does give some guidance however. Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to all concerned?

As you and I seek to be better people, better employees and better leaders in our community, let us be mindful that each decision we will make does have a lasting impact on someone.

Why should we care? Because it's the right thing to do.

Ashley

Learning Opportunity:

The community is invited to a "hands on" learning experience - a month in the life of a low income family. Participants will join in healthy dialogue to identify barriers and obstacles of "getting ahead."

April 22nd at 10-2 at EGCC cost \$10

Birthday's in March:

April is here. Let's offer birthday cheers to Christine Hargrave, Greg McDonnell, Mike Mehalik and Andrea Prosko.

Dates to Remember:

4/3 The YWCA's annual Good Friday Service and lunch begins at 11:00. This year's speaker is Ruth Spinson, Evangelist at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Music will be sung by Beth Ruppert Warren. Please plan to attend. Let the YWCA know if you can be present. There is no Rotary meeting on Good Friday.

4/8 Rotary Board meets at the YWCA at Noon. Lunch is provided. All are welcome. Don't forget this meeting counts as a make-up.

4/16 The Speaker Series continues with the presentation of Rebekah Gregory, who will discuss "Boston Strong" - her account of the 2013 Boston Marathon, her injuries from the bombing and her recovery and determination since. She is training to run in the Marathon just several days after she speaks here in Steubenville. See Ross or call the Jefferson County Chamber for tickets.

4/24-25 Rotary District 6650 Annual Conference in Wooster, Ohio

5/16 Franciscan University's Baron's Club Dinner. See Mike Florak for details on how to participate.

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. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups on line is www.rotary.org, then search for e-clubs. Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form.

. . . That we had some guests this month, including Bob Phillipson and Joel Kerr with students from Big Red Mary Simon, Justine Wickham and Jason Criss.

. . . That Jen Brown, Kyle Brown, Sylvia Ensell and Kyle Brown won the 50/50 drawing. Seems to have helped to have the name "Brown." Raffle winners were Todd Phillipson and Betsy Standougherty.

. . . That we offer Gary and Marg Cain and family our deepest sympathy at the loss of daughter Michele.

. . . That we welcomed three new members this month. They are Jen Brown, Barry Gullen and Todd Phillipson. Within a few weeks, Janet Mayle will become a member. We are very sorry to report that Steve Kline and Brian Wilson have resigned.

. . . That you will receive a ballot soon for choosing our incoming class of board members and our next president. If you have interest in being on the ballot, see Cory Wingett.

Your Editor's Opinion

The Grammar Police

I have had an interesting exchange with one of our scholar applicants. You will meet Blaze on April 10th. His advisor sent me a presidential letter and asked that I add it to his application. I did and sent her an e-mail telling her so.

Shortly after, I got a thank you e-mail from him with a glaring (to me) grammar error. Well, I went crazy, saying to Bob, "This boy is so smart! I can't let him think this is okay."

Bob said, "Chill out!" When I told the selection committee, they did not share my desperation about this, but my mother from heaven was screaming [in my head - perhaps it was praying], "For the sake of this child, fix this!"

My wise pal, Terri said, "Go to the counselor, not the kid. It's up to her to decide to share your feedback."

So I did. And she did. And he was grateful - or so he says!

Please, if you receive something, accept it in the objective case. "Thank you for letting me add this." His problem came when he included his teacher. He said, "Thank you for letting Mrs. P and I add this." If you think in the singular, instead of the plural, you will never make the error, but everyone wants to use "I" way too often. "I" is subjective. "Me" is objective.

I am the granddaughter of a Baltimore aristocrat and the daughter of a brilliant English literature and grammar teacher. I will not apologize for their years of teaching to me and many others. The grammar disasters I hear used daily drive me crazy. Bob says it's a very short drive, but please - please - think about our beautiful language and its proper usage.

Join me in watching "Downton Abbey" for some really good examples of grammatical grace.

Time for some Humor: *Speaking of women (from page one)*

In understanding how women think and speak, some kind soul sent me the following definitions in "Women-speak."

5 Deadly Terms Used by a Woman

1. Fine - this is the word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to shut-up.
2. Nothing - means something and you need to be worried.

3. Go Ahead - this is a dare, not permission. Do not do it.

4. Whatever - a woman's way of saying enough of you.

5. That's Okay - she is thinking long and hard on how and when you will pay for your mistake.

BONUS WORD: WOW! - this is not a compliment. She's amazed that one person could be so stupid.

And now - from church bulletins across America: (speaking of challenging grammar)

The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.

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

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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

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

Next Thursday, there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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

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

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast.

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

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

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

New Campaign Slogan: I upped my pledge! Up yours!

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The Amazing Raise

Last year, for the first time, the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley participated in an event to raise awareness and funds for many non-profits through the foundation itself. For one 24-hour period, people could log onto www.GiveOV.org and make a contribution to many local charities at one time on their credit cards. The Foundation collects and then distributes the funds as directed by the donors. In addition, through sponsorships, there is a "match" fund that increases the donation by a percentage. There are also prizes. Go to the site and read about those possibilities too.

The date this year is May 5th and the "Raise" begins at midnight and lasts until 11:59 PM. There are several local non-profits enrolled, including the YWCA, the Urban Mission, the local Red Cross, Catholic Central High School, CFOV Community Impact Fund, Family Services, The Grand Theater, Ohio River Valley Council of Boy Scouts, Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center, Urban Mission, Valley Hospice, the Women's Giving Circle and the YWCA of Steubenville. The total number of potential fund recipients is 98, in our area alone.

Last year, the total raised exceeded \$350,000 and gave the community a chance to provide needed funds to many local causes in a simple and easy way on line. It allows generous donors to browse local non-profits and become aware of both the needs they have and the vast array of services they provide.

Susie Nelson, Executive Director of the CFOV, gives specific directions as to the way to donate. "Just type in the website (www.GiveOV.org) and click on 'Leaderboard.' All the possibilities for donating are listed clearly there. So are the several ways to make your donation help your charity win some prize money. I recommend that donors get prepared for making the most of their favorite non-profits' chances. Then on May 5th, join with others who helped raise \$53 million across the nation in the first Amazing Raise."

It's a Grand, Old Flag!

As Cory prepares for his year as Rotary's president, he is kicking off a project involving purchase of a flag which Rotarians and other volunteers will distribute five appropriate times a year to celebrate our patriotism. More information is on the way. Look for it!

April Shivers - not showers but Alan Hall warmed our hearts!

4/10 All ten Service Above Self Award winners attended the luncheon and provided answers to questions taken from the resumes they submitted. The students are listed later in this newsletter. Thanks to all of the Rotarians who helped make this day a success for these young people, and especially to those of you who buy the 50/50 tickets which fund this program.

4/17 Misty Teasdale, the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County Children's Services Director demonstrated the way she approaches very young children with stories, games and music. Some really good sport Rotarians acted the roles of 3-4 year olds, some way more believably than others.

4/24 Kent Hall, soon-to-be-retired Professor of Engineering at Washington State Community College described "A Honduras Mission," a five year annual journey for this pastor of a Baptist church and praise band member. His pictures and stories remind us of how blessed we are and how important these missions are to those in third world nations.

May - Jim Baber will warm us up - hopefully

Program Chair Jim has the following planned for May:

5/1 Ron Manse, will discuss "Therapeutic Riding" representing Gold Star Families.

5/8 Ohio State Senator Lou Gentile will bring us updates from Columbus. [Did you know that his office sent a letter of congratulations to each of our award-winning students?]

5/15 State Fire Marshall Frank Conway will help us to understand how to make our homes safe from fire hazards.

5/22 Renee Powell works with the Clearview Hope Project, whose focus is on working with women veterans.

5.29 Debbie Floger will address the timely topic of Common Core - and provide us with a report card of the methodology.

Maid of Steele



Walking a mile . . .

On April 22nd over 100 community members gathered at EGCC to participate in a Poverty Simulation. The goal of the simulation was to provide participants with a simulated “month” in the life of someone living in poverty. Those participating encountered real life scenarios where they were asked to navigate through a series of institutions with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. At the end of the day, those participating share their experiences, many seeing for the first time the harsh realities associated with living in poverty.

After reflecting on the day's events, it reminded me of the old saying, “Don't judge a man until you've walked a mile in his shoes.” Sources say the earliest traces of this proverb date back to the Cherokee tribe of Native Americans. You might also remember Nelle Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, where she wrote, “You never really know a man until you understand things from his point of view, until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”

Many times I find myself quick to evaluate a situation or judge a person before understanding them. That's one thing I appreciate about our weekly Rotary meetings. Each week we have the opportunity to “walk a mile” in someone's shoes as they provide informative and, often, inspiring programs.

We may not all be missionaries to Honduras, or students soon to venture off to college, or community officials trying to work for the public good, or creative librarians helping lay the foundation for little people to build the bricks, blocks and ABC's of their education, but through the Rotary Club of Steubenville's Friday programs we can begin to gain a better understanding and appreciation for the work and service of others.

Ashley

Birthday's in May:

Hopefully the chill of April will give way to warm days in May as we celebrate with Kyle Brown, Laurel McDowell and Kathy Musso.

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. . . That our guests last month were Rotarians Bill Cattrell (Weirton) Susie Nelson (Wheeling) and Jim Matuga (Morgantown) and visitors Lisa Moore, Michael Allen, Lucille Bridgeman and Tom Burnett of FUS?

. . . That Jim Baber, Service Above Self winner, Oko Anyabwile and recently-returned traveler Richard Pflug won the 50/50 drawing? [Thanks, Rich, for donating your winnings.] Kathy Musso won the \$100 “Tax Day” raffle prize. Lawrence Fletcher and Mary Alice Brandt won \$50 each in the raffle drawing.

. . . That you will receive a ballot soon for choosing our incoming class of board members and our next president? If you have interest in being on the ballot, see Cory Wingett.

. . . That our board meetings are going to be moved to 11:00 on the second Friday of each month? It will still count as a make-up, so if you plan to attend Rotary and need a make-up, it will be a single day experience - two-birds, one stone kind of thing!

Your Editor's Opinion

And The Winners Are

We had a wonderful time getting to know ten young people from all across Jefferson County on Friday, April 10th.

They are Joshua Sokolowski and John Rutan of Buckeye, Katherine Moore of Catholic Central, Angus Porter of Edison, Daniel Gray, a home-schooler, Steven Westlake of Indian Creek, Blaze Bowers of Jefferson County Christian School, Danielle Myler of the JVS, Oko Anyabwile of Steubenville and Maria Dunlope of Toronto.

Meeting these young people and their families is such a refreshing and inspiring day for me. You hear and read so much about destructive, drug-dealing, drop-out teens. Seeing and hearing from some of the best each school will graduate is encouraging for the future of our valley.

Rotary's Newest Leader says "Be a gift to the world."

