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## A Former Rotarian with a Plan:

Recently Dan Vogel wrote a scenario on Facebook about the changes coming to our city. He suggested that the remaining mall tenants relocate in downtown Steubenville, that a three-to-four block area be closed to traffic and that retail shops, restaurants, service providers and recreation be available to the public in the heart of the city. While some were quick to point out we live in Ohio where weather is not always friendly between November and April, I have been to Easton in Columbus throughout summer and winter, when the rain, snow, sun and heat all challenge the shopper. Yet Easton is always a busy shopping mecca filled with buyers undaunted by weather.

Many have been in planning sessions and meetings where such attempts at downtown revitalization have been discussed. Maybe it is time for implementation. We heard at Rotary just a week ago how the Nelson family is throwing energy into giving downtown its full attention. Hopefully our citizens - and all Rotarians - throw full support behind their efforts!

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The cooperation between the Chambers of Weirton and Steubenville to present the local Home and Garden Show is another idea of significant note. While this is not their first co-op venture, it is the first time at St. Florian. We all know what a wide river it is, but there are so many advantages to working together. There will be challenges, but we'll just have to "cross that bridge when we come to it." The strength of two business-minded organizations pulling together can only produce stronger results. The *Herald Star's* coverage, both on-line and on the front page underscore the importance of both chambers' efforts to promote business and local commerce.

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Speaking of joint ventures, our club and Kiwanis are teaming up to hold a golf outing fund raiser (on August 18<sup>th</sup>). The United Way and the Red Cross are doing one too. Think about it, business owners and potential sponsors, two events for the price of four! Golfers, consider two well-promoted and sponsored outings in lieu of so many small ones. Much of what makes our Rotary club great is the team work it requires to get things done. How smart these groups are to broaden the team! As our population has diminished and our coffers have fewer dollars to share, putting these mergers together for the good of organizations and community sponsors/participants is really good thinking. Now let us all go be supporters of plans to provide folks with opportunities for good sport, good fellowship and great times together.

## February is gone already!

2/3 - Jody Glaub introduced President-elect Alan Hall who shared with us his love of "Riding the Rails Across Canada." With pictures of beautiful countryside and some stunning rail stations, we got a glimpse at life on the train - with and without Barbara!

2/10 Jim Emmerling asked Sherrie McCutcheon Dunlevy to talk to us about her first published work, a book entitled "How Can I Help." After years as a career broadcaster, Sherrie is researching what she calls "spirit strikes" and reporting some of them in this inspirational book.

2/17 Marty Hauser presented Steph Rath and Casey Robinson, director of Humane Operations at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Along with Captain Barkley, a friendly dog, Casey explained their efforts to provide shelter, medical care and humane treatment to over 1000 animals annually.

2/24 It was Career Day. Laurel McDowell had a very well organized lunch experience for forty high schoolers from Big Red and Catholic Central and many guests. Mark Nelson brought an entrepreneur's perspective to the youth as he spoke of his own and his young daughters' efforts to build business right here where we live. The afternoon offered shadowing experiences to each youth. Well done, Laurel!

## "March"-ing onward:

3/4 Ashley Steele will introduce us to Cynthia Lytle, worship leader at Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church. She will present African-American history through song.

3/11 Andrea Hale and Scott Lane will have us meet the members and officers of our Interact Club at Big Red. These young, aspiring Rotarians will describe the progress to date and plans for the future.

3/17 Rich Delatore has asked Denny Varian (Gen. Mgr.) and Neil Youngman (Regs Dir.) of Ohio-Rail Corporation to describe Ohio's rail system.

3/24 Patricia Fletcher will host Trudy Wilson, Executive Director of the Ohio Valley Health Center to discuss their current operations and the upcoming Gala.

3/31 To Be Announced - Check our website/e-mail!



## *Up to bat - with Mike*

**Remember this . . .  
When one door closes, another  
opens.**

We can dwell on the recent news of Sears and Macy's leaving town, or we can shift ourselves from the victims to the victors.

Steubenville is not the last city that has seen these stores close up shop in their cities (68 Macy's are closing and 150 Sears are closing nationwide) nor were we the first.

Here are some things Steubenville is "first" in:

\* In the 1770's, Baron von Steuben (for whom our city is named) wrote the "Blue Book" which was the first manual for Revolutionary War forces and used by U.S. armed forces for 30 years afterward, and many of those first troops were trained here;

\*The country's first woolen mill was built at Wells and Patterson mills here in Steubenville in 1815 and James H. Blinn was one of the first to produce blue jeans in the country in the 1830's;

\* In 1884, the first black major league baseball player debuted for Toledo of the American Association, then the rival league of the National League. His name was Moses "Fleetwood" Walker, and he was followed to the major leagues shortly thereafter by his brother, Weldy. Both of them grew up in Steubenville and Weldy was born here. They are both buried in Steubenville.

\*Honus Wagner, considered by many the greatest shortstop that ever played, signed his first professional baseball contract with the semi-pro Steubenville Baseball Club in 1895;

\*In the early 1900's, the faith-based community had become so strong here that Steubenville became known as "the City of Churches;"

\*In 1940, the Steubenville High School building was completed and labeled as the "first million dollar high school in Ohio;"

\* In 1946, the College of Steubenville opened its doors and, of course, later became Franciscan University. It has been consistently ranked as one of the top small and Catholic colleges in the midwest in recent years;

\*In 1955, Steubenville native Calvin Jones became the first black student-athlete to win the prestigious Outland Trophy as college football's best lineman, and also earned the distinction of becoming the first-ever college football player to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated;

\*In 1970, Steubenville had the highest per capita income of any U.S. city;

\*Eastern Gateway Community College, formerly Jefferson Technical Institute and Jefferson Community College, was ranked as one of the fastest growing community colleges in the country in 2015;

\*Steubenville native Ken Mannie, strength and conditioning coach at Michigan State University, was

recently named one of the top strength coaches in the nation by several publications;

\*Several weeks ago, Steubenville resident Rich Donnelly received an honor saved for only the top baseball coaches in the country when he was named to the United States Baseball Team's coaching staff for the upcoming World Baseball Classic.

The people of Steubenville have opened up doors that have been closed before . . . why can't we be pioneers again regarding rebuilding our economy?

## **March has birthdays . . .**

Join with Frank DiCarlantonio, Alan Hall, Bob Hargrave, Charley Joyce, Dick McGowan and Peter Rosaschi to celebrate our March birthdays.

## **Dates to Remember:**

3/2 Urban Mission presents Community Prayer Stations - a guided tour beginning at the Mission Church at 6:00 PM. Call 740-282-8010 to reserve a spot.

3/10 at 1:00 - Rotary Board after the regular meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

3/10 YWCA will be offering fried fish for eat-in or take out from 3:30 - 6:00 each Friday during Lent.

6/10-14/17 RI Convention in Atlanta

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

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

. . . That our February guests were John Hale, John Mascio, Greg Metcalf, Mike Gray, Tom Graham, Tim Slick, Monique Simone, Ted Gorman, Jane Hanlin, Kami Taylor, Larae Messer, Cindy King, Jacquelyn Reeves, Dave Konzel, Rich Wilinski, Scott Lane and several students from the Interact Club with whom we will meet in a couple of weeks.

. . . That we had one raffle winner who was Jim Emmerling. Be sure to get your raffle tickets to Kathy. You can always sell some more.

. . . That our 50/50 winners were Ross Gallabrese, Ross Gallabrese, Ross Gallabrese and Cory Wingett. Hmmmmmmm???

. . . That President Mike reintroduced Kathy Musso, Rich Delatore and Jim Emmerling?

. . . That we are excited about the possibility of a joint golf outing with the Kiwanis Club. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please see Kathy or Bruce.

. . . That Wine Wednesday will continue although it may move to Tuesday or Thursday? Please make your preference known to Mike or Kathy so we can plan accordingly.

**Your Editor's Opinion:***tmi - I think so . . .*

Have you noticed that when you make a call to order something or to complain about something or to check on something, before you get close to an answer, the machine with whom you are speaking is asking you to take a brief questionnaire at the end of the call? Is this making anyone crazy but me?

I don't do it - and won't do it - except when my treatment on the call is so poor that I have to do it just to complain about the process. How many buttons do you have to push before someone will actually speak to you, if they will at all? And I don't mean this in anyway to be disrespectful, but is it too much to ask that the person to whom you are directed can be clearly understood? I'm not necessarily asking for the Queen's English, but something discernable would be welcome.

I love to call and order theater tickets in New York, because those operators at Ticket Master are almost all New Yorkers and theater-goers. I have had many an enjoyable conversation choosing a show and then a seat, because the folks who actually talk to you know the subject matter - and theaters - really well.

I have been having an on-going problem with AT&T, our long distance carrier at work. The problem began last May and is still not resolved today. In fact, the latest bill arrived at work yesterday and it is still wrong. We in Toronto are truly over a barrel because AT&T is the only phone company serving the area, so I cannot get mad enough to take my business elsewhere. I have no where else to go.

But I digress. The survey syndrome, as I have dubbed it, is a nuisance. They invariably promise just one-to-two questions, which often turns into twenty questions. If I want to play that game, I'll play with my grandkids. And then, of course, I wonder what they do with the information. Do you notice that after you have shared your wisdom and made your suggestions the service or process gets any better?

My dad used to make a loud whistle at our house full of chatty women and quiet us down, with the question, "Girls, who's listening?" He meant of course that we were all talking at once, so no one is listening and he was right then. He's right today. With all the feedback everyone wants, what in the world are they doing with it? Do they listen? Do they improve? Is service any better?

We are truly in the "too much information age" and I for one think it is not a good thing. There is good reason to think before you speak, to reflect before you react, to edit before you've said it. I guess it's back to that "Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do." Those Rotarians of yore really thought it out - and so should we!

**Time for Some Humor . . .**

[These are Dick McGowan's jokes. Thanks!]

My dog used to chase anyone passing on a bicycle. It finally got so bad we had to take his bike away.

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Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.

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Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

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An accountant who was having trouble sleeping went to the doctor.

"Tried counting sheep? The doctor asked. "That's the problem," the accountant replied. "I make a mistake and spend the next six hours trying to find it."

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A departing hotel guest paying his bill yelled to the bellboy, "Quick, run upstairs and see if I left my briefcase and overcoat. I've got to catch my train. Hurry!"

Four minutes later, the bellboy was back, out of breath. "Yes, sir," he reported, "they're up there."

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A woman called her husband and said, "The car won't start. I think there's water in the carburetor."

"Really," the husband answered sarcastically. "Do you even know what a carburetor is?"

"I am sure that there is water in the carburetor and this car isn't moving."

Her husband sighed. "Where is it?" "In a swimming pool."

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A census worker walked up to a woman sitting on a porch. After introducing himself, he said, "How many children do you have?"

"Four," the woman answered.

"May I have their names?"

"Eenie, Meenie, Minie and George."

"Why did you name your fourth child George?" "We didn't want any Moe."

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An efficiency expert ended his lecture by telling people not to try his techniques at home.

"Why not," an audience member asked.

"I watched my wife's routine at breakfast for years," the expert explained. "She made lots of trips to the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying just one item at a time. 'Honey,' I suggested, 'why don't you try carrying several things at once?'"

"Did it save time?" Someone else asked.

"Actually, yes. It used to take her 20 minutes to get breakfast. Now I do it in 7."

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## President-Elect Alan Hall's Report from PETS:

On March 10-11 I attended the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus as part of my preparation to be your President beginning July 1, 2017. This was indeed a well-planned program that gets all 251 Ohio Rotary Club Presidents-Elect ready to assume their office in our dynamic organization.

