



# ROTA-BITS



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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### October is Vocational Service Month

### Rotary Meeting Summary – Oct. 15, 2015

**Reported by:** Linda Clements

**Announcements:** Mike Scruggs talked about the Deepwood Sensory Room and Elfie did the tour. Thanks

to Mike for getting that going.

Jack Young from Rotary International talked to the group about the Foundation Banquet on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an art auction this year and a Brown's football. Heavy hors d'ourves, wine, and soft drinks will be served.

Allied Health facility. This will add 11 new areas of study. He asked for support for this levy.

Mentor Rotary has an annual Theatre Awards project where we partner with Painesville Rotary and judge to performance six area high school plays.

It's a lot of fun and you get to see some great shows.

Rotarians and their significant others serve as judges. While you can attend any of the performances, we have target dates where you can socialize with other Rotarians. The schedule is also attached to your Rotabits email and target dates are highlighted.

What we need to know is whether you and/or your significant other are interested in participating in the Fall series as a judge.

A judge needs to attend at least the plays.

Please email Bill Robertson (bill@cbpai.com) by the end of the week with the following:

1. If you are not able to attend 3 plays.



The event will be held at the Hilton Akron beginning at 12:30 p.n. and the cost is \$26.50. This is a great time for fellowship as well as an opportunity to invite potential members.

The Shelter Box raised over \$53,000 this year to be sent to Nepal. He will travel to Nicaragua this December.

Morris Beverage, President of Lakeland Community College, spoke to the group about Issue 6 which will be on the ballot.

It is a Capital Improvement Bond Levy for .4 mills to expand and renovate the

2. If you are participating, what plays and dates are you planning to attend

A couple other dates to keep in mind: on Nov. 12, a few of our members are participating in a Celebrity Art Auction at St. Noel's. You can purchase some art, support a worthwhile cause and heckle your fellow Rotarians about their artistic ability.

Then, on Nov. 20, Mentor High School is holding its annual career expo.

If you'd like to participate email Linda Clements at [Lindaclements54@gmail.com](mailto:Lindaclements54@gmail.com).

**Program:** Our own Tony Mancari was the featured speaker this week and he spoke about "The World of Water- a Journey to your Tap."

Aqua America has been in existence for 125 years. It is the largest private water utility in Ohio spanning 17 counties and serving 500,000 Ohioans.

Most fresh water is underground and we use 3/10 of a percent of this water. 346 billion gallons of fresh water is used every day.

Eighty-five of us use public water and 15 percent use private, individual wells. About 850 million people in the world lack access to clean water.

Tony went on to discuss the history of water treatment, which began with the Greeks who filtered water through charcoal.

Water was filtered in the 1700's and during the 1800's it was studied for germs due to the outbreak of cholera. Chlorine was first used in 1909 and by 1914 they were regulating contaminants. From 1974 until now contaminants are regulated by 100.

Tony showed great pictures of the Mentor Area Water Treatment Facility as he discussed the history of water distribution.

The water that we are drinking right now at lunch had fish swimming in it as little as eight to nine hours ago. The plant is manned 24-7. There are 11

Tony talked about the water utility as a business. Aqua investors own the utility that is regulated by the PUCO. The water industry has high fixed costs that exist whether you are treating the water or not. (This includes the pipes in the ground, etc.)

The average household uses 4,000 gallons per month at a cost of around \$30. There is still fluoride in the water.

There were many excellent questions asked by the group. The EPA will be looking at hormones and pharmaceuticals in the water now.

Dr. Gary asked, perhaps, the most telling question: "What alcohol mixes best with water?"

Tony got a *Standing Ovation* from the group for his insightful presentation.

"Water is the only drink for a Wise Man." Henry David Thoreau



storage facilities that hold 13.1 million gallons.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS.

Oct. 22—Judy Burr, Executive Director of Project Hope

## BIRTHDAYS

Joey Tomsick—Oct. 6  
Joseph Gibson—Oct. 17  
Bill Robertson—Oct. 23

If I have missed anyone, please  
email [jasonmarklea@gmail.com](mailto:jasonmarklea@gmail.com)

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## THE 4-WAY TEST

**Of the things we think, say or do...**  
**Is it the Truth?**  
**Is it Fair to all concerned?**  
**Will it build Goodwill and Better**  
**Friendships?**  
**Will it be Beneficial to all con-**  
**cerned?**

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## WHERE WE MEET

LaMalfa Center  
5783 Heisley Road  
Mentor, Ohio  
Thursday at Noon

## OUR MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 1177  
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## OUR WEB SITE

[www.mentor-rotary.org](http://www.mentor-rotary.org)

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

<http://www.rotary.org>

## MEETING MAKEUPS

Following are a few nearby Rotary Club meeting sites and times for makeups:

### Monday

**Willoughby** at LaVera Party Center Complex, 32200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills at noon

### Tuesday

**Painesville** at Hellriegel's Inn at noon

### Wednesday

**Burton-Middlefield** at Welshfield Inn Banquet Hall, 14001 Main Market Road, Burton at 7 p.m.

**Cleveland East** at Nightown Restaurant, 12387 Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights at noon

### Thursday

**Cleveland** at Windows on the River in the Flats, Bridge View Room, Third floor, in the Powerhouse

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## Friday

**Chagrin Highlands (Beachwood area)** at Mitchell's Fish Market, 28601 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere at Eton Square

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