From Sri Lanka, our next RI President is K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran. In the March issue of *The Rotarian*, there is an extensive interview, which let's us meet a tall, well-dressed individual (by sight), who is quick to call himself "an average individual and an ordinary person." [See article, March 2015 - p. 32]

His resume, however, sounds anything but ordinary. He is CEO and founder of Printcare PLC, which is a printing and packaging company with a worldwide clientele. Publicly traded, it is arguably the No. 1 producer of tea bags in the world, but much of its product line is design-to-delivery printing, packaging and digital media solutions. He is clearly a man of the times.

One particularly interesting question posed to him was "What have you learned as a success in business and how would you like to apply it to Rotary?"

He answered, "Success is a relative term. Albert Einstein said, 'Try not to become a man of success, but rather a man of value.' It's more important that I am known as a man of value. Rotary is not a business, That's clear. But there is no reason it cannot be managed along the lines of a business. In business we are beholden to our shareholders. In Rotary we are accountable to the Rotarians who trusted us and placed us in a position of responsibility. Every investment we make in time and resources must have a return. Every expenditure must be justifiable. The goals we set for ourselves should be transparent and measurable, and the leaders at every level must be accountable for their performance.

Time for some Humor:

Speaking of bloopers, typos and misusage, here are treats from Assistant Humor Editor Dick McGowan, featuring some fractured history.

The inhabitants of ancient Egypt were called mummies, and they all wrote in hydraulics.

Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Caesar expired with these immortal words upon his dying lips: "Eat you, Brutus!"

Christopher Columbus discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic on the *Nina*, the *Pintacolada* and the *Santa Fe*.

Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his very own hands. When Lincoln was president, he wore only a tall silk hat. He said, "In onion there is strength." Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

Martin Luther had a dream. He went to Washington and recited his "Sermon on the Monument." Later he nailed 96 Protestants in the Watergate Scandal, which ushered in a new error in the annals of human history.

No sooner had the Hebrews left the Mess in Potamia safely behind them than they found themselves caught in the Fatal Crescent.

Pharos, the Egyptian king, decreed that the Hebrews should be drafted into forced labor building the Pyrenees and that if any of them bulked, they should be put into stocks and bonds.

The gift that the Phoenicians gave to civilization was Phoenician blinds.

In ancient Rome, women had a high risk of childbirth.

The four gospels were written by John, Paul, George and that other guy.

In Walter Scott's book, the Knight Templar wanted Rebecca to submit to him, but she reclined to do so.

Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote *Uncle Ben's Cabin*.

The author of *The Communist Manifesto* was Harpo Marx.

Someone who runs for an office he already holds is called an incompetent.

Philip Buster was a prominent American.

[Read with care. We've all been there!]

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Try to remember . . .

Memorial Day has touched us and Father's Day stands before us. It is a good time to appreciate and thank our dads, grandfathers, brothers and uncles, who have loved and raised us. And to those men who have served in our nation's military as well, we should take time to say thanks for the up-bringing, and for your invaluable service to our country.

This spring I lost a fascinating aunt and friend. My Aunt Marge was a Navy nurse. She was proud to have served in Japan after WWII helping rebuild the nation's health care system.

When her funeral schedule conflicted with her pastor's training, I asked Rev. Mike Bongart to officiate. Mike is a Vietnam veteran, who had never met my aunt, but he talked with me and my cousin Bev, who told him she had hoped to be buried at Arlington Cemetery. He asked about her military career. He saluted her casket as it left the church. To a child, her grandkids had no knowledge she had served. Her children knew little about it. In the few months before her death, she talked to me about how her service had changed her life.

When we had our recent program about military women, I wished Aunt Marge had been touched by their support. She was a Navy nurse and a proud one. For her service, and to all of you who receive this newsletter who have served, thank you for your service. God bless America and You! Oh yes, and God bless the dads, granddads and father-figures who help nurture our youth - and each of us!

Choirs of Angels

I am a Judy Collins fan. My favorite is "Send in the Clowns." My second favorite is a wonderful tune called "Clouds."

Some of you may know I have a divinity degree from Methesco. What does that mean? It means I have studied the Christian faith extensively. Although I believe what I studied, guarantees come through faith. At this "memorial time," I often look to the heavens in prayer. If I see a rainbow, it is a sign from my Mom that she is watching over me as she promised. This weekend, I looked up as Bob and I were sitting on our porch. I told him my concept of heaven is demonstrated by clouds. There were many small pads of clouds overhead. I listened and could hear the heavenly music - each angel on his/her small puff - singing to me and others who will listen. It was serene, melodic and, I said to Bob, "Do you

hear it? Sing, choirs of angels!"

He was beating me mercilessly at cards and didn't stop to hear the music. But next time you look and see wisp after wisp, puff after puff, please listen for the music . . . although "It's clouds' illusions, I recall. I really don't know clouds at all."

The programs of June:

6/5 Judge Joe Corabi will tell us about his plans for Probate and particularly Juvenile Court, as he attempts to incorporate the importance of education to the young people who face him.

6/12 Bob Lane will introduce us to Pat DiCesare, a retired concert promoter from Pittsburgh, who originally brought the Beatles to our area. Pat has a book, *Hard Days, Hard Nights*, describing his career and will share some of his stories with us.

6/19 Do you know we have a Chef in our midst? Keith Murdock and cohort Dave Stasielewich are producing various Italian meat products. They will describe the different processes and we will taste too.

6/26 Lisa Allen is owner and CEO of Ziegenfelders of Wheeling. They make popsicles for world wide consumption. This fascinating operation was recently featured in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. Lisa will give us the scoop on her chilly world.

May - Jim Baber's Gems

Great work, as always, from Jim Baber. Thanks!

5/1 Ron Manse talked about Gold Star Families, a timely topic for pre-Memorial Day.

5/8 Ohio State Senator Lou Gentile described his efforts in Columbus and his focus on our region. He said that working with both parties brings results.

5/15 Renee Powell with Mindy and Barb described the support group Ms. Powell has created for female veterans, empowering them through golf and year round.

5/22 State Fire Marshall Tim Weber urged us to check fire/smoke alarms and to plan for safe evacuation in case of fire. He distributed helpful tips.

5/29 Debbie Folger's message was that education must change so as not to fail our children. Schools, not kids, are to blame. Mastering before moving on is key to really having "no child left behind."

Maid of Steele



A final word as your president . . .

What a privilege and honor it has been to serve as your president this past year. You have been more than gracious, ever so supportive and have proved to me that the Rotary Club of Steubenville has a bright future ahead of it!

I am indebted to the hard work of Kathy Musso, club Secretary-Treasurer, to our Board of Directors who meet faithfully each month, to our program chairs for excellent programming, to Christine Hargrave for her faithful attention to our Contact newsletter and to the entire club membership for being faithful in your attendance and support of the club.

As we begin a new Rotary year, I have full confidence in the leadership of Cory Wingett. Already, Cory has proven himself to be a self-motivated, inspirational and "get-er-done" leader. His witty personality and "can-do" spirit will help propel our Rotary Club to new heights.

As Past Presidents Jim Baber, Jim Emmerling and Carolyn Glaub promised to me, I have promised Cory that I will be available to him in whatever support capacity he needs.

I truly believe the "light" of Rotary is shining brighter than ever before. Thanks for fanning the flame this past year.

Ashley

Editor's Note:

In Ashley's newsletter from the Urban Mission, called "Bright Horizons" (which seems to fit the "light" theme of her Rotary year) she reminds us that summer brings hardship to many poor families, especially those with children who no longer receive breakfast and lunch at school.

She points out that hunger takes no vacation and asks us to consider the following ways to broaden our summer plans:

1. Donate the extra bounty of your garden to the Urban Mission.
2. Make a donation. For every \$1 received by UM, they purchase \$11 of food through the food bank.
3. Visit Farmers' Markets, purchase and donate extra produce to the Mission.
4. Volunteer! There are countless ways to help.
5. Visit www.urbanmission.org to learn more about upcoming events and like them on Facebook, too!

Here come June's Birthdays:

Father Richard Davis, Howard Brettell and Patricia Fletcher will be celebrating birthdays this month. We wish them many happy returns.

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6/24 Changing of the Guard. Due to a schedule conflict, we will have an extra meeting in June to install our incoming president Cory Wingett and thank Ashley for her year of service. The meeting is at Bella Hall at 6:00 PM.

7/4 "Dream a Dream" is the theme for Toronto's annual fireworks program. 8:00 Tri-state Community Band; 9:00 US Kids; 10:00 Fireworks

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. . . That our guests in May were Rotarian Bill Cattrell (Weirton) and Paul Baker with two students from Edison and Tim Folger (speaker's husband).

. . . That Louise Snider, Cory Wingett, Sylvia Ensell and Sylvia Ensell won the 50/50 drawing? Mike Mehalik and Louise Snider won the monthly raffle. [Louise and Sylvia, you should buy a Powerball ticket!]

. . . That you should have received a ballot for choosing our incoming class of board members and our next president? Please get it back to Kathy by June 5th.

. . . That our board meetings are going to be moved to 11:00 on the second Friday of each month from July? It will still count as a make-up, so if you plan to attend Rotary and need a make-up, it will be a single day experience - two-birds, one stone kind of thing!

Your Editor's Opinion

The Perils of Pauline . . . 's Son

As we drove home from dinner across Route 22 in Bob's brand new (to him) Mercedes, a youthful doe appeared before us. Our speed was under control as was our driver, so the doe, the car and its contents all survived unscathed except for elevated heart rate and blood pressure.

Early that day, Bob was bemoaning "In-flight Bird Diarrhia (IFBD). His lovely new vehicle has been carefully parked in Mount Pleasant, Steubenville and Toronto. There were no trees overhead. There were no power lines in the vicinity. No perches were any where in sight. And yet, the shiny, gun-metal gray Mercedes was pelted with poop, not just in one location, but in all three. Is it true? Is there really "bird flu?" Or as Bob says, "They have IFBD!"

His spill-over issues continued at a gourmet pizza place in Pittsburgh where a wafer thin crust with virtually no sauce, no toppings and - well - little taste - saw his significant bite result in a cascade of hidden sauce dribbling over a brand new sweatshirt, donned because of unseasonably cold weather.

Action from dutiful and prepared wife produced water, napkin, Shout Wipes (a critical component) and immediate (upon home arrival) treatment and laundering. The shirt is like new with no sign of the mishap. The car too has visited a shower stall and is currently poop free. But . . . it happens!

Join us again for a future episode of "The Perils of Pauline. . . 's Son"

Steubenville Rotary's Newest Leader

I am very excited and honored to be the next Steubenville Rotary President. This group welcomed me with open arms in 2007 and I have truly enjoyed every minute ever since.

We are a strong club with great members. I understand from our history that we may be a little smaller today than in years past, but I feel as if we stand just as tall with pride and service.