The District Governors-Elect of the five (5) Rotary Districts that comprise Ohio worked for weeks planning the program, which was attended by nearly 500 people. We are a part of District 6650 which will have Mike Raulin as District Governor for 2017-2018.

The Friday night banquet featured Dale Basham, District Governor Nominee for Central Indiana as the keynote speaker telling his experiences with the Muncie Club. The Saturday breakfast featured Geoff Goll of the Salem Rotary Club, a native of Hopedale, giving an update on the End Polio Now effort. You may remember when he spoke to our club. He reported that there were only four (4) new cases of polio in the world in 2016.

I attended workshops on the role of the Club President, Membership, the Basics of Rotary and Leadership Training. PETS allows a tremendous sharing of information among Rotarians from across the state.

The Saturday night banquet had Rotarian Alan Mallory from the Barrie, Ontario, Canada Club discuss his family's journey to Mt. Everest. The evening finished with Karen Wentz, Rotary International Director from Tennessee performing the Commissioning Ceremonies for all Presidents-Elect, along with words of advice for our year in office.

On a personal note, librarians are well-represented in Rotary District 6650. Librarians from the Tuscarawas County District Library in New Philadelphia, Massillon Public Library and North Canton Public Library are all Presidents-Elect along with me. I look forward to serving as your President in our next Rotary year.

[Ed. note: Alan will be attending District 6650 conference on April 7th.]

## April is here – so is the rain!

4/7 Kyle Brown will present MP Metin Hakverdi of Germany who will be visiting our area at the invitation of Lou Gentile to learn about the cultural and political views of areas such as ours and how those views are changing. There will be a panel discussion at EGCC at 10:30 on 4/7 to air some of those matters. He will speak to Rotary about Transatlantic relationships.

4/14 No Rotary meeting on Good Friday. There is an 11:00 Good Friday Brunch at the YWCA. Please make your reservation at 282-1261. Tickets are \$10.00. Shari Prichard will be the speaker.

4/21 Dick McGowan will present Jon Meriwether, founder and owner of Merco Marine in Wellsburg, West Virginia.

4/28 Today is the annual Service Above Self Awards celebration. All local high schools and home schoolers have been invited to make application to showcase their community, school and church service work.

## “March”-ing onward:

3/4 Ashley Steele and Cynthia Lytle, worship leader at Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church and an employee of Urban Mission, provided readings and music to help us understand African-American history in a poetic and touching way.

3/11 Andrea Hale and Scott Lane brought us some of the eighty two members of the Rotary- Interact Club at Big Red. Each student made a brief presentation about the club's progress and plans for the future. You are encouraged to help them raise money for Big Red's Cancer Walk.

3/17 Rich Delatore introduced Denny Varian (Gen. Mgr.) of Ohio-Rail Corporation to describe the small rail system operating in Jefferson, Belmont and Carroll County. Formerly known as the Piney-Fork Line, the system carries fracking sand to the growing oil and gas industry.

3/24 Patricia Fletcher presented Trudy Wilson, Executive Director of the Ohio Valley Health Center who discussed our aging population, aging doctors and precarious health situation. She noted there were 3316 hours given by their volunteers in 2016.

3/31 Janet King introduced Anthony Mougianis, and entrepreneur and volunteer, whose business and efforts to help others have had a positive and profound affect on our community.



## Up to bat - with Mike

### Using your head . . .

I was thinking a lot about the two young local athletes who were recently injured in a high school baseball game. Reports are that both are on the road to recovery after being treated for concussion-like injuries. I have read many things about the concussion issue, and I have seen the move "Concussion." So I decided to do some more research.

It is going to be a while, if ever, before my son thinks of participating in organized sports. For now, my amusement comes from watching him trying to toss one of the 20-or-so different balls of different sizes and substances into the tiny hoop, or as he calls it the "dees" that we have suction-cupped to the living room window wall. This is when he is not chasing around the "alf" or golf ball that I bounce for him on the tile floor or examining the "Ka" or souvenir hockey puck we have on display on a shelf downstairs.

Ultimately, I will let him make his own decisions about participation in sports, while I continue to educate myself. There is some interesting data out there now.

According to Head Case, a head health management system (yes, those really exist) based in Chicago:

- \* There were 3.8 million concussions reported in high school sports in 2012, double the amount from 2002;
- \* Forty seven percent of all reported sports concussions occur during the high school football season;
- \* One in five high school athletes will sustain a concussion during the season (average of all sports) ;
- \* One-third of all high school athletes who have a sports concussion report two or more in the same year.

Head Case also states that 64 out of 100,000 "athletic exposures" (i.e., practices or competition) in football will result in a concussion. Seems like a lot. I would expect that in football, however, some other sports have high rates, especially considering they are "non-contact" sports, including:

Girls basketball - 21/100,000  
Boys soccer - 19/100,000  
Softball - 16/100,000

According to neurologist Peter A. Puzio from Augusta Health Neurology, "the severity of concussions sustained is significantly higher . . . recent studies show that soccer has replaced football."

Who would have thought? I believe what contributes to the inflation of some of those statistics is that 1) there is simply much more testing/caution exercised when examining head injuries and 2) head injuries are simply reported more often and are better diagnosed, especially in football. I believe that is partly because it is a provocative issue.

I guess what I will take away is that you take a risk no matter what you decide to do. There is much more attention devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of head injuries than what we have seen before, so that should give all concerned a better feeling about this issue.

## April's birthdays . . .

Let's celebrate with Christine Hargrave, Janet King, Mike Mehalik and Andrea Hale. Thanks to Keith for leading the "roast" in March.

## Dates to Remember:

4/13 Community Foot Washing at Urban Mission 10-2

4/14 YWCA Good Friday Brunch at 11:00. Shari Prichard will bring the message. \$10 charge. Reservation requested.

4/21 Urban Mission Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Lunch at EGCC at Noon.

4/21 at 1:00 - Rotary Board after the regular meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend! **THIS IS A WEEK LATE!**

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

. . . That our March guests were the staff of the Urban Mission, several members of our Interact Club, Lisa Ward, Tommy Beynon, Ted Gorman, Janet Sharp, Juliet Hamilton, Kimberly Hahn, two representatives of Huntington Bank, Paul Mastros and Sue Rosaschi (students from Indian Creek) and a special guest appearance by Bob Lane.

. . . That we had two raffle winners. The lucky Rotarians were Bob Hargrave and Carolyn Glaub.

. . . That our 50/50 winners were Bruce Trushel, Mike Mehalik, Scott Lane and Gary Cain. Be sure to be present on 4/28 to meet the students who benefit from this fund raiser.

. . . That we welcomed John Mascio and Scott Lane as members of our club. Lisa Ward will be inducted in April. Thanks to our membership committee for pursuing such great community leaders to be part of Rotary. Special thanks to chairwoman Sue Hershey.

. . . That we are excited about the possibility of a joint golf outing with the Kiwanis Club. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please see Kathy or Bruce.

. . . That our speaker on April 7<sup>th</sup> is Metin Hakverdi, a German attorney and member of Parliament, who has both German and US law degrees, serves on committees for consumer protection and financial market stabilization and has been a practicing attorney since 2000.

. . . That by majority vote of the club, lunches will be \$12/week and will continue to include two entrees and dessert.

. . . That there is so much going on at the Urban Mission this month. Take a look at their website at [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org).

## Your Editor's Opinion:

*Expressions . . . . .*

I have just read thirty five scholarship applications for our SAS Awards. Our young people, in general, cannot write! They use incomplete sentences. They cannot punctuate, spell or match tenses. They have no concept of content - and saying "service above self is putting others before yourself" is just not enough to acknowledge that you understand the true depth of Rotary's idea of what our motto means.

Service above self is a calling, a heart-felt commitment to caring about how people you know, people you touch, are better because they know you!

Paul Harris built restrooms for the public as his first service project. My dad always said, "The plumber controls the health of the nation." These two wise men went to the gutter (literally) to state the true meaning of "Service Above Self." Cleansing is caring. Flushing is foremost! Start at the bottom - at the bathroom - to truly show you care.

Service is more than putting yourself behind others. It is more than writing an occasional check. It is caring, one-on-one, about someone else.

In this holy season, I am drawn to the image of Jesus, sharing a meal with his fellow men, breaking bread and drinking wine, holding a hand, touching a cheek, wiping a tear, kneeling to pray. . . picking up a cross.

Easter comes. Passover is celebrated. Spring arrives. All are filled with promises of renewal and hope. My wish is that we Rotarians portray our service throughout the community - and especially to the young people we encounter - as deeply meaningful concern for the well-being of others through health measures, education efforts and civility and respect. I hope that on the afternoon our scholars join us, we can convey to them that when a Rotarian speaks of service, the definition is truly profound and our actions prove it.

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I have learned today that Bindi Irwin, whose father was Steve Irwin, the Australian who became famous through his TV series, "The Crocodile Hunter," has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Queensland's Glasshouse Mountains Rotary Club. The award recognizes her work on behalf of wildlife conservation. She is eighteen.

Bindi said, "I received the most incredible honour tonight from the Rotary Foundation. The Paul Harris Fellow is the most extraordinary recognition for humanitarian and educational achievements." She went on to say, "I will continue to dedicate my life to educating and encouraging others to make a difference in our world. My mission will forever be to create positive change."

Weren't we just talking about "Service Above Self?"

## Time for Some Humor . . .

[Sent by a very special friend of mine . . .]

After Quasimodo's death, the Archbishop of Paris at the Cathedral of Notre Dame sent word through the streets of Paris that a new bell ringer was needed. The Archbishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and went up into the belfry to begin what he thought would be a long screening process.

After observing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he had decided to call it a day and would offer prayers for more success the next day. Just then, an armless man approached him and falling flat on his face announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job. The bishop was incredulous.

"But man, you have no arms!"

"No matter," said the man. "Observe my technique!" And he began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the massive carillon. The Archbishop listened in astonishment, convinced he had finally found a replacement for Quasimodo.

But suddenly, as he rushed forward to strike the final bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window to his death in the street below.

The stunned Archbishop rushed down the two hundred and ninety five steps of the bell tower. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the disfigured fallen fellow. They had been drawn to the Cathedral by the beautiful music they had heard only a moment before from the melodious bells. They silently parted to let the Archbishop through and one of them asked, "Archbishop, who was this man?"

"I don't know his name," the bishop sadly replied, "*but his face rings a bell.*"

**Wait! Wait! There's more . . .**

The following day, despite the sadness that weighed heavily on his heart due to the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist, the Archbishop continued his interviews for the new bell ringer of Notre Dame Cathedral.

The first man to approach him said, "Your Excellence, I am the brother of the poor armless wretch who fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you honor his life by allowing me to replace him in this duty."

The Archbishop agreed to give the man an audition, and, as the armless man's brother stopped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest, spun around and died before he hit the floor.

Two monks who were saying their Matins, hearing the Archbishop's cries of grief rushed up the stairs to his side. "What has happened? Who is this man?" the first monk asked breathlessly.

"I don't know his name," sighed the distraught bishop, "*but he's a deadringer for his brother.*"

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[Ed. note: We have had a lovely note from Kay Kuzma. Her home is now at 1525 Minutemen Causeway, Apt. 105, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 - phone 740-532-0950. She invites us to visit if we are in the area. We wish her well!]

