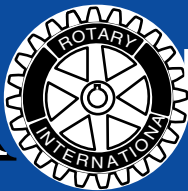


# THE ROTATION



CLUB NEWS - KEEPING THE WHEELS MOVING IN HURON

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## — JUNE PROGRAMS —

### June 7

**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks (Sandusky); Dave Kramer (Mansfield); Sue Daugherty (Milan)

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** no show

**Program highlights:**

**Other:** (1) Roger announced that his wife Joan is feeling better after her surgery; (2) Roger announced that he had attended his grandson's graduation in Idaho; (3) Fred stated that the 85% of current Huron sophomore high school class passed all five sections of the State tests. (4) Christine announced that the Harbor North sailing club raised \$2000 for United Way with their annual pay-to-sail weekend fund drive. (5) Bob Tracht went to the International Rotary Convention in New Orleans and remarked about the high number of African Rotary members were present. Bob stated that IR has 1,200,000 members world wide, which is why Rotary can tackle large projects. He mentioned that IR was financially close to meeting the Bill Gates Challenge. Bob also stated that in the effort to recruit younger members for future clubs, RI has voted to low its junior membership age to 13. This allows student involvement in schools and colleges. (6) Doug Studer gave a brief up-date on the August Rotary Festival to the membership. A Blues band has been booked for Friday, Aug. 12, and a Rock-n-Roll Band for Saturday, Aug. 13. There will also be an effort to limit food vendors, offer variety of foods, and bring the artists into the music and food areas.



### June 14

**Visiting Rotarians:** Dave Cramer (Mansfield)

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Abby Hamilton, daughter of Mark

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Christine Crawford: What does Rotary Mean to You?

**Program highlights:** Chris stated that once she was a RINO (Rotarian in Name Only) but now is a Rotarian. Her concern was the apathy of our club. To try to show what our club is involved in, she asked several people from the floor to explain some International, District, and Local Programs. Bob T listed the international projects as Shelter Boxes, Polio eradication and that the national program is close to matching Bill Gates multi-million dollar challenge. RI is also involved in clean

water and sanitation projects around the globe; Christine mentioned the District MESA project, providing medical supplies to some third world countries; Doug and others listed local projects as our club's scholarship project, the dictionary program for third graders; flags for the elementary schools, our local immunization project; after school library project; school signs cost sharing; creating and maintaining Centennial Park; the youth exchange program; and a foreign exchange student program. The purpose of listing all the projects was to show how vital our club has been, but upcoming projects, like Rotary energy and interest in River Fest was nil and so we opted out; the Rotary Festival is nearing and few people have stepped up to volunteer; and no one has yet volunteered to become President Elect. The purpose of these events is fundraising to fund the local projects. It is something we must do. Christine suggested having some kind of social event Rotarians and spouses on a quarterly basis to build camaraderie. Finally we ran out of time to have a good exchange of new ideas but this will be a recurring topic when Christine becomes president in July.

**Other:** (1) Tina is moving to Maine on Saturday. Rotarians can say their farewell at the Huron Yacht Club, Thursday, at 5:30. (2) A sign-up sheet for the Rotary Installation Dinner was passed around. The Annual Installation Dinner will be held at HYC on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### June 21

#### Annual Installation Dinner

The annual Installation Dinner was held at the Huron Yacht Club. The Invocation was conducted by Rev. Joan Skelly-Watts. After dinner, Dee Hartley began the program to recognize new Paul Harris Award recipients. Following is Dee's introduction:

*"A contribution to the Rotary Foundation is each Rotarian's personal chance to be present where help is needed. Through these contributions, we are this close to eradicating polio. We are providing aide in areas of earthquakes, flooding, storms, and fires.*

*Some club members have continued to contribute to the Rotary Foundation after reaching Paul Harris status. These additional contributions can create points that can be moved among members, with permission.*

*To encourage members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, these points have been used to set to \$100*



accounts for each current member. We would hope these members will not contribute to the growth of their personal account. Our goal for the 2011-2012 year is to reach 100% participation. That is every member making some contribution to the Rotary Foundation in this coming fiscal year.