I have taken personal time these past couple of months to attend numerous district events to learn how I can best serve the membership of our club. I hope to pull from that experience and meet all of your expectations plus more. I am striving for a couple more social events throughout the years so that we can share our enthusiasm of Rotary with our closest family members as we did at the Hargrave residence for the Christmas Party. I want the Flag Program to blossom so this program will ultimately be our financial pillar to make it as economical as possible to be a member of Rotary and support as many local charities as possible. By asking each member to be responsible for one speaker through the year, I truly believe that the variety of speakers will not disappoint

and we will get to know each Rotarian just a little better.

Once again, I look forward to this year. Please bring a friend or co-worker to Rotary. When we share our club by inviting a visitor for a Friday lunch at the "Y," I hope our membership will grow because we opened the door to our fellowship.

Cory Wingett

Time for some Humor:

And God Looked Down . . .

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom, He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Than God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good. So if you find as you age you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Nine important facts to remember as we age:

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- #6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital dying of nothing.
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn you tomorrow!

A member of a businessmen's (is this dated or what) club was surprised to see three other men and a dog playing poker in the card room. Pausing to watch, he commented on the extraordinary performance of the dog.

"He's not so smart as all that," his owner (one of the other three) said in disgust. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."

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What is "Fair to All Concerned?"

Over the past couple of months, I have questioned this particular line of the four-way test repeatedly. In April, when we were choosing the scholarship recipients, the choices this year were difficult. There were many deserving children. Some years the candidates are more or less qualified, particularly school to school, but this year there were far more than ten good choices.

What is a Rotarian to do? A Rotarian must make the best ethical, logical, fair decision possible - even when there are no really wrong choices.

Another example of this dilemma is our club's most recent election. The ballot had five excellent candidates. In the end, the members who voted were amazingly fair to all concerned because the club elected them all. This happened because some voters only chose one or two, but the big surprise for me was to learn that the voting percentage among club members was pretty close to the voting percentage of the general public when voting for local, state and national leadership. About 20-30% of eligible voters made our club choice. Is anyone else surprised at that? How is not voting fair to all concerned? However, I do believe the results were in the best interest of the club overall.

I was challenged again when The Amazing Raise was occurring. With so many worthy choices, where should my dollars go to be fair to all concerned?

I know every person reading this receives countless requests for charitable money. How do you be "fair?" I believe in this case, it is with follow-up. If a petitioner asks and the cause seems worthy, or frankly, appeals to me, I often donate. Then I watch the nurturing of my financial seeds. If it produces a valuable harvest, I will probably plant again. But if not, that organization may get weeded out for a long time. Is that fair?

This is not a rhetorical question. I am seeking feed back and advice. What does "fair to all concerned" mean to you? Please e-mail your thoughts to me at chargrave@cattrell.com or discuss it with me when I see you. I am interested in what you have to say.

Next month, we may have to take up another of the challenges presented to Rotarians in the Four-Way Test . . . of the things we think, say and do.

The programs of June:

Bob Hargrave is giving me full credit for the programs in June, even though it was *our* month. Thanks, Bob!

6/5 Judge Joseph Corabi is looking for answers. He and Chief Probation Counselor Fred Abdalla, Jr. are seeking input from community leaders as they both point out that children in our community are *our* challenge. The judge is funding a school liaison officer to begin to involve court and schools more directly. The community collaboration effort got underway with a meeting held last week.

6/12 What a delight to have Bob Lane introduce us to Pat DiCesare, a retired concert promoter from Pittsburgh! And what a story he had to tell. *Hard Days, Hard Nights* expands on the snap shot he gave us of his careers roots, starting from a work ethic instilled in him when he was just seven years old. The result - the Beatles in Pittsburgh in 1964. Great job!

6/19 Budget Saver Twin-pops appeared at each diner's place as we heard Lisa Allen discuss Ziegenfelders' success. Her focus, as her "brother's keeper," is to concentrate on the well-being of her employees, who in turn pass that same kind of TLC to clients. Hers is a really cool idea with heart warming results.

6/26 Much like the announcer and color commentator at a sports competition, Keith Murdock and Dave Stasiulewicz called the culinary shots of sausage and cured meat making. The delicious patties on the luncheon plates were described in the precise process used to make the tasty treats. Platters of cured meats were passed to each table. Delicious day for all!

July- A new experience:

Cory has decided to try an experiment with Friday programs, by asking each Rotarian to take a single week to find the best program possible. So far . . .

7/3 Cory's says there will be a program for sure.

7/10 District Governor Joe Belinsky

7/17 John Criss - Around the World in 30 Days

7/24 Jodi Scheetz is another TBA - see website for updates.

7/31 Cory presents Ron Ferguson on "Americans for Prosperity."

Louise Snider and Dan Keenan have August lined up.

Let's hear Cory Wing it . . .



I am extremely excited to serve as your Steubenville Rotary president this year. As

I mentioned at the Changing of the Guard it seems like just yesterday Pete Chalfant brought me to my first Friday Rotary lunch in 2007. I just hope I can lead as well as Ashley has this past year. She is our Steele curtain and set the bar high.

Taking into consideration what I feel is fair to all concerned I have set three goals for the club this year:

1. Each of us will promote our "service above self" message. By spreading this positive message among the community we will continue to promote the benefit of Rotary membership and the benefit of a strong Steubenville club. If we each simply introduce our club to one person per month by inviting him/her to join us for lunch, we could expose Steubenville Rotary to 600 potential members. I would bet a bottle of the Hargraves' top shelf wine we could land 1-2% of those potentials and increase our club by 6 to 12 members.

2. We will plan and conduct six (6) social events outside of regular meetings by June of next year. Some ideas may be a campfire cookout at the country club, a bus trip to a Pirate game and a Friday at 4:00 pm meeting at a local spot for drinks and laughter. These are a few ideas to continue our club's companionship as well as share time together in a social atmosphere with family and friends.

3. I will continue to implement and manage our flag fund raising program. My goal is 100 flag memberships by next June. When we accomplish this first step it will create an extra \$5,000 per year that we can leverage in numerous ways. For example, we could offer more club sponsorships for members, lower costs to attract more members or expand our scholarship program.

I am open to any ideas. I want this club to flourish for the next 100 years. The Steubenville Rotary founders and current members have laid a strong foundation that we simply need to continue to build block by block.

Cory Wingett

Here come July Birthdays:

Celebrate this month with Terri Ferroni, John Criss, Rich Delatore, Sylvia Ensell, Dick Powell, Adam Scurti and Peggy Wang.

Dates to Remember:

7/10 Rotary Board meets on its new day - Friday at 11:00 in the YWCA Boardroom. All are welcome. Even though it's right before a meeting, it counts as a separate make-up - two for one!

7/3 Wheeling Symphony Live at Weirton's Downtown Event Center. Concert at 7:30 PM.

7/4 "Dream a Dream" is the theme for Toronto's annual fireworks program. 8:00 Tri-state Community Band; 9:00 US Kids; 10:00 Fireworks

7/23 - BAH hosted by our Rotary Club in conjunction with the YWCA at the "Y"

Did you know . . .

. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups on line is www.rotary.org, then search for e-clubs? Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form.

. . . That our guests in June were Rotarian Satyasager Morissett (Pres. of Wtn. Wed. Club), Bob Lane, Tom Graham, Jasmine Baber, Paul Giannamore and Jan Rainbolt?

. . . That Cory Wingett, Bruce Trushel and Buzz Cattrell won the 50/50 drawing? Kathy Musso and Jody Glaub won the monthly raffle.

. . . That Sue Hershey, Andrea Prosko and Barry Gullen, Jon Brandt and Charley Joyce will all be joining your board of directors?

. . . That Chuck and Martha Govey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last month. Two such special people who exemplify service above self deserve our congratulations and love on this special occasion.

. . . That Judge Richard Powell will celebrate his birthday on July 4th. According to daughter Susan Stewart he is doing well and would love to hear from his old friends. He is at 1013 East Cypress Drive, Pompano Beach, FL 33069.

. . . That the club celebrated the Changing of the Guard on Wednesday, June 24th when the officers and board were inducted by Chuck Govey. Ashley Steele received a Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of her service to the club. Bob Lane was on hand to roast incoming President Cory Wingett who attended with his lovely wife Lisa. Thanks to Jim and Lee Ann Emmerling for hosting the event and to the YWCA staff for preparing and serving a delicious meal.

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Editorials: *A Guest Column . .*

Seedlings - Musso's Musings

Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to move around the room and sit at different tables including the podium with our speakers. It has been great to interact with our members - even those who gave me a hard time for sitting with them. (Yes, that happened, in jest I hope!)

What I have observed have been some members who insist on talking when the program begins and, in particular, when our speaker has begun his/her presentation. You may not realize how your voice carries around the room or that those beyond your table can hear your remarks. In fact, one inappropriate remark reached the head table. That's not living up to our Rotary standards in my opinion.

We have certainly gotten better at turning off our cell phones . . . that is great, but this will serve as a reminder to do so when you get out of your car or when you enter the meeting room.

Please remember to greet our speakers or other guests. For those of you that attended the meeting when Michael Angelo Caruso spoke about how NO ONE came to greet him and how he felt, I know our membership is friendlier than that. We want to make visitors feel welcome. We just need to concentrate on doing it.

Some of you have been asking who certain members are so we are going to rectify that situation as we will soon have new name tags. I am also working on our Directory (since I have lots of time now) which will also help you identify and have contact information for all of our members.

As we move forward, please take the opportunity to make the meeting pleasant for everyone - members, guests and our speakers. Cory has been working hard to make this a memorable year, with lots of fun and learning about Rotary. I look forward to our club doing great things and being A Gift to the World.

Kathy Musso, Sec.-Treas.

Meet Rotary's Newest Prez : And give thanks to our Maid of Steele

Although we have had Cory with us for several years, many of us don't know too much about his background, so I asked for a little research and here is what I have learned.

Cory is the youngest of three sons, born and raised in southeastern Ohio in Albany, near Athens. His father was a home builder, constructing over 500 homes in his career. He served as a Director on the Board of Hocking Valley Bank.

Son Cory left the family home and headed north (but not too far) to attend West Liberty University. His degree is in business administration. It is there that he met and fell in love at first sight with Lisa, a stunning girl from Weirton. He says that after college he followed her like a lost puppy to the Ohio Valley and soon after, they were married.

Three children (Julia-11, Ella-9 and Luke-5) and an MBA degree later, he joined the Edward Jones Investments team in 2006 where he handles over 500 active clients. [Ed. Note: His investment work for our YWCA has been extremely successful.]

Cory likes to garden, watch his child-athletes and play with family at Tappan on weekends. We all know he is a creative type, as the Rotary floats have indicated. I for one am loving his flag program and urge each of you to pony up the \$50 and participate.

Besides serving as our new president, Cory's bucket list includes traveling to Alaska, Hawaii, retiring ultimately to Florida and attending the next OSU national championship game. Lots of this club is right there with you, Cory. Congrats!