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## **“Fun, Fellowship and the Future of Rotary”**

That was the theme of this year's District 6650 Rotary International Conference held at the newly renovated Avalon Inn in Warren. District Governor Sieglinde Warren organized a great program for the 400 participants.

On Friday, the opening luncheon featured “Awakening the Power of Rotary Service” by Nalisha Men. The lecture was followed by several reports of District activities. Workshops relating to leadership style, technology and fund raising for Rotary clubs were offered.

The Friday night banquet was an entertaining Mystery Theater featuring “Mystery’s Most Wanted” of Pittsburgh performing *Mobsters, Molls & Marinara* which transported the audience back to 1920s Chicago and the Speakeasy.

Saturday began with the Awards and Recognition Breakfast and a new member panel consisting of only new Rotarians shared their thoughts on what its like to be brand new in such a seasoned institution as Rotary.

Club birthday celebrations were observed with two District Clubs now past 100 years of age. Steubenville Rotary Club was honored for its 96 years of Rotary history.

Saturday luncheon speaker was Robb Zbierski talking about “Discovering your Memory Power.” Throughout the conference, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program was highlighted with students going and coming to area homes. [NOTE: This conference is one of those rare occasions when both the in-bound and out-bound students get to spend time together. The interaction is fascinating for adult observers and looks like a lot of fun for the young people.]

Next year's district conference is already planned for early April, 2018 at the Avalon Inn and Resort.

[Editor's Note: Even though we are a long way from the center of District 6650, it is great when the District Governor and other officers get to know the face of Steubenville Rotary. Thanks, Alan, for representing us and for sharing your knowledge of these events.]

## **April's Programs got our attention:**

4/7 Kyle Brown introduced MP Metin Hakverdi of Hamburg, Germany and his traveling companions. Lou Gentile organized the visit. He and the others decided to see some of the USA beyond Washington, DC and New York. He described his home as a city of rebirth.

4/21 Dick McGowan introduced entrepreneur Jon Meriwether, founder and owner of Merco Marine in Wellsburg, West Virginia. Mr. Meriwether showed a power point of the many inventions and innovations he has introduced, manufactured and distributed world wide.

4/28 The annual Service Above Self Awards celebration was attended by 42 students and guests. The eight award winners each shared some aspect of their “Service Above Self” work, and showed great enthusiasm for what they have been able to do so far.

## **Time for some May flowers:**

5/5 Kathy Musso will introduce Suzanne Kresser (who clearly needs no introduction) to help us sort through some of the changes - and opportunities - available in the very, scary world of Medicare.

5/12 Again this month, Kyle Brown has an interesting guest to introduce to us. She is Laura Tubo of First Energy who will talk about their request to Ohio to enable them to keep coal-fired power plants operating.

5/19 Keith Murdock has asked Dr. Michael Scarpone, Director of Trinity's Sports Medicine Program, to discuss “Regenerative Medicine.”

5/26 Joe Edmiston will bring us the interim CEO of Trinity Health Systems, Joe Tasse, to tell us about the transitions at our local hospital.

## **Birthdays for May -**

Let's celebrate spring birthdays with Kyle Brown, Jimmie Bruce, Joe Edmiston, Laurel McDowell, Kathy Musso and Kate Sedgmer. Looks like if you have a May birthday, you're supposed to present a program, too.



## *Up to bat - with Mike Speaking up ...*

If you have yet to see any of the Herald Star Speaker Series, please do yourself a favor and get to the next one.

Last week, retired four-star general of the United States Air Force Michael Hayden gave a captivating talk in the latest installment of the programs. Whether you agreed or disagreed with his world views and his comments regarding leading intelligence in these dangerous times, it would be difficult to find someone to say that his presentation was not very interesting.

I admit that as General Hayden began, I was nervously looking at my watch to see what time I would get home to start my recording of that evening's Stanley Cup Playoff game between the Penguins and the Capitals. I was amazed as his talk concluded that 45 minutes had elapsed, and he was ready to begin his book-signing session that concluded the schedule for the night. It seemed that by looking at the faces of the audience members, most were just as captivated as I was by his unique insight.

General Hayden is a sought-after speaker and political television commentator and to have him come to Steubenville was a very big deal. Kudos to our fellow Rotarian Ross Gallabrese for his efforts to bring another outstanding program to our city. Working with Ross on this project, I can tell you that his efforts have been nothing short of outstanding. The Herald Star should consider itself very, very fortunate to have someone like Ross who devotes the energy and effort that he does into bringing this terrific series right to our backyard.

General Hayden was also gracious and very low maintenance. All the speakers have been just as cordial as they have been interesting, and there have been some really good ones:

In November of 2012 the series kicked off with Clint Hill, who told stories from his days as a Secret Service agent working for Jackie Kennedy. I missed that one because I was out of town on work-related duties.

In April 2013, Antonio and Jonna Mendez shared their lives as CIA agents. They were interesting and I could tell that they had sacrificed a lot in their busy schedule to be with us.

In April of 2014, Captain Richard Phillips shared his experience of being kidnapped by Somali pirates, which served as the inspiration to the movie, "Captain Phillips." He could not have been more down-to-earth and seemed like a regular guy that we might meet here in the Ohio Valley.

Col. Mark Tillman, former Air Force One pilot, told us what it was like to keep the president safe in the aftermath of 9/11. He went out of his way to make our guests feel comfortable and was most professional as he shared his intriguing story and amazing photos.

The funniest thing during our experiences in the series happened in the airport when Ross and I lost Rebecca Gregory there in April 2015, right before she shared her inspiring testimony of surviving the Boston Marathon

bombing. I will tell anyone the story who asks about it in private.

Mark "Oz" Geist spoke about his survival of the Benghazi attacks and had the audience on the edge of their seats in April of 2016. Perhaps my favorite was Judge Janine Pirro, who spoke about our country's political climate shortly before our last presidential election. She could not have been more kind and giving of her time, and she has a great sense of humor to boot.

All of these events have added up to something our town has that many others don't even dream of. The sponsors, the two Steubenville High Schools, the YWCA and Scott Dressel have all stepped up to make the speakers feel welcome and make this an incredible event. Most of all, thanks to our fellow Rotarian, Ross ... you continue to make us proud!

## **Dates to Remember:**

5/12 Rotary Board Meeting immediately following the regular meeting. Please attend whether you are a board member or not. It counts as a make-up.

6/10-14/17 RI Convention in Atlanta

6/30 Steubenville Rotary Changing of the Guard

8/18 Rotary-Kiwanis Golf Outing at Spring Hills

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

. . . That our April guests were Dave Gossett, Karen Chenoweth, Lou Gentile, Suzanne Kresser, John Bucknelter, Ralph Freshwater, Bob Martin, Judy Varrick, Sherry Jo Watkins, Jim Higgins, Lynn Donahue of Toronto with several freshman students and several members of the Rotary-Interact club from Big Red.

. . . That we had three raffle winners. The lucky Carolyn Glaub won \$100 while husband Jody and Marty Hauser each won \$50.

. . . That our 50/50 winners were John Mascio and Todd Phillipson. This money funds the SAS Awards. Thanks for participating in this worthwhile project.

. . . That we welcomed Lisa Ward as our newest member. Next month, this newsletter will contain biographic details about Lisa, John and Scott, our latest membership class, so we get to know them better.

. . . That we are excited about the joint golf outing with the Kiwanis Club. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please see Kathy or Bruce. It is coming on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Spring Hills. Our meeting will occur there that day.

. . . That we are happy to hear that Rotarian Richard Pflug has been released from Ohio State University Hospital with two new lungs. We wish him a speedy recovery with the help of Nurse Heidi.

**Your Editor's Opinion:*****Beatitudes - action words . . . . .***

My mother was something of a biblical scholar, as well as an incredible English teacher. She loved to write and one of her favorite topics to study and dissect was Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. When she died, I read her essay on the Beatitudes as part of her worship service. She was inspired to "be blessed."

Last Friday, when the very enthusiastic teenagers were sharing stories with us, I felt richly blessed. All I could think of was what "BE"-attitudes these children displayed. Most not only know what they want to "be," but how to get there. All knew that to "be" happy they had to help others, to serve others, not to seek recognition, but just to "be" there for someone else.

One young lady quoted James Barrie (author of *Peter Pan*) saying, "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." I think each Rotarian must have felt that way once in a while when the "afterglow" of helping someone else washes over you.

Although I know last month I complained about their writing skills, this group was, in my opinion, the most vocally enthusiastic group we have had. They each truly practiced "be" prepared, and warmed to their subjects.

One essay really caught my attention as a true understanding of "Service Above Self." This is written by Lexi Biasi of Big Red:

You can serve your community and others multiple different ways. Holding a door open for the person behind you, dropping your change in the Ronald McDonald House jar at McDonald's, giving up your Saturday morning for community service; bam! You've achieved enlightenment and have received your ticket to heaven. In reality, "Service Above Self" means so much more. It is so easy to help others when you know you are being watched.

It's easy to volunteer at an animal shelter if you know you will boast about it on Facebook afterwards. It's easier to help a classmate carry their books if you know your teachers are watching. What truly matters though is what you do when no one is watching. My true, raw definition of "Service Above Self" is being kind to and serving complete and utter strangers while being fully aware you will never be recognized, never be rewarded by likes and comments, only the satisfaction that you did something good from your heart. You pushed yourself beyond your boundaries; you made yourself uncomfortable to make others more. "Service Above Self" is serving from your heart, without recognition. To better others, while feeling better yourself.

My personal goal for the future is to impact as many lives as I can. Making others feel good makes me feel just as great, whether it's telling someone random they have a beautiful smile, leaving \$15 Kroger gift cards with the cashier telling them to give it to someone who is struggling to buy their groceries, paying for the person behind me in the drive-thru or donating my old clothes to my local friendship room. My goal for the future is to spread love wherever my path may lead me. Kindness spreads like a chain reaction. It only takes one person to start it. You don't need the newest iPhone, biggest Michael Kors purse or trendiest Ray Ban sunglasses to feel good about yourself. All you need is the "Service Above Self" mind set and you'll feel greater than you ever have before.

**Time for Some Humor . . .**

[Did you know Dick McGowan has been a member of this Rotary Club since 1954? He continues as Assistant Editor of humor with my thanks.]

I'm not overweight. I'm just easier to see.

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What do you call a wandering caveman? A meanderthal.

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A pastor was famous for his sermons lasting exactly 22 minutes. Then, one unfortunate Sunday, the sermon went on for 45 minutes.

At dinner, his wife asked what had gone wrong.

"It was just one of those things," the pastor replied moodily. "My trick is to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before I start the sermon. It always melts in exactly 22 minutes and that way I know when it's time to stop. This morning I was 40 minutes in before I realized my cough drop was a suspender button.

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A baby sardine saw its first submarine and went swimming in terror to its mother.

"Don't be frightened," she reassured him, "It's only a can of people."

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An irate visitor stalked up to a beekeeper and said, "One of your bees just stung me, and I want you to do something about it."

"Certainly," the beekeeper replied soothingly. "Just show me which bee it was, and I'll have it punished."

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According to a new study, cats may have more potential than dogs to sniff out bombs. They just won't bother to tell you.

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The way it works:

I told my son, "You will marry the girl I choose."  
He said, "No."

I told him, "She is Bill Gates' daughter."  
He said, "Yes."

I called Bill Gates and said, "I want your daughter to marry my son."  
Bill Gates said, "No."

I told Bill Gates, "My son is the CEO of World Bank."  
Bill Gates said, "Okay."

I called the President of World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO.  
He said, "No."

I told him, "My son is Bill Gates' son-in-law."  
He said, "Okay."

