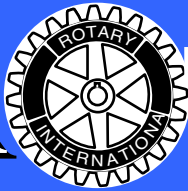


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## — PROGRAMS —

### May 3, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Carol Dreffer, Steve and Barbara Dreffer

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Lowell Johnson: Dave Dreffer Roast



Left to right: Carol and Dave, Steve and Barbara Dreffer



**Program highlights:** Lowell brought Dave up to the front to listen to memories and comments from Lowell, Robert T, Martin L, Roger M, Mike T, Grant W, and Steve and Barbara Dreffer, Dave's brother and sister-in-law. Dave has been in the Huron Rotary for 42 years.

**Other:** *How Prouds:* Martin announced that his wife has just given birth to their second daughter; Grant said he was proud of Bill S for participating in a Univ. of Michigan pre-game basketball game.

### May 10, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** none

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Bob Dibiasio, Cleveland Indian's VP of Public Relations; Richard Kobasic, guest of Grant's; Mike Maloof, guest of Linda's

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Bob Dibiasio: Cleveland Indian's family outreach program.

**Program highlights:**

Dibiasio said the Indians now have an at-home winning streak of 14 games, the best they have ever had. He also said that two of the Indians' minor league teams won championships last year. The current team is healthy and is gaining experience; he hopes for continued success. He said the team has three goals: to create memories, to connect the generations, and to celebrate family. To that end, his PR office has created some great promotions, which can be seen at [www.Indians.com](http://www.Indians.com).



Bob Dibiasio

**Other:** *Announcements:* (1) Steve announced the scholarship committee met last week as confirmed five \$750 college scholarships: one to EHOVE, St. Mary's, and BG-Firelands; and two to Huron High students. (2) Doug announced that there will

be a meeting of the Rotary Fine Arts Festival at the Chamber, 7 pm, on May 17th.

## May 17, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks (Sandusky); Maris Brenner (Sandusky);

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Bob Batiste (father of exchange student)

**Student Guests:** Bryce Haase

**Speaker and Topic:** Maris Brenner: Kalahari

**Program highlights:**

Kalahari has sponsored large Rotary events with other Rotary events to be scheduled. Kalahari is expanding its current space with a 38,000 sq ft convention center and ballroom, with the intent to host concerts, product shows, and other large events. It will give Kalahari 884 rooms and suites. She also told of the 350 animal zoo located at the back of the resort. Because the resort was given a large tax abatement, the resort has been able to be generous to the community, donating over two million dollars for community structures and improvements. Coming soon, there will be a total renovation of McCormick school's auditorium for the Huron summer playhouse.

**Other:** (1) Bob Speers announced that Grant and Jim have just passed their course on navigation. (2) Bob Batiste read an update from his Rotary Club exchange student son in Finland. (3) Fred Fox announced that Bar North is hosting a fund raising event for the Derrick Fox scholarship. (4) Christine announced that on Saturday the Ready-Set-Inflate event will take place. (5) Pres. Mark asked a volunteer to be First VP.

## May 24, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** John Weeks (Sandusky); Carol Lloyd (Pleasant Gap); Nick Georgiandis (Milan); George Austin (Milan); Sid Jordan (Vermilion); Dennis Crim, Assistant District Governor

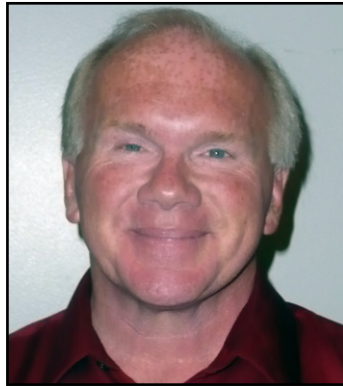
**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Kamon Crawford, niece of Christine, Bill Forthover, of K96 radio.

**Student Guests:** Zoe Gastier and Remi Hoffman, from Milan

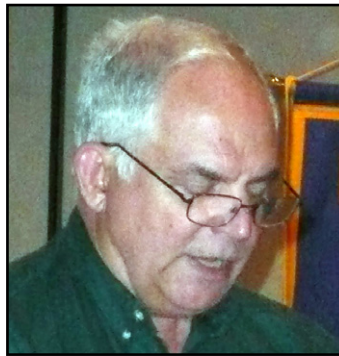
**Speaker and Topic:** Zoe Gastier and Remi Hoffman, Edison High School Seniors, reading their winning essays on "What the U. S. Constitution Means to Me."

**Program highlights:** The student program was introduced by Milan Rotarian Nick Georgiandis who explained the Milan Rotary project to raise Constitutional awareness by starting an essay contest at Edison High School. Scholarships of \$500, \$300, and \$200 went to the top three winners. Next year they want to offer the contest to eighth graders as well.

**Other: Announcements:** (1) Roger announced that he has a new great granddaughter; (2) Steve announced that his daughter Jennifer has qualified as a financial advisor and that she has been named the number one broker in Ohio; (3) Christine announced that her niece Kamon earned straight A's in school this year; (4) Bob stated that Coasty, the robotic talking display boat is ten years old and that he and his wife Martha have been running it that long; (5) visiting Rotarian John Weeks announced that since no one in the Huron Rotary club was available to host the 71



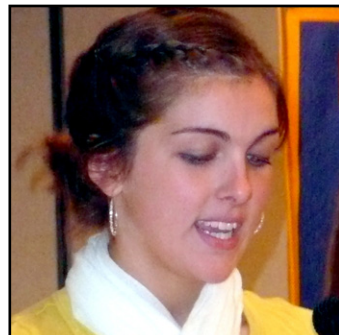
Bob Batiste



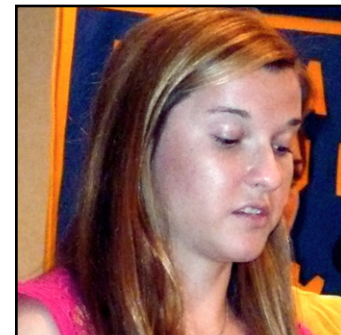
George Austin



Sid Jordan



Zoe Gastier



Remi Hoffman

year old Rotarian biking from coast to coast as he came through our area, he and his wife invited him to stay with them for the night as he passed through.

## May 31, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks (Sandusky)

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Jan Glann

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Jan Glann, The Huron Playhouse

**Program highlights:** Jan

reported they are excited about the new season. Students arrive on June 8th and begin rehearsal for 3 shows immediately. The finances are almost in place for this season. They are currently \$25,000 short and are hoping ticket sales will make that up. The Brochures were just printed and are being distributed. They need support from the community to complete this season. Looking to the future, they are concerned about next season. This is their first season without the BGSU support.

**Other:** Mark told the membership we are not going to do the ribs this year at the Rotary Festival because the vendors have lost money the past few years and are not interested in returning. Martin Lesnak's suggestion of a beer/bratwurst idea was well received. The club will need to decide if we do the food ourselves or find vendors to do it.



Dr. Jan Glann

## Up-Coming fundraiser events and dates:

K-96 Country Jamboree: July 30, 2011

Rotary festival: Aug 12-14, 2011

Festival of Lights and Silent Auction: Nov.25 to Dec. 26, 2011