As for Ashley, how do we thank such a gracious and determined Rotarian? She is so deserving of our praise and of her Paul Harris Fellowship! As I have watched her throughout this year, she has the ability to make us all feel like the most important person she's ever met. God has blessed this community and this Rotary Club with the service of Ashley Steele - as Cory puts it, our own Steele Curtain!

Time for some Humor:

A 67 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near-death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 30 years, 11 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, lipo-suction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth. Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After he last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another thirty years? Why didn't you pull me from the path of the ambulance?"

(With apologies to those of us who believe in the all-knowing God) God replied, "I didn't recognize you!"

A politician woke up after surgery and asked the nurses, "Why are all the blinds drawn?"

"Everything's fine," one of the nurses replied. "There's just a big fire across the street. We didn't want you to wake up and think the operation had been a failure."

Some one-liners (from Dick McGowan)

My pig learned karate. Now it's doing pork chops!
Why was the archaeologist depressed? His career was in ruins.

You might have heard of our IT department. It's known as a house of ill compute.

I need a better attorney. The judge said I was exonerated and my lawyer appealed.

They call it a family tree because if you look long enough you'll always find some sap in it.

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Tuesday	7:30 am	Weirton Heights - Eat 'N Park
Tuesday	12 Noon	Chester-Mountaineer Hospitality Club
Wednesday	12 Noon	Weirton- Williams Country Club
Thursday	12 Noon	Brooke -Station Grill, Wellsburg

IMPORTANT DATES:

Children's Christmas Party - 12/11/2015
No Meetings - 11/27/15, 12/25/15, 1/1/16 and 3/25/16
Service Above Self Youth Awards - 4/15/2016
Changing of the Guard - 6/24/2016

Birthday observance the 3rd Friday of each month

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July 3 - Cory Wingett
July 10 - District Governor Joseph Belinsky
July 17 - John Criss -Around the World in 30 days
July 24 - Jodi Scheetz
July 31 - Cory Wingett
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August 14 - Dan Keenan - Melinda Young's 1st Year
August 21 - Louise Snider
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In Fairness - Op Eds

BREAKING NEWS: The Board of Directors announces that Alan Hall will resume his role as vice-president on his way to leading us as President in 2017-18. The board is delighted that Alan has agreed to take this leadership role.

Last month I asked how one could be fair to all concerned. I got two responses:

Past president and member Bruce Hitchcock writes: "It depends upon your definition of 'all.' Do we mean was it fair to all who were present in the room when 'it' happened? Do we mean all in the building, on the block in the town, county, country, hemisphere, world or universe? Do we include all those in the past present and future? What do you mean by all?"

For me, the question is deeply theological. It begins with how we conduct ourselves on a day to day basis. We choose to modify our behavior with those we encounter. But the question soon grows in scope and complexity. We begin making decisions concerning more than personal conduct. We are considering how we run our business, pay our taxes, vote, raise our families, educate our children, spend our money, worship, play and everything else we do.

What is fair to all? Was it fair to our land, sea and air? Was it fair to the animals? Was it fair to God? If that is too theological, how about, was it fair to the universe? I do not want anyone to throw up their hands in frustration and stop thinking about the wonderful Rotary Question, "Was it fair to all concerned?" I am simply relating to you how that question has grown in my mind and heart over years of thinking and praying about that question. It is fair to say that this question has informed, formed and helped me make many decisions in life. It is a living question that may never have an answer that is complete. It is a question that keeps pushing us for answers - and we are all the better for it.

Vice President Alan Hall writes:

"When I think of 'fair to all concerned,' I immediately think of a Benjamin Franklin quote that has been affixed to the back side of my desk name plate at the library. 'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.' That quotation is facing me as I talk to someone sitting in my office. In order to be 'fair to all concerned,' we need to 'learn' the issue or situation so that we can be 'fair.'"

I placed the quotation on the verso of my desk plate many years ago in thinking about what I learned from my dear mother. She would ask what I 'heard' in school that day. She described that as the mechanical part of sound, while 'listening' was the act of taking the hearing and 'understanding' it. That is the only way we can be fair to others, by reaching a full understanding.

Of course, now I have given away the secret of the back side of my name plate.

Programs for August:

Louise Snider has filled three of the August Fridays, with Dan Keenan helping out on 8/14.

8/7 Ohio Patriot Guard - Wendell Keyser will tell us about the organization's purpose and service to veterans and their families.

8/14 Melinda Young, Superintendent of Steubenville City Schools will describe her vision for the future of the district providing award-winning education from pre-K through high school.

8/21 Lt. Joe Fetty of the Ohio State Patrol will be bringing in members from Columbus who will set up a lab regarding drug identification and enforcement. Also a K9 officer will be present. Please bring others from the community to hear this vital information.

8/28 Steubenville Police Chief William McCafferty will talk about local problems and answer your questions for him.

July- Week-to-week:

The first week by week program experience has concluded with our club hearing the following:

7/3 Cory presented newly appointed Judge Lisa Ferguson (county court in Toronto) who described a day in the life of a judge who firmly believes in the rule of law and her duty to uphold it.

7/10 District Governor Joe Belinsky challenged each of us to stay engaged in Rotary, to make it part of our everyday life. He also sat in on the board of directors meeting and encouraged us to invite others "to lunch."

7/17 John Criss took us on a journey around the World in 30 Days, a trip he took when son Jeff was just nine years old. The photos from Bali, Kenya, India, Ethiopia Morocco, Hong Kong, Tahiti, Austrailia, New Zealand, Singapore and Morocco were fascinating as were photos of John and Zan.

7/24 Jodi Scheetz introduced us to Marissa Bortz who is the sexual violence educator at ALIVE. She offered materials to help us understand this facing women, men and children world wide and here at home.

7/31 Cory presents WTOV-9's Erica Mokay, a WVU graduate and broadcast news award winner. She talked about life at WVU, at KDKA and here where she anchors the evening news.



I found the following quote by
Harvey Mackay:

"Time is free, but it's priceless.
You can't own it, but you can use it.
You can't keep it, but you can spend it.
Once you have lost it, you can't get it back."

This hits the nail on the head in my mind. It's the beginning of August, 2015. What has happened to this year? It seems like yesterday we were shoveling snow. The beginning of the school year and football season are only a few weeks away. Before we know it we will be shoveling snow again.

Everyone I speak with, from friends to clients, all agree that time has become a flash. I guess we live in that type of world. What can we do to stop, relax and truly enjoy a little peace each day? I know if we can find a way to accomplish this, we would be grateful in five, ten, fifteen or twenty years.

It may be a glass of wine at your favorite sitting spot under a shade tree with a loved one. It may be a game of catch with a young one just after a family dinner. It may be a quiet walk all by yourself. If we just make the effort to slow down, I truly believe it will make a huge difference in each of our lives.

This has become a personal goal. I hope by writing about it in our Rotary newsletter it may assist another to discover a special way to slow time at least once a day. Enjoy the rest of the summer and early fall - before that snow flies again!

Cory Wingett

Our Birthdays in August:

Many members were August babies, including Jon Brandt, Ed Cusick, Carolyn Glaub, Sue Hershey, Lee Kinney, Keith Murdock and Ashley Steele. Let's celebrate on the 21st with them!

Dates to Remember:

8/14 Rotary Board meets on Friday at 11:00 in the YWCA Boardroom. All are welcome. Even though it's right before a meeting, it counts as a separate make-up - - two for one!

8/15 ALIVE Inc. Steak Fry at Froelich's at 6:00. \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Cash bar.

8/17 Valley Hospice 8th Annual Golf Scramble at Steubenville Country Club. 8:30 registration. See Andrea Prosko for details and entry form.

10/2 "Last Blast of Summer" Golf Scramble to benefit Steubenville Rotary Club. Blackmoor Golf Course - begins at 11:00 AM. Details from Kathy and Cory. Volunteers are needed!!

Did you know . . .

. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups on line is www.rotary.org, then search for e-clubs? Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form.

. . . That our guests in June were Rotarian Susie Nelson (Pres. of Wheeling Club), Cynthia Bower, Lisa Moore, Kenny Rupert, Gary Coulter, Keith Wilson, Ron Ferguson, Jasmine Baber and Martha Govey?

. . . That Sylvia Ensell, Rich Delatore, Dick McGowan, Ross (sold the tickets himself) Gallabrese and Christine Hargrave won the 50/50 drawings? Winners of Raffle drawings were Rich Delatore (\$100), Dan Keenan and Ashley Steele (each \$50).

. . . That Keith did a great job roasting our birthday celebrants.

. . . That Cory is sharing important (and little known) facts to start each meeting? One exciting bit of news was that Nigeria has gone a whole year without a case of polio. Also, the Ford Model A was originally sold only in red. And 7/31 was the anniversary of the first US patent for fertilizer.

. . . That one of the "gift" boxes is a receptacle for names of potential Rotarians? Drop your suggestions there any time.

. . . That Marty Hauser recognized nineteen perfect attenders, including Jon Brandt, Ross Gallabrese, Chuck Govey, Bob and Christine Hargrave, Dan Keenan, Kathy Musso, Ashley Steele, Bruce Trushel and Marty himself with 35 years of perfect attendance.

. . . That our club membership is now 46. While the quality of our club remains at the highest level, the ability to do the work of Rotary improves with greater numbers. Please do your best to recruit new folks. Bring a friend to lunch-and-learn about Rotary.

. . . That there are still flags for sale? The price is \$50 rental per year. If you want to purchase one for yourself, your friend, your neighbor or a particular business or charity location you care for, please see Cory or pick up a sheet at the Secretary's table.

. . . That we are going to try this golf outing? Everyone is encouraged to play, donate, eat and sell it!

Perspective on how things change:

Life is always changing, no matter how often we try to recreate last year. Things are always different. Do you want a prime example?

Take a look at the new Colonel Sanders. Really! Weird! Eerie! Not at all believable! Imagine Borden's Elsie being played by that silly, girly, California cow who says "like" all the time! Think of any of the 17 R's acting like Ronald Reagan (oops - political - please disregard). Imagine Elvis by all the other Elvi (plural for Elvis, you know).

Well, you get the idea. So rather than waxing nostalgic (although often fun), let us work hard today and embrace tomorrow!

That is what Rotary does each year. New blood in our leadership is the commitment of RI. Even though many of us moan that as President we got to know the job the day we left it, the rule is to have a new face, a new theme and new energy by July 1st every year.

Cory isn't Ashley. He is new, innovative, nervous and engaging! Ashley's calm was reassuring; her mission deserved - and deserves - our commitment. Today, though, we should embrace Cory's flags. Buy them! Wave them! Help make them part of Cory's legacy.

Both Ashley and Cory, as our immediate past and current leaders, are attempting together to strengthen our club, rebuild our membership, retain those who are faithful, engage new folks and look again at members we've lost who may be interested in rejoining us.