This is exactly how politics works!

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**\*SERVICE ABOVE SELF\***

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12 Noon  
Every Friday**



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

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Children's Christmas Party - 12/9 /2016  
No Meetings - 11/25/16, 12/23/16 and 4/14/17  
Service Above Self Youth Awards - 4/28/2017  
Changing of the Guard - 6/30/2017  
*Birthday observance the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month*

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## **“It’s Never Too Late . . .**

. . .To send out the Contact. Even though we are a week into June, I thought it was a good idea to share the information gathered over the past month rather than to miss getting the news to you at all.

June is convention month and I know that Kathy Musso is excited about attending the International Convention in Atlanta. I am hoping we will see lots of pictures and hear many stories about Rotarians and their accomplishments. Have a wonderful time, Kathy!

In March, President John Germ wrote an article about women in Rotary and particularly about Sylvia Whitlock, who “visited” our club recently in the presentation of our game show look-alike “Is it the Truth?” In the June *Rotarian*, there are several letters to the editor about the article and about the true struggle to allow women to be members. President Germ reflects, “It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change.”

In some of the letters, the issue of women in Rotary International leadership was raised. I have been making the statement for years that women as Directors, Trustees and even President of RI have been generally overlooked. I believe to be at its strongest, Rotary’s leaders need to consciously seek out the best “people” to help Rotary continue to grow, develop and be relevant.

Also in the March *Rotarian* is an interview with RI President-elect Ian Riseley. He mentions that one of Rotary’s weaknesses is the lack of women members and female leadership. I doubt that these gentlemen (Germ and Riseley) collaborated to have these comments in the same issue, but it is interesting that they were. Now let’s see if they act on it.

## **June begins the annual transition:**

6/2 Todd Phillipson’s program was The Jefferson Educational Service Center director Chuck Kokiku, describing the many and varied programs they offer to all the districts in our county.

6/9 Curtiss Mullins is program chair and is trying to secure a good speaker. TBA

6/16 Kate Sedgmer has come up with an interesting program for all of us with allergies. She will present Peter Ehni from the Jefferson County Bee Keepers Association. Local honey really helps give allergy relief.

6/23 Adam Scurti will bring Bill Phillips to talk to us about sports, news and his busy life between here and Pittsburgh.

6/30 The Changing of the Guard will provide the seque from President Mike Florak to President Alan Hall. Both men are such fine examples of what it means to be a Rotarian and both have great senses of humor. It should be a fine day for Steubenville Rotary.

## **Time for some May flowers:**

5/5 State Senator Joe Schiavoni, a Democrat from Youngstown, spoke of himself as a “champion for workers.” His primary concerns are urban blight, public education and the opium addiction problem which is rampant in Ohio.

5/12 Kyle Brown introduced Laura Tubo of First Energy. She provided statistics about the use of coal-fired power plants, still used throughout our area by most electrical consumers. She noted a couple of upcoming governmental studies which may be very beneficial to the public.

5/19 Dr. Michael Scarpone, Keith Murdock’s guest, discussed his efforts in regenerative medicine. He is working with researchers at FUS to use placental cells, fat cells and bone marrow to repair torn muscles and other sports-related injuries. He is performing trial studies to cure Type I diabetes.

5/26 Joe Edmiston introduced us to the interim CEO of Trinity Health Systems, Joe Tasse. Joe entertained us with some phenomenal facts about the human body and mentioned that Trinity’s owner, Catholic Health Initiatives is planning a significant expansion at the west campus.



## *Up to bat - with Mike*

### **I Blink** . . .

It seems like a few minutes ago it was early June in 2016. I was planning a trip to Geneva on the Lake, hoping the Penguins would win one more series to win the Stanley Cup and wondering what being the president of our Rotary Club would be like.

Then I blinked. Here it is early June of 2017 and I am at Geneva on the Lake, hoping the Penguins will win one more series to win the Stanley Cup and I am wondering where this year as our Rotary Club president went so quickly.

Alan, you will do a much better job than me when you begin your term in July. There are many things to look forward to that I had the pleasure of enjoying. Some of those things include:

- \* The tremendous support of the Rotary board members. Kathy's organization is terrific and with the support of Ross, Christine, Bruce (Sarge) and all the others, the meetings are actually fun;

- \* I will miss Christine gently and patiently reminding me that the article was due - sometimes more than once and probably a few times - more than twice. Thank you for your patience around what became a wacky work schedule for me!

- \* I will miss the support of the past presidents and words of wisdom especially from Marty and Cory. I valued your input and I am glad that I could mention things to you for your opinions;

- \* I will miss looking forward to our membership meetings. Sue does a great job with the committee and I think the best days of our club still lie ahead. I am very happy with our new members. They have been assets to our club;

- \* I will certainly miss getting to know our members better through the Reintroduce-A-Rotarian exercise that I did for most of the meetings, when time permitted. How else would I learn about the proud military service of a number of our members, including Dr. Joyce and Mr. McGowan, and that Dr. Keenan and I share the same favorite movie (*The Natural*)?

- \* I do miss the clock striking 12:00 and Mr. Criss standing at attention, saying, "Start the meeting!" I hope to have time to bring him to a meeting in the near future;

- \* I will miss the perspective from the president's seat of the appreciation for our scholarship recipients and our participants in our mentoring days. Laurel and Christine have done a fabulous

job with these programs and they are a great source of pride for us!

\* Most of all, I will not have to miss my favorite thing about Rotary. That is the interaction with the wonderful people that we have in our club. I really do believe that we have something special here and that I am blessed to be a part of it. I will look forward to the days ahead and the tremendous impact that we will continue to have in our community.

Thanks everyone! I really appreciated the support. Good luck, Alan! You will be great.

. . . Just don't blink!

## **June Birthdays:**

Let's celebrate with Patricia Fletcher and hope we have visits from Howard Brettell and Father Richard Davis. We wish them many happy returns to Steubenville Rotary!

## **Dates to Remember:**

6/9 Board meeting

6/12 Charity Hospice Golf Outing - See Andrea Hall

8/18 Rotary/Kiwanis Golf Outing at Spring Hills

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

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

. . . That our May guests included Dave Gossett, Lynn D'Anniballe, Emily Sheetz, Judy Vavrek, Lew Musso, Julie Haddock and Steve Govey. We also had students from Big Red.

. . . That we had one raffle winner in June who was John Byron.

. . . That our 50/50 winners for June were Carolyn Glaub, Christine Hargrave, Keith Murdock (hmmm - seems like a lucky table) and Ross Gallabrese.

. . . That the golf outing committee would appreciate donations of prizes for the August event. There will be a fine abatement for those who donate prizes.

. . . That Judy Vavrek has applied for membership. She is sponsored by Keith Murdock. We look forward to getting to know her and welcoming her to our club.

. . . That Scott Lane and the Rotary Interact students had a very successful "Relay for Life campaign."

. . . That on June 4, 1917, the very first patient was seen at The Ohio Valley Hospital.

. . . That May 12 is Yogi Berra's birthday.

**Editorial: *Father Richard has an article of interest for us!***

Recently, I received an e-mail from our friend Father Richard Davis in which he included an attachment that someone gave him about the Johnstown Rotary Club. I know just why he sent it, because it sounds so totally familiar. [NOTE: Our club is 100 in 2021!]

"The Rotary Club of Johnstown celebrated a momentous occasion on Friday. The organization noted its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a gathering at the Sunnehanna Country Club.

That's quite a remarkable feat, given that the national club was founded in 1905, a mere 12 years before this local group was launched.

Current local president Patrick Petrell said the Johnstown club's longevity could be attributed to its strict adherence to the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self."

"Some clubs kind of atrophy because they don't have any activities. We do a lot of service and social activities."

Locally, Rotarians give dictionaries to elementary students, put up American flags and award academic scholarships, along with supporting the international causes.

Some famous people who have been Rotarians are astronauts Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, Presidents, George W. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy, Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Winston Churchill, Adm. Richard Byrd, Walt Disney, Thomas Edison, Hillary Clinton, Margaret Thatcher, Ted Turner, Bill Gates and Orville Wright.

But the members in Johnstown (or Steubenville) are just as important to Rotary's cause as their famous counterparts, said Jennifer Jones, vice-president of Rotary International, who spoke to the group's event.

"I think that Johnstown, while it may appear to be a small town, is a town with a big heart," she said. "You get these great people together in a room and they can change the community. They can change the world."

[Thanks, Father Richard, for this glimpse into a club so similar to ours!]

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At the end of each president's term, I like to recall a little about his year and thank him for his service. There is no exception this year. Mike has been a great president, innovative, humorous and organized - all attributes of a terrific leader. The re-introductions were fascinating. We learned so much. The history, particularly sports related, was always informative and fun. The easy yet watchful style of moving a meeting along is a skill Mike uses well. And the ornery smile at that podium will be missed. Thanks, Mike, for your service to us this year!

**Time for some Humor:**

Squirrels and Religion:

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about some pesky squirrels. After much prayer, they concluded the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the baptistry. The deacons met and decided to put a water slide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Methodist church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist Church. Two weeks later the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the water slide.

But the Catholic church came up with a very creative strategy. They baptized all the squirrels and consecrated them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

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Very Punny:

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

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Two peanuts walk into a bar and one was a salted.

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home,'"

"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

"Is it common?"

"Well, it's not unusual."

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," says Dolly.

It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

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## The Ties That Bind . . .

Rotary International has a new president. He is Ian Riseley, an Australian from Moorooduc, a suburb of Melbourne, where he has been an accountant all of his adult life and a Rotarian since 1978. He is married to Juliet, has two children and four grandchildren.

Juliet is also a Rotarian, but not in the same club as her husband. She was the charter president of the Hampton Rotary Club in 1995. They have both been district governors of the same district (9810) twelve years apart. She is a librarian by trade. They are both very fond of the wines grown near their home.

You may note some ways in which the Riseleys are similar to us in Steubenville and to our District 6650. Last year's district governor is the wife of a former district governor (Sieglinde and Larry Warren). Our new president is a librarian, as is Juliet. They have children and grandchildren like many of us and - like some of us - really like a good glass of wine.

One trait that drew my interest to Ian was his reaction years ago when he learned that membership for women in Rotary was a contested issue, so he decided to resign. He says, "I thought to myself how crazy is that? What sort of organization says no to half of the population?"

His club president at that time convinced him that it was far better to work to correct the matter from within his club. "We encourage you to agitate from the inside to invite women to be part of Rotary." Ian would only agree to that position if the majority of his club felt the way he did about women joining Rotary. They took a vote and found overwhelming support in their club, so Ian joined the quest to let women participate as Rotarians.

Juliet encouraged Ian to join Rotary to meet people outside his immediate world of accounting. Now, she admits that fifteen years later, when Ian thought he would go back to school for his master's degree, she again encouraged him, saying, "Too many of our friends are Rotarians."

Actually, they embrace the fact that Rotary "grabs hold of you." Juliet says, "Our daughter calls our involvement Rotarama. She says, 'Rotarama has got all of you,' and it's true. I think it happens to the majority of us."

Dreamer, doer - Ian, Alan. Should be a great year!

## June held our interest:

6/2 Todd Phillipson presented Jefferson Educational Service Center director Chuck Kokiku. No stranger to our club, Chuck spoke of the ways the service center attempts to keep each district from duplicating services which can be coordinated and shared.

6/9 It was our monthly board meeting day, so in lieu of a speaker, President Mike held the board meeting immediately after lunch. There was discussion of upcoming projects, including the flag placements and gold outing. A question of board size is being examined.