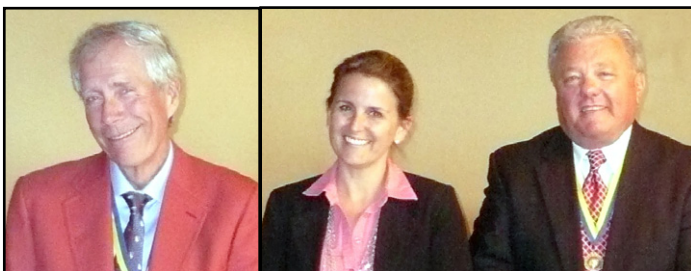
We plan to track this program, not by dollars but by number of members who contribute between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Materials and information will be available at the weekly meetings."

Bob Tracht then took the podium to induct Paul Harris award winners Rev. Roger Skelly-Watts and Bruce Miller, his second Paul Harris. Past Paul Harris winners were lined up by the podium to welcome Roger, their newest member.



Roger

Outgoing President Mark Hamilton recognized outgoing board members Bob Tracht and Martin Lesnak, as well as continuing board members Cathy Platt, Grant Walls, Joel Rudinger, Doug Studer, Fred Fox, and Christine Crawford. This was followed by the installation of Christine as new club president. Christine then announced and installed new board members: Mark Hamilton as past president, Stacy Hartley, Bruce Miller, Jacob Kinsley, and Dave Clark.



New Board Members - Dave Clark, Stacy Hartley, and Bruce Miller



Mark Hamilton and Christine Crawford

President Chris saluted and thanked outgoing president Mark for his year of service in hard fiscal times. Mark thanked the club members for their support and the meeting of the Huron Rotary Club #3480, District 6600, was adjourned

## June 28

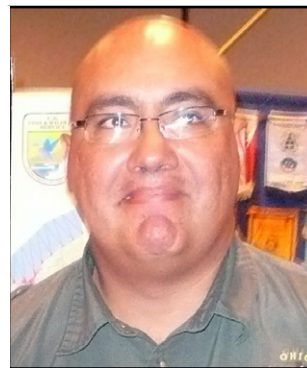
**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks (Sandusky); Dave Cramer (Mansfield); Bill Sharp and Roy Lochman, also from Mansfield

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Barbara Hargrave, Frank Lopez,

**Speaker and Topic:** Frank Lopez: Old Woman Creek

**Program highlights:** Frank explained that Old Woman Creek on State Route 6 is a 573 acre national estuary reserve that gets 70% of its funding from federal grants and 30% from fishing and wildlife licenses fees. The purpose of the park is to protect the bird and fish sanctuary. The park service is also doing research on the relationship between bird densities and wind turbine construction. To be an estuary, a wetlands must have a tributary from inland. It is just a marsh if there is no tributary. Frank announced that on Sept. 25, 2011, the newly renovated visitor center will reopen to correspond to National Estuary Day. For more information, one can go to [www.oldwomancreek.org](http://www.oldwomancreek.org).

**Other:** (1) Roger thanked the Huron Rotary again for the honor of being awarded a Paul Harris at last week's dinner. (2) Bob Tracht passed out EREY stickers for badges. (3) Christine gave a brief update on the upcoming festival and that due to timing this year the Rotary will not offer wine. The City of Huron was not against wine sales but the state bureaucracy will take longer than we thought. Berardi's will not be a food vendor due to other commitments so we are looking for a third food vendor. She noted that sponsorship letters have been sent out.



Frank Lopez, Manager of Old Woman Creek

## Huron Rotary Board Members and officers 2011-2012:

President – Christine Crawford

Pres Elect- tba

Treasurer - Grant Walls

Secretary - Cathy Platte

Sgt Arms- Roger Skelley-Watts

Foundation Chair - Stacey Hartley

Service Chair - Doug Studer

Past Pres- Mark Hamilton

Members-at-large: 3 yrs remaining - Dave Clark, Jacob Kinsley

2 yrs remaining- Joel Rudinger, Bruce Miller

1 yr remaining - Fred Fox, Doug Studer

## 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

## FINANCIAL REPORT YTD AS OF May 31, 2011 (June 21, 2011 meeting)

Total Income .....	\$41,038.69
Expenses .....	-34,635.06
Interest.....	33.24
Net Income.....	6,436.87

## CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES

Lowell Johnson – July 10, 1978

Andy White – July 24, 2007



## PROGRAM SPEAKERS FOR July

July 5- Victoria Lowery - Author

July 12- Brian Coucher - Huron Boat Basin

July 19 - Huron Rotary Job Fair with John Girard (w/ guest Ass't Governor Pat Gory)

July 26 - Robin Innes - Cedar Point