Coming soon, we have Mike Florak and Alan Hall, both exploring ways to make Steubenville Rotary meaningful to our community.

We will not be returning to the "Golden Days" when Rotary was filled with bank presidents and utility CEO's. They don't live here any more. But this community is full of people committed to making it a better place to live every day. Together we will find them and offer the privilege of Rotary membership, with its huge responsibility, its great social grace and its challenge to live by the Four Way Test.

Who best exemplifies this ever-changing dare-to-be a Rotarian?

For me, it is John Criss, a 65 year member, a weekly attender, an attentive questioner and recently, a Rotary speaker, even though he never expected to be. He is - in my mind - a Rotarian, plain and simple, the way it was, is and will be!

Thank you, John!

Time for some Food for thought:

There's always a little truth behind every "just kidding,"
A little knowledge behind every "I don't know,"
A little emotion behind every, "I don't care,"
And a little pain behind every, "It's okay."

Time for some Humor:

Why go to church?

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going!"

"Why not?" she asked.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me and two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church. One you're fifty-nine years old and two, you're the pastor!"

The Picnic:

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. "This baked ham is really 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. Hall'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."

The Usher

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" she inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show-and-tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is the Star of David."

The second student got up and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student went to the front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am a Methodist and this is a casserole."

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Ravi's Great Idea

In reading this month's *Rotarian*, RI President K.R. Ravindran writes in his letter to us a parable about productivity and keeping our "tools sharp." The tale is worth a read. His point, however, has to do with Rotary membership. He writes, "It is time to sharpen our tools. Instead of focusing on the questions, 'How can we bring more members into Rotary?' we should be asking ourselves, 'How can we add more value to Rotary membership, so that more will join and fewer will leave?'"

Every year, since I have been a member (mid 90's), the RI President, District Governor and individual clubs have set numbers as goals for membership. Ravi's surprising question and innovative approach may be the ticket to some success.

As he notes later in his article, every potential Rotarian asks, "What's in it for me?" That is just human nature. Our new President answers, "The Rotary Global Rewards program, for one thing." This program, launched in July, seeks to provide member-to-member discounts, connections and concessions. It also allows businesses of Rotarians to share profits directly with the RI Foundation on a transaction-by-transaction basis. It is another way to combine business and service.

No doubt the program is more complicated than the preceding simple paragraph, and I am not sure another discount program is going to be what keeps me in Rotary. I'm a Four-Way Test kind of member. However, I think that focus on relevance, on service, on friendship, with the sharpest skills we can bring to the task, will help make our organization more attractive to outsiders and more important to our current, and especially newer, members.

To learn more about the program and its features and advantages, you must register at My Rotary at Rotary.org. That will get you the basic information and monthly updates as the members learn about its existence and potential.

President Ravi is correct in saying that only by attracting members do we have the chance to share this Rotary experience with others. Through the demonstration of highly ethical business practices, sincere and warm friendships and opportunities to learn, grow and, most importantly, serve together, a new Rotarian learns how Rotary enriches life, as it has each of ours.

Programs in August:

Louise Snider and Dan Keenan inspired us throughout the month. Thanks to you both.

8/7 Wendell Keyser and Mike Patrisko represented the Ohio Patriot Guard and American Legion. They showed a moving film on the reason the Guard was formed and described the many times each had stood guard at the funeral of a veteran. At the conclusion of the program, I was totally surprised to be presented the retiring American flag that Wendell carried at my dad's funeral. I am so very grateful.

8/14 Superintendent Melinda Young of Steubenville City Schools spoke proudly of their diversity and success. With a primary focus on technology, she noted that each high school student has a device in his or her possession to enhance learning at the cutting edge of the 21st century.

8/21 Lt. Joe Fetty, Commander of Jefferson County's post of the Ohio State Patrol and Lt. Todd Criss, lead criminal investigator, described, with statistical back-up, the increase in crime (drugs, guns, violence) in our area over the past two years. In that time, they have partnered with police and sheriff to enhance their capabilities to curb the problem. They urged us if we see something, to say something and dial #677.

8/28 Steubenville Police Chief William McCafferty suggested we and our nearly grown children read "The Gift of Fear" to help us learn to protect ourselves against violence and crime. He reminded us we do live in a safe community, where there is targeted crime. Officers on the street have a huge impact on keeping people safe. He, too, mentioned the power of partners.

September - Fall Begins:

9/4 Chuck Govey presents Joel Potts, Exec. Dir. of Ohio Job & Family Services Directors' Assoc. representing 88 counties on public assistance. An expert on welfare reform, he will discuss changing trends in the post-recession economy, drug testing and other challenges.

9/11 Annual Club Assembly will be chaired by President Cory with input from Sec.-Treas. Kathy and other committee chairs.

9/18 Rich Delatore will present Gary Landrio who will discuss Shortline Market Development. Gary is employed by the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Corp.

9/25 Sylvia Ensell will present Judy Bratton and Jerry Barilla, with news from Historic Fort Steuben.

Let's hear Cory Wing it . . .



I would like to open with a big thank you to Louise Snider and Dan Keenan for bringing top-notch speakers this past month. Their hard work and dedication to Rotary are truly appreciated. I'm excited that Melinda Young will be one of our newest members very soon, again thanks to Dan's influence.

In the beginning of October we are working hard to host our first Rotary Club Golf Outing. Along with the flag project, this fund raiser will assist us with the work we do for the local community. If you can roll up your sleeves and pitch in to help, please let us know. One of the most important things you can do is to distribute fliers to family and friends who are golfers to help fill the field. It is vital that we have teams from outside the Rotary family to assure the event will be successful.

In September, we will have our annual Club Assembly. The agenda will include Avenues of Service, Special Projects, Budget and Fund-Raising and Membership. If there are any special requests for topics of discussion, please let Kathy or me know.

So far, I am truly enjoying my term as president. I hope we are making the club the best it can be for our members. Sue Hershey is leading a team to help identify new members. Based on demographics, we may never be a club of 100 members again, but we surely can reach 50 to 75. Sue will have a few words to share at our assembly. If you know of anyone we should approach, please speak to Sue or me.

On September 18th, we will take a collection for the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. My truck will be parked out front. Please help fill it with Dad's brand dog food, any type of cat food, comfy items like blankets or towels and toys. This simple project is a great way to support the work of this local shelter.

Cory Wingett

Birthdays in September:

Birthday celebrants for September include Robin Flohr, Chuck Govey and Beth Rupert Warren. Also deserving our good wishes are Tim McCoy and Brian Wilson, both former Presidents.

Dates to Remember:

9/11 Rotary Board meets on Friday at 11:00 in the YWCA Boardroom. All are welcome. Even though it's right before a meeting, it counts as a separate make-up - - two for one!

10/2 "Last Blast of Summer" Golf Scramble to benefit Steubenville Rotary Club. Blackmoor Golf Course - begins at 11:00 AM. Details from Kathy and Cory. Volunteers are needed!! So are teams!!

Did you know . . .

. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups on line is www.rotary.org, then search for e-clubs? Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form. Also, don't forget to click on "My Rotary" and register.

. . . That our guests in August were Emily Beynon and Madison Santmeyer, granddaughters of Carolyn and Jody Glaub, Ted Gorman, Dan Flohr, Robert DiBenedetto, Dave Gossett and Mark Law?

. . . That Barry Gullen, Adam Scurti, Buzz Cattrell and Marty Hauser won the 50/50 drawings? Winners of Raffle drawings were Kyle Brown and Andrea Prosko.

. . . That Ross was in rare form when roasting our birthday folks.

. . . That Cory is sharing important (and little known) facts to start each meeting? In 1782 the Order of the Purple Heart was formed by George Washington. In 1959 Hawaii became a state, in 1944 the UN was formed and in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King told us, "I Have a Dream." All of these significant events occurred in August. One of our speakers informed us that the Ohio State Highway Patrol was formed in 1933.

. . . That Father Richard Davis was installed as Minister Provincial on July 17, 2015 by the Franciscan Friars? I know the club sends prayers, blessings and good wishes to this former member we miss so very much!

. . . That Jim Emmerling, Keith Murdock, Bruce Trushel, Kathy Musso and Christine Hargrave are working with Kiwanians and Lions for this year's joint-service-club festivities at our Oktoberfest? If you are interested in helping plan it, see any committee member.

. . . That our club membership is now 46? While the quality of our club remains at the highest level, the ability to do the work of Rotary improves with greater numbers. Please do your best to recruit new folks. Bring a friend to lunch-and-learn about Rotary.

. . . That there are still flags for sale? The price is \$50 rental per year. If you want to purchase one for yourself, your friend, your neighbor or a particular business or charity location you care for, please see Cory or pick up a sheet at the Secretary's table.

. . . That our club will meet at Blackmoor on 10/2? No meeting at the "Y" on that Friday.

The Sounds of Silence - on Calliope:

Recently Bob and I traveled to a family wedding seven hours away. We got to leave a day early and stop for a visit at the Galt House, a world-renowned hotel in Louisville, KY and home to the Kentucky Derby festivities. We were quite excited about staying there. I had booked us a room with a balcony overlooking the Ohio River, so we could reminisce about our days in Weirton and enjoy that beautiful view.

Alas, there was no furniture on the tiny balcony, but being resourceful, we soon took out three chairs - one to use as our table - so we could play cards and watch the river flow by. A couple of card games later, Bob yawned and announced he was going to go inside and "watch the news." I had a good crossword, so I stayed outside for peace and quite.

Below us, at river's edge, I noticed a line forming beside a paddle wheeler named "The Belle of Louisville." All of a sudden, steam started escaping from a series of silver pipes on the deck just below me. Then the calliope began to play to entertain the gathering crowd. Many of you may know that I have pretty sensitive ears and want my music to be of especially high quality. That requirement was not met by this concert (25 minutes long). My Old Kentucky Home and Beautiful Ohio were pretty shrieky and awful, but when it started on Simon and Garfunkel tunes, including "The Sounds of Silence," it was just more than my ears could bear. I was just about to escape inside when, all of a sudden, it stopped, and the gentle rumble of traffic was back to a reasonable noise level. Bob was back and pointed out that the music was not of lullaby quality for him either.

Not to be outdone, the elevator from the 24th floor, where we were, made a squawk at each level that sounded like a disgruntled duck. I was already bothered by an odd whirring in the air conditioning in the living room of our suite, so now my tolerance for ear pain had been exceeded.

The next day, we boarded the "ducky" elevator and made our way to our car. We arrived at the town where the wedding was to be held and found the hotel we had booked was undergoing renovation. The facilities were lacking and the fumes were overwhelming, so we went looking for a better situation. When we found it, there was a triple swing on the front porch of the hotel which looked inviting. The day was beautiful and we decided to sit and enjoy it. Then we moved the swing. The screech of its moving mechanism made me jump up and disappear inside. That was all my bleeding ear drums could take.