6/16 Kate Sedgmer was called away, but Kathy Musso stepped in to present Jim Ehni from the Jefferson County Bee Keepers Association. A teacher by trade, his wit and wisdom about bees, was informative and entertaining. Tasting followed the meeting.

6/23 Adam Scurti reintroduced us to Bill Phillips, local TV personality. Bill has returned to WTOV9 after working for several years at Pittsburgh's NBC affiliate. Although primarily a sports announcer, Bill has taken a role at the news desk with his partner Jessica Haberly. It's great to have him in the Ohio Valley again.

6/30 The Changing of the Guard was a time of celebration of Mike Florak's year as our president and Alan Hall's installation as Steubenville Rotary's newest leader. Alan presented his brother Kent (who attended with his wife Laura) a Paul Harris Fellowship. Mike Gray provided background on our new President with humor and affection. What a super day for Rotary!

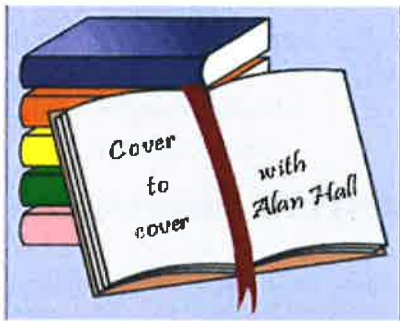
## July - let the fireworks begin

7/7 Kathy Musso will talk about her adventures at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta and will provide a little more information about her adopted son Thomas who received a PHF during our installation event.

7/14 District Governor Mike Raulin will visit and share his ideas for our upcoming year.

7/21 Patricia Fletcher will let us meet Sherry Watkins who is working with Brightway Center in Rayland. She will tell us about her adult mentoring program.

7/28 Mike Florak will introduce Rich Donnelly, who is a former Pirates coach and expert on all things baseball. Be careful, Alan Hall. After you hear Rich, you may begin to enjoy learning about sports!



It is indeed my honor and my privilege to begin my term as your President of the Steubenville Rotary Club.

In preparation for my services as your President, I attended a Pre-PETS meeting, a President-Elect workshop, the PETS Conference and the District Conference. (By the way, PETS stands for President-Elect Training Seminar.) These events showed me two distinct pieces of information - I knew little about Rotary and all clubs are struggling with the same issues.

I have been a Rotarian for over twenty years and I thought that I would have surely absorbed all of the information available about Rotary from club attendance and board membership, but I was so wrong. Having worked in the field of information for more than 40 years, it was surprising how little I knew about Rotary International and what we support, what we do and what we could do.

I can tell you without looking at paperwork that the Steubenville Rotary Club is part of Rotary International District 6650 and (like most other service clubs in our area) we are in the extreme southern corner of our district.

Our District Governor for 2017-2018 is Mike Raulin who lives in the Youngstown area and will be a guest at our club on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our President of Rotary International for 2017-2018 is Ian H.S. Riseley from Sandringham, Australia who is featured on the cover of the July issue of "The Rotarian" with several informational pieces inside about the RI President.

His direction to the PETS Conference that I attended in Columbus in March was that I will lead a local club that is part of 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs around the world dedicated to putting SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

Each club is a building block of Rotary International, and it is the job of each local president to connect the membership to the world of Rotary and bring you into the great organization that we are all part of, to share the experiences and be inspired by the possibilities ahead.

On top of all of this is the fact that The Rotary Foundation is the largest non-profit foundation in the United States today (a century old this year) and through that structure we are and can do so much for SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, here we go!

## July Birthdays:

It's time to celebrate with John Criss, Rich Delatore (perpetual winner of the 50/50), Dick Powell and Adam Scurti.

## Dates to Remember:

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8/18 Rotary/Kiwanis Golf Outing at Spring Hills

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. . . That our June guests included Randy Cottis, Ed Florak, Alan Hall's brother Kent and his wife Laura and from the local library and Kiwanis, Mike Gray

. . . That we had two raffle winners in June, Carleen Scurti and Kyle Brown. We also want to wish Carleen and Adam a very happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What a woman

. . . That our 50/50 winners for June were Jim Emerling, Jim Baber and Rich Delatore.

. . . That the golf outing committee would appreciate donations of prizes for the August event. There will be a fine abatement for those who donate prizes. It's a "Get Out Of Fine Pass." Please bring those golf balls and gift baskets to Kathy when you can. Also, a golf outing is only successful if there is team participation. Gather your friends and create a team to golf and support our efforts to enhance "Service Above Self."

. . . That Judy Vavrek is our newest member. She is sponsored by Keith Murdock. Welcome, Judy. Let's make her feel like part of our Rotary family.

. . . That Melinda Young and the Steubenville City Schools are collecting "Box Tops for Education." Attached to this newsletter is a list of the products to look for. Please bring them to Rotary and help raise money for the local school. Products like Ziplock, Nature Valley, Old El Paso and Hefty will all benefit our kids. Please be aware and participate in a project which costs only a bit of time - and NO MONEY!

. . . That our new President is planning to share an educational moment about Rotary at each meeting this year. His plan is to help us learn more about this wonderful organization of which we are a part.

. . . That our Assistant District Governor Linda Henderson and her husband Fred joined us for our "Changing of the Guard." It was great to have them with us. She will be retaining her position, so hopefully we will see them throughout the coming year.

. . . That Jodi Scheetz, George Ash and Peter Rosachi are the program chairs for August. On 8/18, there will be no meeting at the YWCA. All of us are encouraged to go "golfing."

## Editorial: *PHF's are special.*

I was looking over the programs from past "Changing of the Guard" events and read again the long list of Paul Harris Fellows our club has been responsible for sending to RI. Many of our members have multiple PHF's and have had the privilege of awarding them to others.

I realized that our club does not talk about The Rotary Foundation, its purpose, its availability, its effectiveness very often. I would think one reason is we don't know much about it. Another is that if you try to do an educational program on it, usually people stay away because it feels like a "hit up" for money. Often, a program on the foundation is dry and tedious, but if we look at what the funds do, maybe the importance of this kind of giving will be better understood.

I remember very well the program where the young girl came and told us of her plans to build a school in southeast Asia. She was seeking Rotary money to help her in this endeavor. She had plans that you could see, faces of children who would be affected, significant funds already set aside and a promise to tell us if she was successful.

We met Kathy Musso's "son" Thomas last Friday. He and I occasionally exchange Facebook hellos. His involvement with Kathy - and with Rotary - have enhanced his life in ways he may never know. His immersion in Rotary is a fascinating story. He attends meetings almost every other day. Where he lives, there are many nearby clubs, so it is easier to visit, but it is also expected, anticipated behavior from a good Rotarian.

What a thrill it was for me to talk with Muwonge Thomas Musso Friday and for him to open the envelope with his pin and certificate! The next day, his local Rotary clubs had an event where his Past District Governor presented his Paul Harris Fellowship pin and certificate in front of the many attending as he passed the torch from presiding at his Rotaract club.

This is just one of those special relationships Kathy has that you will hear more about on this coming Friday. Don't miss the chance to learn more about "Big Rotary."

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Half of 2017 is over. Where has the time gone? Where have the days gone? As I look at my calendar and realize that, as my husband's mother used to say, "After the Fourth of July, summer is essentially over," I am aware that we need to do a really good job of planning our days and working our plan. These precious minutes we have on this earth need to be cherished - not tolerated.

When Bob and I sit on our back porch together, playing cards or observing the neighbors coming and going, I appreciate the opportunity to have time to reflect on what our days have brought us, what tomorrow may bring. Don't forget to enjoy "time." It's one of the most special "gifts" we have.

## Time for some Humor:

Recently I was diagnosed with AAADD - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice the mail on the porch table that I brought from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table and notice the can is full. So I decide to put my bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table and see that there is only one check left. My other checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for the checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so I don't accidentally knock it over. The Coke is getting warm so I decide to put it back in the refrigerator.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye. They need water. I put the Coke on the counter and find my reading glasses I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I'd better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Some one left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote and won't remember it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water those flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day . . .  
the car isn't washed - the bills aren't paid - there is a warm can of Coke on the counter - the flowers don't have enough water - there is still just one check in my check book - I can't find the remote - I can't find my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy the whole darn day and now I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem and I'll try to get some help for it, but first, I'll check my e-mail.

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Middle age is having the choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

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## What Does Rotary Do?

Our new RI President is an accountant. He is a numbers person. He points out that numbers know no language barrier. They work for us all. That is an interesting perspective and an accurate one. So this year, he wants feedback to come in hard numbers, both in dollars raised and hours worked.

He states, "The goal is accurate and reliable numbers that we can present confidently in our public image work, in our membership materials and to our partners - numbers backed by specific data, on the club level, that answer not only the question 'What is Rotary?' but 'What does Rotary do?'"

In the past couple of years, our secretary-treasurer has immersed herself in learning the answers to these questions. As you heard when she spoke about attending the RI convention, Rotary DOES a lot! Kathy's presentation was full of enthusiasm and inspiration from being among Rotarians from around the globe. Her relationship with several clubs in Africa had already given her insight into how important the volunteer work is there, but also how much can be done with limited resources, as her "son" Thomas has demonstrated so well.

In addition, just as when we had the visit from the team from India back when Jim Emmerling was president, Kathy and Jim have learned first hand how very important being a member of Rotary is to people around the world. They consider their membership a true badge of honor and with that comes enormous responsibility.

Each year, our leaders, from RI President to District Governor to our local President, assure us that communication with Rotary has improved and been made simpler. This year, there is a revised "Rotary Club Central Resources" system in place, where you can access all types of training, ideas and assistance. There are leadership guides and manuals at your fingertips.

Taking our Rotary duty seriously is one way a good club becomes an excellent club. We have a great team in place under Alan's leadership. If we heed the challenge he, DG Mike and RI President Ian have put before us to have measurable hours and countable dollars, we will see just how far "Service Above Self" can take this Steubenville Rotary Club.

## August - Hot Topics!

8/4 Jodi Scheetz is going to introduce us to Janis McFadden, Director of Brooke Hills Park. She will discuss the upgrades which have occurred at the park and will highlight upcoming events.

8/11 George Ash is program chair and has asked recently elected State Senator Frank Hoagland to discuss the business climate in our area and his perspective on the future of Ohio and Jefferson County.

8/18 At last, the long planned Rotary/Kiwanis Golf Outing will occur. It is at Spring Hills and begins early in the morning. All Rotarians are urged to take part, either as a player, a sponsor, a volunteer or ticket salesperson. See Kathy for your assignment. See Alan Hall for advice on how non-golfers may participate!

8/25 The program will be announced on the website and by e-mail as the slot is filled. Anyone who has a suggestion, please mention it to Alan Hall or Kathy Musso.

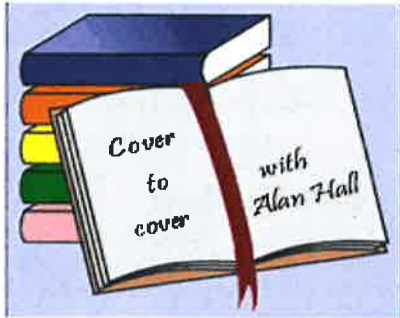
## July - a sparkling display by all!

7/7 Kathy Musso is very enthusiastic following her adventures in Atlanta. With pictures, memorabilia and stories, she took us with her on her journey into the heart of Rotary. Next year, the convention is in Toronto (Canada - not Ohio), which is not any farther than Atlanta. From Kathy's perspective, several Rotarians should plan to attend.

7/14 District Governor Mike Raulin came sharing his ideas for our upcoming year. He urges us to become passionate about Rotary, to explore it and enjoy it. We look forward to seeing Governor Mike again soon.

7/21 Patricia Fletcher introduced Sherry Watkins, owner/operator of Elite Pro-coaching. She is very involved with work at Brightway Center where youth are guided and mentored "to learn, to think, to question, to develop Christian moral values, to have strength and courage to take a stand based upon Christian ideals and teamwork."

7/28 Mike Florak brought us Rich Donnelly, a local treasure who loves his roots, his years in baseball and his heartwarming family stories. Soon there will be a movie about the touching moment when Donnelly's team (The Marlins) won the World Series. What a terrific program, Mike. Thanks!



Recently, my Son and I attended the Ohio Theatre's Summer Movie Series which featured "The Freshman" starring the famous silent film star Harold Lloyd. Produced in 1925, the film is considered a classic of the silent era. The Ohio Theatre's "Mighty Morton" theatre pipe organ played by East Liverpool native Clark Wilson is the feature of the evening as it recreates entertainment as people experienced in the 1928 venue decorated in Spanish Baroque.

A special guest that night was Suzanne Lloyd, the granddaughter of Harold Lloyd who entertained the audience with stories of her grandfather and life in Hollywood.

As I enjoyed the slapstick comedy, I was thinking how the people of the 1920s had only the visual communication, an occasional written screen shot and the powerful tunes of the orchestral organ to express the movie. Today we have the inflection of the recorded voice in the movie and the color of the filming to communicate the message of a movie in 2017.

When someone asks you, "What is Rotary?" what do you say and what communication formats do you have to answer the question? Are you at a loss for words for this simple question? Does it cause you to think about how you will answer this question the next time it is asked?

Do you tell about the meetings and fellowship? Do you talk about the local impact or the international impact of the local club and Rotary International? Do you explain that the club is filled with wonderful people that you really want to know?

In your monthly magazine, *The Rotarian*, look at the pages that provide the Object of Rotary, the Four-Way Test and the Code of Conduct for Rotary International, particularly the first few words, "The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of Service."

I wish I had that Robert Morton Theatre Pipe Organ accompanying my speech about Rotary -- but it sounds fine without the music, too.

## August Birthdays:

Several Steubenville Rotarians born this month include Ed Cusick, Carolyn Glaub, Sue Hershey, Lee Kinney, Keith Murdock and Ashley Steele. Please join us for their celebration on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

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. . . That our July guests included Randy Cottis, Daryl Griffen, George Unger and Paul Giannimore.

. . . That we had three raffle winners in July, Jody Glaub (\$100), Pete Olivito (\$50) and Apollo (\$50).

. . . That our 50/50 winners for July were Todd Phillipson, Kyle Brown, Jim Baber and John Mascio.

. . . That we were delighted to see Richard Pflug at a recent meeting looking well and smiling. He acknowledged that Rotary prayers are helpful!

. . . That we have been informed that Dick Powell has been moved to a nursing facility locally.

. . . That Melinda Young and the Steubenville City Schools are collecting "Box Tops for Education." IF you have lost your list, see Melinda or Sue Hershey. Please bring them to Rotary and help raise money for the local school. Products like Ziplock, Nature Valley, Old El Paso and Hefty will all benefit our kids. Please be aware and participate in a project which costs only a bit of time - and NO MONEY!

. . . That we mourn with Jim and the Emmerling family the loss of Jim's mother.

. . . That all of Rotary is saddened by the recent death of RI President-elect Sam Owori of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda. His fascinating biography of his years of being a Rotarian, challenged by dictator Idi Amin, who was suspicious of Rotary and his educational and employment history, as well as his love of family, indicate what a significant loss this leader is.

. . . That Brightway Center is preparing an Adult Leadership Conference on November 7 and 8 with nationally known presenters who would normally be making presentations in the largest cities for the most elite learning experience. For further information, contact them at 740-733-7480 or e-mail their advancement director Maria Campbell at [mcampbell@brightwaycenter.org](mailto:mcampbell@brightwaycenter.org).

. . . That Sue Hershey deserves a special thank you for planting flowers at the YWCA!

## Editorial:

### *Kathy's Perspective:*

#### **Become Fully Involved in Rotary:**

Many of you missed my convention report on July 7<sup>th</sup> or had to leave early and missed the final slide as titled above. I have attended many Red Cross conventions over the years in which you always came home inspired and uplifted and ready to tackle new obstacles, but attending a Rotary convention is life changing. You see all the different Rotary projects clubs and districts are doing in the House of Friendship (and realize your life is good), you get to meet those in person who are your Facebook or LinkedIn friends and more importantly you make so many more new friends. You learn we are not different from those around the world. We may dress differently and speak a different language but we all have the same family issues, illnesses, job worries, political or religious strife and Rotary Club challenges

I ask all of you to become fully involved in Rotary. Plan to attend a Rotary Convention in Toronto, Canada, Hamburg, Germany, Honolulu, Taiwan or Houston. Take your children or grandchildren and let them see the world all at one time in one place. There were over 43,000 people in Atlanta from 130 countries.

Join groups or pages on Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram. Make new Rotary friends. Share ideas. If you need some help with this I will guide you. I have over 400 Rotary friends on Facebook. Some I chat with on a regular basis and know quite well. Others, I see what they are doing with their Rotary Clubs and wish our members were so active.

I challenge President Alan and PE Keith to increase the Community Services Projects we do and you as Rotarians to help suggest and develop new projects. Our club should have a project every month where our members can choose to participate. Think outside the box. Can we do small projects for the elderly? Work with adults who want to learn to read? Visit a nursing home once a month and play checkers or sing songs with those who have no one? Go into the schools and teach the Four Way Test and how students can apply those principles in their daily lives. We do not have to spend any money on these things - just provide a few volunteer hours. President Reisley wants clubs to track volunteer hours this year so wouldn't it be great if we could surpass other clubs? And your efforts will count as a make-up and improve our overall attendance.

Become more involved with an International Project. Find something that interests you - clean water and sanitation, healthy mothers and children, preventing disease, supporting education. *The Rotarian* always has great stories of Rotary projects. We can support another club's project with just \$500. I will be approaching many other clubs to support our Rotary International Global Grant, since the more money we raise from Rotary Clubs and others will be matched by the RI Foundation. Our \$10,000 contribution becomes \$20,000 and so on. Many small clubs contribute to global projects as they do not feel they can support a larger project and they are able to help those around the world improve their lives.

Become more involved with our Interact Club at Big Red. Attend their meetings. Scott Lane or Andrea Hale will let us know when they are meeting. Encourage someone to become an exchange student or host one through Rotary. Students will start applying now for 2018 acceptance. I thank you for supporting the Interact's Relay for Life. Our members are very generous. They are a great group of students who just want to help others.

Most importantly, promote Rotary every day. Tell people what we do. Bring a co-worker or other colleague to a meeting or special event. Wear your Rotary pin or Rotary clothing. I will provide a link in an e-mail so you can shop for Rotary items.

Rotary is not about a \$12 lunch on Friday and sitting with your friends to learn about their vacation or other activities. I enjoy seeing everyone and sharing the "fun" things I am now doing with a retired husband underfoot, but my mind is always on those someplace else in the world. I mentioned the \$12 lunch as most of the world population do not even make \$12 a week to support themselves or their families. There is no health care or food stamps or food pantry so they can eat. There are no buses to take children to school or funds to buy school supplies. We forget or take for granted the things we have and spend our money on. Making a new Rotary friend from Peru, Ukraine, Africa, Australia or wherever will open your eyes and break your heart at the same time.

My heart was opened when my friend Rotarian Chris Major of San Rafael, CA visited Africa four years ago. I saw the homes and orphanages and how challenging life was there. It was through him that I met so many wonderful Rotarians from Uganda and Nigeria - and now have a wonderful son named Thomas.

#### **Time for some Humor:**

Men are just happier people:

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress - \$5,000; wedding tux - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you are talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a pack of three. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years - maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife. You are free to choose to grow a moustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24<sup>th</sup> in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier!

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## There's Still Time to Think!

Do you ever wonder if you are too old to write a book, compose a song or paint something more creative than a blank wall a single color? Do you sometimes think that the creative part of your life has no more new ideas or ingenious thoughts running through your brain?

Well, the latest *Rotarian* brings good news. It is a several page discussion of two types of human intelligence. The first is called fluid intelligence. "It's the part of our brain that solves problems using the contents of our working memories." The older we get, the less we focus and recall. So our fluid intelligence does decline.

However, our crystallized intelligence actually improves as we age. It is where you have banked your knowledge and experience. "If you are a theoretical physicist, you're probably going to do your most creative work in your 20s, . . . but for a novelist or a composer or even a medical researcher, you can expect that your creative work may continue to improve as you age because your attention broadens." In addition, although older folks become more distracted, that can actually enhance creativity, letting the filters be looser and allowing more memories, more associations, more insights into the cognitive workplace to be combined and recombined in original ways.

The article sites several examples of great thinkers in their eighties and nineties. One is Lorna Page, a British author who published her debut novel, *A Dangerous Weakness*, at 93. She bought a large house and invited her friends from the nursing home to come and live with her. Then there is Barbara Beskind. When she was very young she wanted to be an inventor. Her family was very poor so she designed her own hobby horse from discarded tires. Although she wanted to study engineering, at the time the only major open to her was home economics. Four years ago, as she approached 90, she joined the Silicon Valley design firm Ideo.

Meet physicist John Goodenough, working with a team at the University of Texas at Austin, who has just filed a patent for a fast-charging compact battery that could revolutionize electric cars and make petroleum-fueled vehicles a thing of the past. He is 94.

The article (p. 43) reminds us that although the ability to be wildly creative in art, music and literature is available to the most seasoned of us, the same creative juices may be used to develop a new recipe, reorganize a closet, find a new hobby or even work a challenging crossword.

This is no time to "take off your thinking cap." There's plenty of creating to do for all of us.

## August - Hot Topics!

8/4 Jodi Scheetz introduced us to Janis McFadden, Director of Brooke Hills Park and Joelle DeVore, the office manager. Did you know there is an 18 hole golf course, 18 holes of mini-golf, a new pool and both full and primitive camping so close to us? Give it a try!

8/11 George Ash brought State Senator Frank Hoagland to discuss the business climate in our area and his perspective on the future of Ohio and Jefferson County.

8/18 The Golf Outing with Kiwanis found 12 teams, lots of raffle items, great hot dogs cooked by Keith Murdock and a chicken dinner prepared by the YWCA. Plans are already in the works for a bigger, better event next year.

8/25 Pete Rosasci asked Mike Holmes, the new Athletic Director at Franciscan University, to bring us information about the many developing sports programs offered today at our local University.

## September's in business:

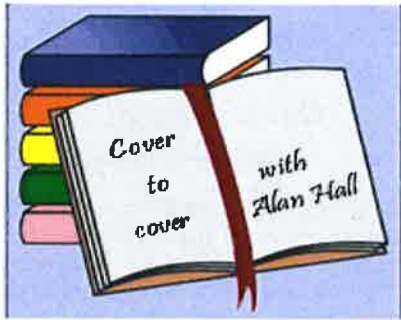
9/1 Sue Hershey will bring Scott Dressel with her. He will discuss the Grand Theater Restoration, but he will also talk about his role as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilman.