There are many more glitches in our story, but I will say that the wedding was absolutely perfect, love-filled, reverent and sweet, so I know this tale can end with "and they all lived happily ever after!"

The End

Time for some Humor:

A Note to dear friends - near and far about retirement,

A few years ago, my wife and I moved into a retirement development on Florida's southeast coast. We live at "Delray/Boca/Boynton Golf, Spa, Bath and Tennis Club on Lake Fake-a-Hachee." There are 3000 lakes in Florida - only three are real.

Our biggest concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? Not a worry, let me assure you. Passing the time is not a problem. Our days are consumed by simple activities. Just getting out of our car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where we parked takes 20 minutes. It takes half an hour to check out at WalMart and an hour to return the item the next day.

Here's a typical day's routine. We get up at 5:00 AM, have a quick breakfast and join the early morning Walk-and-Waddle Club. There are about 30 of us and, rain or shine, we walk around the streets all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6. After our nimble walk, avoiding irate drivers out to make us road kill, we go back home, shower and change for the next activity.

My wife heads for her underwater Pilates class, and I put on my "Ask me about my grandkids" shirt, my plaid mid-calf shorts, white socks and sandals and go to the clubhouse for a nice nap. Soon, it's time for lunch.

Off we go to Costco to partake of the many tasty samples dispensed by ladies in white hair nets. All free! After a filling lunch, if we don't have any doctor appointments, we look for a flea market to see if any new white belts have come in or to buy a Rolex for \$2.

We're usually back home by 2 to get ready for dinner. People start lining up for the early bird about 3 PM, but we get there @ 3:45 because we're late eaters.

Dinners are very popular because of the large portions served. We can take home enough food for the next day's meals, including extra bread, crackers, packets of mustard, relish, ketchup and Splenda and maybe some mints.

At 5:30, we're home and ready to watch the 6 o'clock news. By 6:30, we're fast asleep. After five or six bathroom trips during the night, we are ready to walk into the new day!

Doctor-related activities eat up most of our retirement time. I enjoy reading old magazines in sub-zero temperatures, so I don't mind. Calling for test results also helps the days fly by. It takes at least half an hour just getting through the doctor's phone menu. Then there's the hold time until we're connected to the right party. Sometimes they forget we're on hold and the whole office goes to lunch.

Volunteering provides a rewarding opportunity to fill time and to help the less fortunate. Florida has a large concentration of seniors under 5 feet who need the help of volunteers. I am a volunteer for "The Vertically Challenged Over 80." I coach their basketball team, The Arthritic Avengers. The hoop is only 4 1/2 feet from the floor. You should see the look of confidence on their faces when they make a slam dunk.

Lastly, it's important to choose a development to live in with an impressive Italian name. It conveys world traveler sophistication and wealth. Where would you rather live, Murray's Condos or The Lakes of Venice? As you plan your retirement, I hope this helps you prepare.

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“Johnny, We Hardly Knew Ye!”

As our club mourns the loss of Jon Brandt, we should take time to remember the life of our friend who has left us far too soon. As the title indicates, we had Jon for 29 years as fellow Rotarian, but many of us did not know all the things he did in service above self.

Cory mentioned Jon had helped him pick up the flags which had been distributed for the Labor Day holiday. He often offered Robbie help at the “Y” if there was something that needed to be done.

He loved his motorcycle. Many of us prayed and hoped for his recovery after the serious accident he had not so many years ago. And he did recover and continued to love the Harley and the opportunities that Poker Runs offered for him to “ride for a cause.”

He was President of Steubenville Rotary in 1995-96, and had as his president-elect our first female president, Sue Hershey. Throughout the years, he and his father served as Sergeant-at-arms for the club, making sure that the bell, the display of flags, the bucket and gavel were placed properly before each meeting. He followed in his father’s footsteps, taking his attendance so seriously that, when his employer said choose between making Friday your day off or giving up Rotary, he made Friday his day off to stay in Rotary. He was a Rotarian to the core.

He was a great son. In the weeks that followed his father’s death, Jon was in attendance faithfully, with tears flowing down his cheeks. At Rotary, Karl and Jon had been an inseparable pair. For Jon, those first months were very painful.

His mother, though a very independent soul, did rely on Jon. They went to church together, enjoyed local sports results and talked each evening before either would retire for the night, just as they did the Friday after the Massillon victory. Jon was ecstatic about that football game, and told Mary Alice all about it.

The title above is the name of an old Irish tune, which was borrowed years ago when two friends of JFK wrote a memoir about him. It seemed fitting to me because Jon was something of a mystery to us. We knew him, saw him, joked with him, even teased him, yet how well did we know this loving, caring, hard working young Rotarian, whose legacy of service will be remembered here for years and years to come.

Programs in October:

Our line-up of presenters this month includes Keith Murdock, Michelle Wilson, Barry Gullen, Jodi Scheetz and Patricia Fletcher.

10/2 It’s flu season so Keith will bring an expert on how to prevent us from getting it and what to do if that prevention fails us. Trinity will help us stay healthy this fall and winter.

10/9 Michelle will introduce Dave Conley from Homer Laughlin China who will talk about the history of pottery in the Ohio Valley and about the ever-popular Fiestaware.

10/16 Barry’s speaker will be announced on the website. Please keep checking for details.

10/23 First responder (to me about programs), Jodi, will introduce Eileen Spenser of the Child Advocacy Center to help educate us on human trafficking.

10/30 Patricia’s guest speaker will be Jimmy Bruce, the newest president of Eastern Gateway Community College.

September - Fall Begins:

9/4 Chuck Govey was excited to present Joel Potts, Exec. Dir. of Ohio Job & Family Services Directors’ Assoc. representing 88 counties on public assistance. An expert on welfare reform, he made a topic that can be overwhelming with statistics and dry information into a humorous, yet vital presentation for our community’s economic success.

9/11 Annual Club Assembly, chaired by President Cory with input from Sec.-Treas. Kathy, Marty Hauser, Ross Gallabrese, Alan Hall and a quiz by Charley Joyce made for a memorable meeting with much important information - and impending changes - explained.

9/18 Rich Delatore hosted Gary Landrio from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Corp. His history and memories of local railroads and their impact on our growth were fascinating. Their current rise to importance was exciting to hear.

9/25 Sylvia Ensell introduced Judy Bratton and Jerry Barilla, with what Judy called their “Annual Report to Rotary.” So far this year has brought 12,000 visitors and 18 school groups to the Fort, along with 11 concerts and 2 festivals. Much focus on the future is on the mural projects and perhaps a statue of Calvin Jones. Be sure to see the newest mural at Richard Pflug’s.

Let's hear Cory Wing it . . .



Rotary engages in many endeavors all over the world. What I believe to be the

number one international objective is ending polio. Although Rotary is battling polio all year long, October 23rd is the official day this year earmarked as "End Polio Day." As October moves forward let's not lose focus of our number one international priority. As I have reported in previous meetings, we are very close to closing the door on polio.

This year, only two countries have reported polio cases caused by the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Africa has not seen a case in over a year.

I would like to thank those Rotary members who stepped forward this past month to chair the weekly programs. Our meetings have been blessed with exceptional speakers. With great programs comes great attendance and fellowship. Congratulations to Mr. Govey, Mr. Delatore and Mrs. Ensell. We truly appreciate your efforts.

As you are well aware, we unexpectedly lost a special Rotarian this month. Jon will be truly missed. His 29 years of perfect attendance and contributions to the Steubenville Rotary are special. As we come together each week, please appreciate each other's fellowship, because we just don't know what each day may bring us.

Some of Cory's historical reports for Sept.:

1935 - Social Security Act was passed.

1895 - First pro-football game was played.

1951 - First Transcontinental TV broadcast was of President Harry Truman

Thanks to Charley Joyce for his trivia quiz and for the fact sheet about 9/11. The curious coincidences about the number 11 were worth reading over more than once.

Cory Wingett

Birthdays in October:

We will celebrate this month with Gary Cain, Pete Chalfant, Jody Glaub, Marty Hauser, Chris Irvin and Michelle Wilson.

Dates to Remember:

10/9 Rotary Board meets on Friday at 11:00 in the YWCA Boardroom. All are welcome. Even though it's right before a meeting, it counts as a separate make-up - - two for one!

10/2 Golf has been postponed until June 2016.

10/ ? Oktoberfest date to be announced.

12/5 Steubenville Annual Christmas Parade

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. . . That our September guests were Betty Barron, Evan Scurti and Sherry Watkins. Each of these people is a potential member. Let's do our follow-up!

. . . That Michelle Wilson, Michelle Wilson (no misprint - two weeks in a row), Ross Gallabrese and Rich Delatore won the 50/50? Raffle drawings were won by Beth Burns and Robbie Gibbons.

. . . That Dan Keenan was honored at the 75th Anniversary celebration of Steubenville Schools with the dedication of "The Dan Keenan Room" - a conference room in the Crimson Commons. Dave Gossett featured Dan's career at Steubenville with an article published on September 11th in the *Herald Star*.

. . . That when you get to "My Opinion" on the next page, I ran out of room to discuss another grammatical mistake gracing today's airways. Some actress in the Tropicana commercials keeps talking about "less" calories. The proper term is "fewer" when they are countable. This national ad runs all the time. Isn't any one else going, "Stop it!"?

. . . That Jim Emmerling, Keith Murdock, Bruce Trushel, Kathy Musso, Michelle Wilson and Christine Hargrave are planning a joint-service-club party for this year's Oktoberfest? If you are interested in helping plan it, see any committee member.

. . . That our club membership is now 45? Every member is a recruiter for our club. Please bring a friend to lunch-and-learn about Rotary.

. . . That there are still flags for sale? See Cory!

. . . That our littlest family member is Isaac Florak? He was born on September 10th, a bit early and is being given lots of attention by very good medical personnel, along with Mommy and Daddy - Mike and Annie Florak. We are thrilled for the family. Rotary prayers are with you every day!

. . . That the sympathy of the club is poured out to Mary Alice and Stacy Brandt.

Editorials:

The Public is Speaking ... uh, I mean:

It's interview season. Football and baseball players are hounded for interviews. Political candidates are vying for air time. Dancing With the Stars hosts chat with each star and partner each week.

This morning, I heard a radio interview on my way to work with a renowned expert on something responding to his first question with the brilliant opening of "Well, uh, I mean . ." Expert, really! Surely you've been asked questions enough that you can say what you mean, without saying "I mean."

Every sports figure holds a large compliment of "I means" in his interview reserve. Please take this coming weekend and listen to the disastrous orators our public figures have become. Only our written skills have suffered as greatly as our spoken habits. Word crafting, on the page or on the air, has become a discarded art, not lost, but not important to most (except really important to me).

You've heard it before, but I truly love words. I love creating sentences and paragraphs that use a full range of our language, not the same trivial "likes" and "I means" that actually just give the speaker time to think. There is nothing wrong with a silent pause while one gathers one's thoughts. Undoubtedly, the world would be a better place if more people thought before they spoke.

Who knows how this presidential election is going to challenge our hearing and understanding? Volumes of meaningless double-talk speeches are flowing out there. I am begging for substance over posturing. I am pleading for ideas, not critiques. Tell me how you will lead me, not how poorly I've been led. Ask yourself, "What did I just hear? What did I just learn?"

Just between you and me (and yes, that objective case is correct), I have become my mother. She was a red-pencil-carrying, sentence-diagraming, vocabulary pushing English teacher of the '60's and '70's. If you came up to her as a student and misused grammar, you were corrected. She was a stickler for making students conjugate verbs and write short, but understandable paragraphs. She expected the words uttered in her speech classes to be void of "uh" and "well."

Another listening lesson during the next year will be to hear the countless grammatical faux pas that will be uttered by the interviewed - and the well-schooled interviewer. These errors, and the countless meaningless interjections, drag us through some pretty unhappy assaults on our ears and our intelligence. I want to be more respected than that.

If you want to get mic or air time, have something to say, say it and walk away. That may get you my vote!

Time for some Humor:

Walker Lamond is the author of "Rules for my Unborn Son," in which he brings a collection of traditional, humorous and urbane fatherly advice for boys. They work for girls too. He has 100. I have trimmed them down to fewer than that, so you are getting the ones I think are best. Google him if you want the entire list.

1. Never cancel dinner plans by text message!
2. If a street performer makes you stop walking, you owe him a buck.
3. Always use "we" when referring to your home team or your government.
4. When entrusted with a secret, keep it.
5. DON'T underestimate free throws in a game of HORSE.
6. Just because you can doesn't mean you should.
7. You only get one chance to notice a new haircut.
8. If you're staying more than one night, unpack.
9. Never park in front of a bar.
10. Expect the seat in front of you to recline. Prepare accordingly.
11. Never lie to your doctor.
12. All guns are loaded.
13. The best way to show thanks is to wear it, even if it's only once.
14. Don't fill up on bread, no matter how good it is!
15. Don't linger in the doorway - in or out!
16. If you want to know what makes you unique, sit for a caricature.
17. Never get your haircut on the day of a special event.
18. Be mindful of what comes between you and the Earth. Always buy good shoes, tires and sheets.
19. It's never too late for an apology.
20. Don't pose with booze.
21. Under no circumstances should you ask a woman if she is pregnant.
22. Give credit. Take blame.
23. Stand up to bullies. You'll only have to do it once.
24. If you've made your point, stop talking.
25. If you offer to help, don't quit until the job is done.
26. Look people in the eye when you thank them.
27. Forgive yourself for your mistakes.
28. Know at least one good joke.
29. Don't lose your cool, especially at work.
30. Be a good listener. Don't just take your turn to talk.
31. Never call someone before or after 9 AM or 9 PM.
32. You are what you do, not what you say.
33. Don't be a talker in the movie.
34. Know the words to your National Anthem.
35. Smile at strangers.

A man who had spent all afternoon watching football on TV fell asleep. The next morning, his wife woke him up in his chair.

"It's 10 to 7," she said.

"Who's winning?" He asked.

Did you hear about the cowboy who got himself a dachshund? Everyone kept telling him to get a long, little doggie.

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Rotary Foundation Month Is November!

From time to time there has been more or less interest and/ or emphasis from our club on Paul Harris Fellowships and Every Member Every Year contributions to the RI Foundation. Kyle Brown and Kathy Musso have each tried to help educate us on how important it is to read about, understand and give to the big picture of Rotary.

First comes to mind the objective of "Polio-Plus," to wipe that disease from the planet. Although very close, there are still reported cases in parts of Asia and Africa. Each month in *The Rotarian*, an add featuring some famous Rotarian urges us to continue to donate to this effort. This month, an article describing current success in Nigeria appears on page 40.

Further on, we read of Mrs. Rajashree Birla, an Indian philanthropist who is donating \$1 million to the eradication effort. In the section of the magazine entitled "Rotary in the Media" there are several occasions where Polio-Plus is featured nationally and throughout the world.

Closer to home, our own club has a 501C3 Foundation, through which we can make tax free contributions to our United Way, the Urban Mission, Project Warm and other local and district efforts to maintain our responsibility for "service above self."

Although the fellowship is what keeps so many of us coming week after week, a service club member does have specific responsibilities to participate in work which helps others - both near by and far away.

Before I became a Rotarian, I learned of the the Foundation's importance - and the honor of being a Paul Harris Fellow - from my husband. Bob has been in Rotary much longer than I and often spoke about others who had been designated as PHF's from Club donations. With consultation from Lee Kinney, I found I could provide that as a birthday gift to Bob. It meant so much to both of us. Last Christmas, at our party, Kathy Musso gave her husband Lew that same gift. One of the best pictures of that evening was the hug and kiss that celebrated her generosity.

It is important for Rotarians to remember that contributions to the local and international foundations have tremendous impact and we are challenged to be "servants above self" in giving to them regularly.

Programs in October:

Our line-up of presenters last month included Michelle Wilson, Barry Gullen, Jodi Scheetz and Patricia Fletcher.

10/2 Ashley Steele, Beth Warren and Michelle Wilson reported on events planned from now until year end. The mission has a new building, preparing to house mothers and children. A downtown grocery store is in the works. The United Way 2016 campaign is in full swing. The organization recently received state-wide recognition. The YMCA is sponsoring "Dive into Reading for 3-5 graders. They have a new grief support group in conjunction with Trinity's Teramana Cancer Center.

10/9 Michelle presented Dave Conley from Homer Laughlin China who described the history of how the Wells family became its owners and that three siblings run the operation today. Fiestaware was born in 1936.

10/16 Barry presented Betty Perkins from FUS. She described how education majors get real classroom experience from freshman through senior years, helping weed out those who really don't want to teach. The result is a Franciscan grad is a top notch educator!

10/23 Eileen Spenser of the Child Advocacy Center had a power point about human trafficking that was not for the faint of heart. She said the public needs to know about this abusive and profitable business running in conjunction with the drug trade. It is not a victimless crime and its right here!

10/30 Patricia brought us Jimmy Bruce, the newest president of Eastern Gateway Community College who spoke about the role of community colleges and EGCC's history. Mike Florak won a test about its early days (insider info maybe?). We also learned about mascot Ed U Gator.

November - Give Thanks:

11/6 Andrea Prosko will introduce Tricia Maple, an old friend in a new role as President of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

11/13 Kathy Musso will let us know Sheldon Stutzman, a solar consultant for Paradise Energy Solutions. He will tell us about solar power in homes and businesses.

11/20 Bruce Trushel has lined up David Whalen to speak to us. An entrepreneur and business owner, Dave has most recently organized Social Media Advisory Counsel, offering to teach others the proper use and expression of social media.

11/27 Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. No meeting at the "Y" on Friday. It's left-over day for Rotarians at home.

Let's hear Cory Wing it . . .



When was the last time you
stopped to smell the flowers?
We live in a fast paced world

and taking time to appreciate the beauty of life is hard to do. It's important to have a positive outlook on life. Not every day is easy. It's easy to get hung up in the negativity that our world seems to thrive on. But take a minute to enjoy fresh air and to smell the flowers. Life is beautiful when we take time to enjoy it. The joy we find in simple activities can build appreciation and only make us better.

Here are some life thoughts . . . which have a lot to do with being a great Rotarian:

1. Work at something you enjoy and that's worthy of your time and talent.
2. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
3. Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
4. Be forgiving of others and more importantly, of yourself.
5. Be generous.
6. Have a grateful heart.
7. Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
8. Understand that happiness is not based on possession, power or prestige but on relationships with people you love and respect.
9. Be loyal.
10. Be honest.
11. Be decisive even when it means you'll sometimes be wrong.
12. Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life.
13. Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.
14. Take good care of those you love.
15. Don't do anything that doesn't make you proud.

Some of Cory's historical reports for Oct.:

1975 Ali beat Frazier - 10/2
1888 - Washington Monument opened 10/9
1989 - San Francisco earthquake 10/16
1938 - Chester Carlson invented the
photocopier 10/23 (Thanks, Alan Hall)

Cory Wingett

Birthdays in November:

We will celebrate this month with Jen Brown, Dave D'Anniballe, Jim Emmerling, Steve Kline and Pete Olivito.

Dates to Remember:

11/13 Rotary Board meets on Friday at 11:00 in the YWCA Boardroom. All are welcome. Even though it's right before a meeting, it counts as a separate make-up - - two for one!
11/23 YWCA Annual Thanksgiving Brunch 11:00 AM
12/5 Steubenville Annual Christmas Parade
12/5 Evening - Rotary Christmas Party at Hargraves

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. . . That our October guests were Fred Brower, Curtis Mullins, Chantelle Hurst, Melissa Ryan, Franco Carapellotti, Cindy Bruce, Pat Easterling, Karen Kastmer, Chris Matt and Tommy Beynun (Carolyn Glaub's son). Visiting Rotarian was Bill Cattrell.

. . . That student guests were Kaylee Crawford, Andrea McDivitt, Lauren Maracino, Harrison Trikonas, Andrea Marka, Zachery Williams, Michelle Blazeck, Kenny Reese, Sam Roberts, Carly Elson and Sydney Troski.

. . . That Charley Joyce, Charley Joyce, (no misprint - two weeks in a row), Buzz Cattrell, Jody Glaub and Mike Mehalik won the 50/50? Raffle drawings were won by Sylvia Ensell and Betsy Standougherty. Marla Inderbitzen (Christine's daughter) won the Halloween \$100.

. . . That Gary Cain was presented the "Life Time Achievement Award" by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations, Gary, on the well-deserved honor.

. . . That Jim Emmerling, Keith Murdock, Bruce Trushel, Kathy Musso, Michelle Wilson and Christine Hargrave are planning the Christmas party again this year. It will be held at 6:00 PM on December 5th, many hours after the Christmas Parade is over.

. . . That our club membership is now 44? Marty Hauser reported that 25% of our club members are perfect attenders.

. . . That Dave Conley from Homer-Lachlin gave away several pieces of Fiestaware? The winners were Gary Cain, Carolyn Glaub, Bruce Trushel, and Keith Murdock, who won two of them..

. . . That our littlest family member, Isaac Florak, is home now with Mom and Dad.

Editorials:

The Worst Nurse . . . and other foibles.

In general, I think I am a pretty caring person. I pray for others, worry about others, call on others, send lots of flowers and many, many cards. But perhaps the best assessment of how caring one is comes from the person who needs the care. This past month, I believe my fellow would describe me as I have above.

Bob and I had a wedding to attend, and in fact, I had a small part in the ceremony, playing the processional. That morning, Bob said he didn't feel well. After some discussion, we decided we would both go, even though he suggested he stay at home with the phone and my number nearby. (How would I help him being an hour and a half away? I reasoned. It was better to be together.)