9/8 Kate Sedgmer is program chair and will present Adele Mason of Mason's Red Barn Yoga. She will tell us of the health benefits of flow and restorative yoga for all fitness levels and describe their new facility.

9/15 John Mascio will introduce Mike Zinno, the new director of Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities.

9/22 Chuck Govey has asked Larry Warren, former DG, to discuss his and his wife Seiglinde's experiences on 9/11 when she was flying home from Europe that day.

9/29 Melinda Young has asked Lynnett Gorman, Pugliese West Principal, to talk about early childhood programs at Steubenville City Schools.



When Rotary District Governor Mike Raulin visited our Club in July, he stayed for the board meeting following the luncheon and addressed his "focus" for his year as our governor.

He was pleased with our active membership committee, chaired by Sue Hershey. Sue has done a great job in assembling her committee and reviewing our membership list to get ideas for people who would make good Rotarians. The committee discusses who will talk to potential members and how they will be invited to a Rotary meeting.

With all of the membership committee work, we have stabilized membership at around fifty members.

When I joined the Steubenville Rotary Club some twenty years ago, the membership was around eighty members and hovered between eighty and ninety. The "old guys" of that time period fondly remembered the days when all of downtown Steubenville shut down operation on Friday from 11:45 - 1:15 for Rotary at the Colonial Room of the Fort Steuben Hotel. Membership was over 100, perhaps reaching 130 members.

Times have changed, those days are gone. Service organizations are all in the same situation today. People are part of service organizations for the service, not the tradition and history. What difference will be made by joining an organization? This year's Rotary theme is "Rotary: Making a Difference."

However each of us chooses to serve, we do it because we know our service makes a difference in the lives of others. The more I learn about Rotary International, the more I understand the impact worldwide of Rotary.

Rotary District Governor Raulin is looking for a ten percent net growth in 2017-2018 and the Steubenville Rotary Club is on the road to making that goal a success.

The fellowship that is gained from our weekly luncheon meetings combines with our

volunteering to develop our service to our community, our country and our world.

Fund raising projects such as our recent Golf Scramble are stepping stones to that goal. What a wonderful time we all had at Spring Hills on August 18<sup>th</sup>!

## September Birthdays:

Several Steubenville Rotarians born this month include George Ash, Chuck Govey and Melinda Young. Also happy birthday to former Rotarian and Past President Tim McCoy.

## Dates to Remember:

9/8 Board meeting following the Rotary meeting. Every member is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in the business meeting of the club.

## Did you know . . .

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. . . That our August guests included Randy Cottis, David Singer, Tristan Webster, Jim Herring, Tom Costello and Lori Featheroff.

. . . That we had raffle winners in August and it wasn't Jody Glaub, Rich Delatore or Kyle Brown. It was Christine Hargrave and one of the Delatore children.

. . . That our 50/50 winners for August were Marty Hauser, Ross Gallabrese, Tom Costello and John Mascio.

. . . That your editor sends a big thank you to Keith Murdock and Kathy Musso for taking notes and sending information to be published in this newsletter.

. . . That the entire club rejoices in the happy glow surrounding President-elect Keith Murdock, who married the beautiful Janine in July. Surpassing the beaming groom's big smile was the ravishing bride in blue. Best wishes for years of happiness and love to the Murdock family.

. . . That plans are already being formulated for a bigger and better golf outing next summer. Kathy Musso will be happy for you to share on a planning committee to make the day even better than this year's success. Details of the funds raised will be available very soon, but our treasurer assures us it was worth the time and fun.

. . . That in the *Rotarian* each month, you can read and review the Object of Rotary, The Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct. A quick review once a month is a good way to remember why you became a Rotarian and how your daily actions should reflect that call to service.

. . . That your 50/50 dollars pay for our annual Service Above Self Awards to students. Please participate!

## Editorial:

### *Meanderings of a long week . . .*

#### **Recovery - really?**

Bob hates conversation about his health issues. So, in the Reader's Digest version, Bob had a procedure on Tuesday. By 10 AM, that day, he was in recovery. What is recovery? It's a 4 x 6 cubical on a transport bed with very helpful nursing care while the patient waits for a bed in which to truly recover.

Meals - No

Visitors - Five minutes every two hours

TV - No

So Bob gets there at 10 AM wide awake and ready to be moved. To make a long and irritating day short, by my 4 PM visit, they said I could stay with him. They had pulled an easy chair into his cubicle to get him more comfortable and I got the dreaded transport bed for seating.

I brought him a milkshake to make him happy - and we sat - sat - sat. The care was fine, but the hospital rooms were over-booked - just like on an airplane! It was 8:30 PM before he was moved to his "room" from his recovery.

Imagine recovery from "Harvey." No roads, homes, schools, infrastructure but plenty of (1) lost/missing people, (2) stressed emergency workers, (3) crazy insurance adjusters, (4) alternate safe locations and (5) desperate need for funds.

We survived hours in recovery, but Texas will suffer for days and maybe for years - not merely ten hours.

Harvey's recovery plan needs Rotary's attention. My question is what can we do to help?

#### **Over-assessing my excitement!**

I am excited to be working for many more years. But when I observe Facebook and see Michelle and Fred celebrating their first anniversary, Kathy and Lew traveling if not daily, certainly weekly, Marlies and Paul creating things, Terri and Bill Ferroni Pittsburghing and my cousin Buzz and Ann babysitting, it all sounds pretty relaxing - well maybe not totally relaxing but good!

Relaxing isn't a word I understand. This week, Bob was "on the porch" for hours - for days in fact - and he was pretty miserable.

"Please let me drive to the bank." "No!"

"Ok, can you drive me to Janoski?" "Ok, but in my car."

Thank God for meals and card games with the neighbors. Many of you have heard Bob whine, "My wife won't let me retire!" I venture to say you won't hear that lament for a very long time.

## Time for some humor:

### **Kids Are Funny!**

A small boy was sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later . . . "Da-ad . . ."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No, you had your chance. Lights out."

Five minutes later . . . Da-aaaad . . .

"WHAT?"

I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??"

"I told you NO! If you ask me again, I'll have to spank you?!"

Five minutes later . . . "Daaaa-aaad..."

"WHAT?!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

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An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

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One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy!"

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A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter."

Her mother told her this was wrong. She must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown."

The vicar spoke to her in Sunday School and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?"

She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

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The minister started his Children's Sermon with a question. "Who knows what a resurrection is?" Without missing a beat, a young boy puts up his hand and bursts out, "If you have one lasting more than four hours, call your physician."

The minister is still laughing!

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Have a great week! See you Friday!

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## A Guest Column:

***Recently, I had a note from Bob Lane sharing his perspective on his "new life." I asked if I could share it with the club. His response was, "Surely."***

Retirement – until we actually retired at the end of last year, I knew I was going to enjoy it. However, I had no idea whatsoever that we would be enjoying retirement so much! Part of it is the freedom to literally do almost anything anywhere. Another thing is our marriage: although we have had a pretty good marriage up until now (we celebrate 41 years this month), we are even so much closer than we ever have been. I can actually say that I never realized how happy I could be until now!

Funniest thing is that now, we can sleep in Monday through Friday, but I volunteer serving breakfast at the Jacksonville USO on Saturday mornings, and we now go to the 8:30 AM church service on Sundays. So, now we have to get up early - only on weekends!!!

Finally, my very best friend of 52 years retired two years before we did. When I told him that we were going to retire, he asked, "Do you know what the very best thing about retirement is?" I replied, "No." He said, "Sunday nights don't suck anymore!" And he was so right!!!

*Bob Lane*

Bob goes on to mention that he has found a theater group and has a major role in a play (*The Last Night of Ballyhoo*) by the same author as *Driving Miss Daisy*. Although I really miss seeing Bob, it is wonderful to hear his enthusiasm for life, and our club has been blessed to have Scott Lane join us and bring some of the Lane enthusiasm and good humor with him. For all the years and all the great jokes Bob shared, especially for me, I thank him and wish him years of continued joy in "the good life" he's leading now.

## Birthdays in October:

Please join in the celebration of Gary Cain, Pete Chalfant, Jody Glaub, Marty Hauser, Chris Irvin and John Mascio. Happy Birthday to each of you!

## October- What will befall us?

10/6 Jimmie Bruce will be program chair.

10/13 On this lucky day, Lisa Ward will be responsible for the program.

10/20 Mike Mehalik has asked Bill Beatie, Superintendent of Edison Local Schools to discuss newly completed building and ground projects, future building plans, school funding issues, autism initiatives and other related topics.

10/27 Judy Vavrek will present her first Rotary speaker since becoming a member.

November program chairs are Cory Wingett, Keith Murdock and Andrea Hale. There is no meeting the day after Thanksgiving.

## September's business:

9/1 Kathy Musso introduced Scott Dressel, who since 2010, has been a champion of Steubenville's downtown and most especially of the Grand Theater Restoration project. He expects that soon the community will be hearing organ concerts from the original organ which has been donated back to the group and is in the process of full restoration as well.

9/8 Kate Sedgmer presented Adele Mason of Mason's Red Barn Yoga. Yoga has health benefits for people young and old, for both your body and your mind.

9/15 John Mascio brought in Mike Zinno, the new director of Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities. Their programs offer schooling, employment and lifetime support for their clients.

9/22 Chuck Govey brought dear friends Larry and Sieglinde Warren, both former DGs, to discuss their incredible experiences on 9/11 when she was flying home from Europe that day and the efforts our district made to purchase and present a patrol car to NYC under Larry's leadership.

9/29 Melinda Young has asked Lynette Gorman, Pugliese West Principal, to talk about her elementary school (rated #2 in the state of Ohio). She mentioned the many new ways education is presented to students today.



The Iron Lung device is today a museum piece. The once-critical medical equipment that addressed the polio epidemic of the 1950's in the United States is today a curiosity.

Many mothers in America worried about polio and their children in the 1950s, including my own. I was one of the first children to receive the polio vaccine in 1956 and never contracted the dreaded disease.

Polio was cured in much of the world and was forgotten to many who assumed the disease was gone. But the reality is that many world nations didn't have access to the vaccine or the cost of the vaccine was too much to provide to the children of the country.

Rotary International stepped forward with PolioPlus. Combined with the efforts of Rotary, the governments of the world and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the number of new cases of polio in the world has dropped from 350,000 per year to just a few so far in 2017.

Zero cases of polio are on the horizon, and October 24<sup>th</sup> will mark World Polio Day. It is a day to celebrate how far we have come in the eradication of polio.

### Dates to Remember:

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## Did you know . . .

. . . That the website for Rotary make-ups online is [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), then search for e-clubs? Be sure Kathy gets a copy of your online make-up form.

. . . That our September guests included Interactors Maggie Fabian and Emma Black as well as Martha Govey and Ted Gorman.

. . . That our raffle winner in September was Pete Olivito.

. . . That our 50/50 winners for September were Pete Olivito (hmmm - lucky month for him), Curtis Mullins, Ross Gallabrese, (again!), Adam Scurti and Adam Scurti (what?).

. . . That your editor sends a big thank you to Keith Murdock and Kathy Musso for taking notes and sending information to be published in this newsletter.

. . . That we welcome Lori Fetherolf as our newest member. Lori is sponsored by Kathy Musso and comes to us from the Rotary Club of Ottawa-Guandolf in northwest Ohio. She is the director of recreation for the City of Steubenville.

. . . That your 50/50 dollars pay for our annual Service Above Self Awards to students. Please participate!

## World Polio Day

Rotarian Sue Hershey has asked me to remind our club members that October 24<sup>th</sup> is designated as World Polio Day. RI President Ian Riseley has requested that each club make this a priority, to hold an event to bring awareness to this nearly complete goal of Rotary since 1985 when PolioPlus was introduced.

He has announced that Rotary will donate \$50 million per year for the next three years to achieve the goal of polio eradication. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has committed matching funds 2 to 1 for Rotary's efforts during this period.

The Gates Foundation's Director for Polio Eradication is Jay Wenger. He writes in the most recent *Rotarian*, "The question I get most often is when we'll be able to declare that polio is actually gone from the earth. I tell them that we're pushing hard and are nearly there."

Last year at the end of July, there were 19 reported cases of polio worldwide. This year, there were only eight. However, the only way we can know that polio is really eradicated is if we record at least three years with no new cases. I'm optimistic that we will meet this goal soon."

## Editorial:

### *No worries . . .*

Recently, my sister has been relocated from her home in Toronto to an independent/assisted living facility in Weirton. She is one of those people who never knows a stranger, likes to eat whatever someone else prepares for her, doesn't mind mindless TV and thoroughly enjoys Word Search.

She has an amazing attitude about life, a "glass is half full" look at the world. She has deep faith and sees good in almost everyone. So recently, when the many natural disasters (hurricanes and earthquakes) and human-made tragedies like the recent one in Las Vegas, occurred it has given her cause for prayer and concern. When we were discussing it, she said to me, "We live in a wonderful place. It's so safe and protected."

She wasn't talking about her home or her new location - or even my house. She was talking about this lovely Ohio valley, where we are plagued by very few major weather problems (a little snow, sometimes some flooding), but in general, even a power outage is handled within minutes - or at most hours.

Sometimes I wish I had her attitude and her approach to life. She spends each day feeling richly blessed as are we all.

### *Moving on . . .*

Since 1999, I have written our club bulletin. At first it was weekly - sort of the minutes of the meeting. Then it became bi-weekly with a bit more information beyond the local club info. Obviously, it became a monthly publication quite some time ago. I have tried to share international, district, local and nearby news with some opinions and humor thrown in.

Now the baton - or perhaps the pen - is being passed to Kate Sedgmer. You will probably get a better idea of what our club is becoming because I bet she knows how to add pictures (which I did not)!

I am providing to Kate and Kathy my mailing list which is currently 90 strong. For years it has been fairly easy to get on my mailing list and almost impossible to get off. I send to former Steubenville Rotarians who no longer live here (i.e., Vicki Cummysky, Bruce Hitchcock and Father Richard Davis). It would be sad to lose the communication with such special friends, so I hope these folks stay on the list.

As I put down the pen, I do want to remind the current and future leaders of Steubenville Rotary what a wonderful tradition they represent - and that tradition is very important. In a few years, this club will be one hundred years old. It is exciting for me to see new members becoming part of the club and changes being made. Balance between tradition and innovation are vital and I trust that with Alan, Keith, Andrea and the future, this wonderful balance will be maintained and

embraced. Steubenville Rotary is still and always will be a fine example of Service Above Self.

## Time for some humor:

### *(From Kathy Musso's stash)*

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

"House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa."

"Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is computer?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or feminine noun."

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender (la computador") because:

1. No one but their creator understand their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval, and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER . . .)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ("el computador") because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won!

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<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 am	Weirton Heights - Eat 'N Park
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<b>Thursday</b>	12 Noon	Brooke -Station Grill, Wellsburg

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Children's Christmas Party - 12/8 /2017  
No Meetings - 11/24/17 and 3/30/18  
Service Above Self Youth Awards - 4/27/2018  
Changing of the Guard - 6/29/2018  
*Birthday observance the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month*



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## December Happenings:

**December 1** – Coach Mike Haney of Big Red and Coach Chris Tarquino of Catholic Central will join us to give an update on their respective schools basketball programs.

**December 8** –

**December 15** – Scott Wolodkin, Director of Fine Arts at Steubenville High School, will join us. His choir students will serenade the Rotary Club with holiday music.

**December 22** – Jerry Barilla, Mayor-Elect, will join us to share his vision for Steubenville and share information on the 2017 Nutcracker Village.

**December 29** –

**Enjoy Coupon Books on Sale** – There are many great bargains included! The book sells for \$40 and the club receives \$10 for each book sold. Available at every Rotary meeting. See Kathy Musso to be invoiced.

## Dates to Remember:

Children's Christmas Party	12/08/2017
Steubenville Christmas Parade	12/09/2017
Service Above Self Youth Awards	04/27/2018
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## Centennial Celebration Around the Corner!



As Rotary President, I receive many mailings in electronic format, as well as paper mailings and it is fascinating to read what is happening in the world of Rotary International.

Recently I received a newspaper insert regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Philadelphia Rotary Club. Many Rotary Clubs in our District are nearing or have passed their century mark as there were many clubs formed in the 1915-1925 time period.

New Philadelphia Rotary Club was the first "small community" Rotary Club formed in our general area in 1917.

Like most of our clubs, it began with local businessmen gathering to share thoughts and ideas.

The newspaper insert was impressive, with articles and photos of their projects of Service Above Self over the 100 years of their existence and centered around three (3) specific projects they support:

- Support of Tuscora Park
- Support of downtown redevelopment
- Support of a Christmas project

These are aside from support of other service projects in the community. Their three main projects all have 501(c)3 foundations that garner support from other community members.

Reading this insert reminds me that the Steubenville Rotary Club will celebrate 100 years in 2021 and we need to begin planning for that now -- and perhaps we can look at other long-term projects for our area as well.

## **Did you know?**

**Rotarian at Work Vests**—The Club invested in a dozen “Rotarian at Work” vests for members to wear in the community when representing our club. They can be used at parades, distributing dictionaries, or setting up flags. See Kathy Musso for more details.

**Dictionary Program**—In today’s age, a quick google search can quickly give you the definition, pronunciation, origin, and usage of a word. It is easy to forget that long before internet people used and relied on dictionaries for such things. Rotary Club of Steubenville believes it is important for every child to have access to information found in a dictionary. Each year a committee is formed to give every third grade student in Jefferson County a dictionary. Find Kathy Musso for more information.

**Club Runner**—Our officers are hard at work! We are working to update our newsletter, website, payment methods, and social media! We want your opinions, so Rotary is everything you want and need it to be. Please join us on December 15 at 10:45 am for a committee meeting.

## **December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month.**

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That’s why treating and preventing disease is so important to Rotary. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/ AIDS, Alzheimer’s, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

Disease does not prevent itself. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.

For more information on what Rotary Clubs across the globe do, visit [rotary.org/en/our-causes/fighting-disease](http://rotary.org/en/our-causes/fighting-disease).

Please consider what our club could do to join the fight!

## **Make a Difference Holiday Party Was Enjoyed By All!**



Pictured L to R: Members Curtis Mullins, Randy Cottis, Linda Henderson of the Calcutta Club, Sue Hershey, President Alan Hall, District Governor Mike Raulin. 2nd row: Jim Baber, club member and Urban Mission Board Member and members Carolyn and Jody Glaub who hosted the party at the Center of Music and Art.

Club members had a great time Saturday, November 18th at an early Holiday celebration. We were entertained by members of the Strip Light Theater, enjoyed good food prepared by the YWCA staff, and participated in a raffle to raise funds for our local foundation. Admittance to the event required members to bring a toy that we have donated to the Urban Mission for Christmas distribution. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our party. A special thanks to Jody and Carolyn Glaub for hosting our party this year.

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## What you missed in November:

**November 3** – Mike Chadsey, Director of Public Relations, Ohio Valley Gas & Oil Association updated us on what is happening in the gas industry.

**November 10** – Dr. Aashish Jog, Orthopedic Surgeon, from Trinity Health Systems joined us with an excellent program. Dr. Jog provided information on foot and ankle problems common in senior citizens.

**November 17** – Katie Border from Valley Hospice intrigued members with services offered at their facility's. Some of their services include music, touch, and pet therapy.



Member, Sue Hershey, tests out Valley Hospice's aromatherapy "touch" treatment.

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**November 18** – “Making a Difference Holiday Party” – for Rotarians and their guests. Please bring a toy in lieu of ticket costs. Members are also being asked to donate a gift card.

**November 24** – No meeting.

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of

the Rotary Foundation. It was started with a contribution of \$ 26.50 and has grown to one of the ten largest charitable Foundations in the world today --- and one of “best rated” Foundations based on administrative costs and collection abilities.

The Rotary Foundation enables members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Our support of the Rotary Foundation makes a difference in the lives of people locally as well as around the world.

Our Club applies for grants to support local programs, and sponsors efforts around the United States and the world. It supports PolioPlus, the program working to eradicate polio from our world.

We are all supporting the Rotary Foundation through our contributions to the Paul Harris Fellowship, and our Steubenville Rotary Club is known for its long-term support over our 97 year history.



## **Rotary International: World Polio Day, Oct. 24.**



**PolioPlus**—In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

**Polio Today**—Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2016, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

**Challenges**—The polio cases represented by the remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

**Ensuring Success**—Rotary will raise \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

Information provided by Rotary International. For more information visit, <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>.

## **Save Your Box Tops!**



It all started in California in 1996.

General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools – and so, Box Tops for Education™ was born. As part of the initial test program, Box Tops were only available on select Big G cereals, such as Cheerios™, Total™ and Lucky Charms™.

(Save Your Box Tops continued.)

By 1998, more than 30,000 schools were clipping Box Tops and earning cash to buy the things they needed: books, computers, playground equipment and more.

In 2006, for the first time, non-food brands began to participate; now families could clip Box Tops from Ziploc®, Hefty®, Kleenex® and Scott® products, too. By 2010, schools across the nation had earned over \$320 million.

Today, America's schools have earned over \$800 million, and you can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store and online. (BoxTops4Education.com)

**Steubenville Rotary Club is partnering with Steubenville City Schools to spread the word to save Box Tops! Keep an eye out for special programming from our local elementary students soon. For more information, please visit BoxTops4Education.com.**

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**Christmas Parade**—The Steubenville Christmas Parade should not be missed. One of the largest attended events in town, Rotary is proud to participate annually. See Cory Wingett for more details.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**—Each year we help support our local Salvation Army by braving the weather and ringing their donation bell. We are scheduled to help on **December 14th** at Rural King. Sign up sheets are at the Secretary table.

**Operation Warm**—Many in our community are without warm coats for the winter season. The club ordered a slew of winter coats to help support the Urban Mission's Operation Warm project. We will pass the hat to help with the cost of the coats.

**Club Runner**—Our officers are hard at work! We are working to update our newsletter, website, payment methods, and social media! We want your opinions, so Rotary is everything you want and need it to be. Look out for more information coming soon.

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## What you missed in October:

**October 6** – Dr. Jimmie Bruce presented information on EGCC along with Jessica Osmianski . Edugator was a big surprise as he handed out baseballs to members as a reminder of the new baseball program at EGCC.

50/50 – Marty Hauser

**October 13** – Shari Prichard presented a program on Human Trafficking and her efforts through Women in the Word Ministries to provide shelter, counseling and other life skills to those women who have been enslaved and trafficked.

Guests – Fred and Linda Henderson

50/50 – Chuck Govey

Raffle – Carolyn Glaub and Marty Hauser.

**October 20 – 27** The October 20th and 27th Rotary meetings were riveting! Unfortunately, the new editor of the contact failed at her first task! Phone our 100% attendance members for details. (So sorry group! I'll do better! - Kate)

## Meeting Make Up List:

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