By the time we were heading back, Bob was pretty convinced he had an elephant on his chest. We learned that indeed he did - as pneumonia was diagnosed the next day.

Since then, his recovery at first was nonexistent (the original medicine didn't work) and now, rather slow. Of course, I care. I care very much. But

In spite of his illness, we have managed to entertain for both weekends since the onset of the germs. Naturally, those being entertained were my relatives which always draws comments from my best friend. He actually likes some of the folks who visited, but I think he thought he deserved more one-on-one TLC than I was providing.

We are planning a pretty cool trip as our Christmas gift to each other this year and I reminded my patient that cruise ships do not like sick people. I believe that has been the most effective prescription to date - a real motivator to the healing process. I surely hope so since we are both counting down the days for a sunny December tour of the Caribbean.

I am much better as tour guide and planner than I am as a yogurt-pushing caretaker. I am way better at dealing Euchre cards in a fancy stateroom than fetching pills or water for the next dosage. I enjoy cooking classes and wine tastings a whole lot more than the third running of the taped Big Red victory.

By the time you read this, I am hopeful that the powerful antibiotics will have done their duty and Bob will be back to - well being Bob!

But in the meantime, pray for my poor sick hubby and his worst nurse - ever!!!

Time for some Humor:

Lessons to be learned from studying Noah's Ark:

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you are really old, as Noah was, someone may ask you to do something big.
5. Don't listen to the critics. Just get the job done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
[See Bob, I told you so!]
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were onboard with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting for you.

A little "punny" business:

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

There's a class trip to a Coca Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger, then it hit me.

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Let's Party - Together!

Each member of Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary locally has been sent an invitation to celebrate together, a joint service club event which has not occurred since 1994 - the evening before I married Bob. The party is at Hargraves at 6:30. Dress is casual. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend or loved one.

On Sunday at church, we were given key words for this Christmas season - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love! These are the words symbolized by the advent candles, but these are not merely Christmas words. These words are components of all religions - all people of faith - that lift believers from hum-drum to happy, from lowly to holy. And these are words that describe members of service clubs and organizations who face each day with hope, work constantly for peace, share joy in serving others and have hearts so full of love that service just comes naturally.

So this Saturday come for fellowship, food, fun and fabulous prizes. Wear your Christmas finery to be part of the judging. Ballots will be handed out as you arrive. Look around and make your choice. Raffle tickets (\$25 each or 5 for \$100) will be on sale. Prizes for the raffle include a night in a premium suite at the Omni William Penn, an overnight stay at Seven Springs with two activity passes, Penguin tickets, Steeler tickets, Pirate tickets and a flat screen television.

If you happen to be attending events other places, please stop by when that event is over. We will welcome you. We will have the Big Red game playing on the radio and Iowa v. Michigan State on TV. There is no end to the excitement available to all attending.

We will take a poll among the service club attendees to see where the proceeds of the raffle should go to support a local agency or event which all three clubs deem worthy. If you have not called or e-mailed your RSVP, please tell Christine (chargrave@cattrell.com) or Kathy (kathymusso528@gmail.com) by Thursday.

December Programs:

Tradition has been that Cory has taken December as his program month because there are so few Fridays to fill. In the week-to-week method, there are still very few programs in December.

12/4 Ashley Steele will present Rev. Jim Winkler, United Methodist District Superintendent who will discuss the spiritual history of our region. (Gift wrapping follows the meeting today!)

12/11 It is time for the annual Children's Christmas Party. This year the kids will make Christmas stockings. Rotarians will be asked to pass out goodies for the children to stow in those stockings and take home. Santa will come with a special present for each child. Michelle Wilson and Andrea Prosko are the organizers.

12/18 Carolyn Glaub has arranged to have the Show Choir from Big Red come to entertain us with seasonal favorites as we begin the weeks of holiday cheer.

12/25 Merry Christmas - no meeting at the "Y."

November flew by . . .

11/6 Andrea Prosko presented Tricia Maple, President of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce who outlined her four point plan - a customer service workshop, small business Saturday, buy local campaign and a Give-Back guide.

11/13 Kathy Musso introduced Sheldon Stutzman, a solar consultant for Paradise Energy Solutions. He assured us that even with our gloomy skies, solar power will work here to.

11/20 Bruce Trushel brought fellow Rotarian David Whalen to speak to us. David will soon be District Governor in West Virginia. His business is social media management. Visit his website at www.smacouncil.org to help navigate your "social media angst." His solution for cyber "correctness" is to use the 4-Way Test as your guide.

11/27 We had a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

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Christmas and New Year's Eve are knocking at our door. One of my favorite Christmas traditions is "Elfie" who visits our house every year. Santa sent "Elfie" to our house

Thanksgiving Eve. Our kids love his story and are excited each day to wake up and see what mischievous things "Elfie" explored through the night. I must say I was pretty upset when "Elfie" decided to unravel toilet paper all over the guest bathroom Sunday evening.

December is a very busy Rotary month.

12/5 We will celebrate Christmas as a club. Please try to join us at Hargraves. Thanks, Bob & Christine.
12/8 We will be ringing the bell at the Steubenville K-Mart entrance. Thank you Alan Hall for managing this special project that Chuck Govey handled for many years. Alan mentioned that the sign up sheet was full after being passed just once!
12/11 Annual Kids Christmas party. Thanks to Michelle and Andrea !

12/12 We will once again give our best effort to have a nice Rotary float for the Steubenville Christmas Parade. Let's pray the weather cooperates this year.

Bruce Trushel is the club's new Sergeant-at-Arms. Thanks Bruce for stepping to the plate. He'll bring a special twist to the position. Bruce will investigate all sorts of fining possibilities. It will be fun and entertaining.

With this holiday season, I hope we each say thanks for all our blessings. As we close 2015 and enter 2016, let's continue to strive for a stronger Steubenville Rotary. We have attracted awesome new members and by June of 2016, we hope to add more. It would be great to top 50 again. I would like to challenge our current members to become more involved in helping accomplish our annual goals. For those members who always step up, you are truly appreciated.

Some of Cory's historical reports for Nov.:
11/5/1872 Susan B. Anthony was arrested for trying to vote.
11/7/2000 Gore and Bush tied for president.
11/13/1835 Texas separated from Mexico.
11/14/1995 U.S. government shut down
11/19/1863 Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

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December Birthdays:

Let's all join in to celebrate the birthdays of Mike Florak, Barry Gullen, Dan Keenan, Todd Phillipson and Christmas Day birthday of Bruce Trushel.

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12/5 6:30 - Rotary Christmas Party at Hargraves
12/12 Steubenville Annual Christmas Parade
1/8 FUS Baron Club Dinner with a panel of Pirates.
See Mike Florak.

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. . . That our November guests were Jasmine Baber, Curtis Mullins, Melinda Young, Ed Florak, George Ash, Joy Edmundson, Rich Wilinski with Tony Barber, Alison Lamanti and John Fallon and Paul Baker with Savannah Morse and Dana Jones. Also PDG Debbie Espanshade stopped by to drop off coats for Project Warm.

. . . That we have a new Sergeant-at-arms. Bruce Trushel was elected by the board to fill the position which is defined as "an officer appointed to keep order within an organization." Bruce is serious minded about the position (with a bit of an ornery streak sprinkled in). Those who arrive late may be fined by our Sergeant. Those whose cell phones ring may have a similar penalty. If you duck out early, Bruce may remember and seek you out the following week. This "all in good fun" discipline will help the coffers and make us smile.
Thanks, Bruce, for taking us on.

. . . That speaker Tricia Maple, Carolyn Glaub and Marty Hauser were our 50/50 winners? Raffle drawings were won by Kyle Brown and Shirley Cosco.

. . . That over the Thanksgiving weekend, there were some new and great commercials featuring Hauser's Furniture, D'Anniballe & Company, Ace Optical and Cain Realty. Three of these are Rotarians and the production was created by Em-Media. Great work!

. . . That we will miss two Fridays in a row for Christmas and New Year's.

. . . That three individuals have been proposed for membership. Curtis Mullins is sponsored by Dave D'Anniballe, Melinda Young is sponsored by Charley Joyce and Joseph Edmiston is sponsored by Keith Murdock. We look forward to welcoming them.

Editorials:

The Voice . . .

I have recently been told that "The Voice" is very good television. Having never watched the show (I am a committed "Dancing With the Stars nut"), I have always had discussion about "the voice" in my life.

Many years ago, an opera singer from Baltimore met a young doctor at Johns Hopkins. They fell in love and he brought her from the city she loved to Toronto, a culture shock she compared to "the wild west." Before long, she had organized a club centered on the arts and had small concerts in her living room to feed her soul hungry for the classics. She was my grandmother and she had the "voice."

Since our marriage twenty one years ago, my husband was introduced to "the voice," that family gift passed down through generations. It is a really big deal in our family, and it has meant that many who came to visit in my world as I grew up, had to listen to me sing, because my Gramma and dad said so.

Early in our marriage, we were invited to Westminster church to hear my cousin's daughter sing. She was eleven and as she walked to the pulpit and opened her mouth, there it was, "the voice." Since then she and I have had great fun singing together and making family music. It is just such a wonderful feeling to share that special talent which came from our grandmother and generations before her.

On Sunday, the next "voice" generation of my family was heard at a couple of concerts. When my daughter with her warm, rich alto and granddaughter with her clear, robust soprano sang together, it was a gift to me that I can only describe as an amazing grace. It was a splendid sound.

And speaking of "Splendid Sound," on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm at Riverview Church in Toronto, a quartet of that name will present their annual Christmas concert. It is free and featured are the two "voices" I just described. Marla Inderbitzen (my daughter) and Anna Unice (my granddaughter) will do a duet. I will be cruising with Bob and will only get to hear rehearsal, but if you decide to go, let me know what you think. I'm betting you will feel that "All is Well."

Time for some Humor:

From Kathy Musso's Rotarian friend, Saleem Khan.

From a husband's point of view - the rules:

(All numbered 1 on purpose)

1. Husbands are NOT mind readers.
1. Shopping is NOT a sport. We are never going to think of it that way.
1. Crying is blackmail.
1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this, subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it!
1. Yes and No are acceptable answers to almost every question.
1. Anything we said six months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after seven days.
1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.
1. You can either ask us to do something OR tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.
1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
1. Christopher Columbus did NOT need directions and neither do we.
1. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.
1. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," we will act like nothing is wrong. We know you are lying, but it just isn't worth the hassle.
1. You have enough clothes.
1. You have too many shoes.
1. You are in shape . . . round IS a shape!
1. Thank you for reading this. Yes, I know, I have to sleep on the couch tonight, but did you know men really don't mind that? It's like camping.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered but only one boy brought his umbrella. That's FAITH.

When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake us. That's HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old . . . I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That's ATTITUDE.

Have a happy day, with faith, trust, hope, confidence, love and a little bit of attitude!