

THE ROTATION



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JULY PROGRAMS

July 5

Visiting Rotarians: Dave Kramer, Mansfield
Visiting Non-Rotarians: Susan Pocotte (guest of Joel Rudinger), Lisa Beebe (guest of Roger Skelley-Watts); Victoria Lowery
Student Guests: none

Speaker and Topic: Victoria Lowery: Personal Relations and Success



Program highlights: Ms. Lowery began by citing divorce rates, that first time marriages have a 50% chance of succeeding. Multiple marriages have an even higher failure rate. She then gave the Rotarians a 10 point yes/no quiz in response to marital/relationship questions, such as: Does he/she welcome your opinion? Do you trust him/her? Do you like who you are when you are together? Are you in agreement on financial issues? Can you be sexually monogamous? Do you support each other's goals? She went on to discuss briefly the growing problem of personal relationships among teens as face-to-face relationships take a back seat to on-line social media relationships. Finally, she handed out two "appreciation cards," business-size cards with embracing circle figures to send to someone else with a short note about how you appreciate them.

Other: (1) Christine announced the names of Rotarians who attended both 80% and 100% of June meetings. She also mentioned that she and Cathy attended a Rotary district organization meeting. One of the pieces of promotional material she brought back was a 12 x 24 inch personal poster with her face and three or four facts about her. Next week, we can each get one done for \$5.00. Doug said it might be good to have these posters to mount on the fence at the Rotary Festival. (2) HP: Martin announced his 8th wedding anniversary coming next week. (3) Doug called a quick festival fund-raising meeting to follow adjournment.

July 12

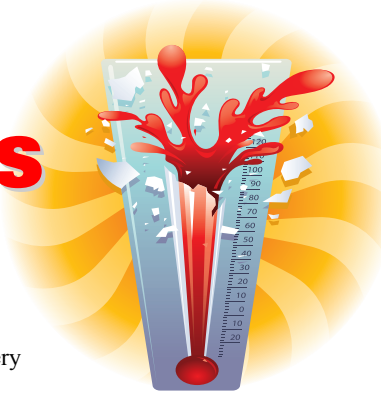
Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks (Sandusky); Dave Kramer (Mansfield)

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Raj Nainee

Student Guests: Josh Batiste

Speaker and Topic: Josh Batiste: The Finland Experience

Program highlights: Josh is our exchange student who has just returned from his 10 month student visit in Finland. His remarks included comments on the arctic weather patterns in Finland, with near sunless winters and days of 23 hour sun in summer. He also talked about his exposure to classes in Finland, having gone there not speaking the language. He started out taking classes in English, which is taught in schools from the early grades, to taking more classes taught in Finnish. His exit exam was in Finnish and he outscored many of the local stu-



dents. The scores of the Finnish high school exit exams determine ones future vocation, so if one scored in the top 10%, he would be directed to a professional college. Becoming a doctor or teacher, for instance, is more or less selected for the student; it is not a matter of choice. If one scored low on the test, he would go to a vocational school to learn carpentry or plumbing. Since State taxes in Finland are high, as much as 40%, it is the State that pays tuition and related costs. Josh ended his presentation playing his guitar and singing a Finnish folksong. Josh will be returning to Huron High this fall to finish his graduation requirements and since he has earned additional credits at BGSU-Firelands, he will graduate with his class in 2012 despite his year abroad.



Other: (1) Martin was proud to announce that his new baby finally slept through the night without waking once. (2) Doug said that a few volunteers are needed to the July 30th K-96 Jamboree to help with setting and taking down fencing. (3) Doug announced that the final count for food vendors for the Rotary Festival is two, Rotary selling French fries, corn, brats, hot dogs, and beverages, and one rib vendor. The vendor scarcity is partly due to the fact that Erie Co. fair is the same weekend. The manager of Domino's Pizza will not be able to man a booth but he said he would be able to supply as many pizzas as we need as long as someone else can do the sales. Doug emphasized that we will be serving food on Sunday. Doug mentioned that the Board will discuss the possibility of changing the festival weekend to the first weekend in August in 2012 when there are fewer conflicts.

July 19

Visiting Rotarians: John Weeks, Sandusky; Bill Skidmore, Chardon; Pat Gory, Oregon OH - Assistant Governor

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Barb Hargreaves, Paul Mize, John Girard

Student Guests: Kelly Wright

Speaker and Topic: John Girard: Evolution of an Organization - The future of the Huron Rotary

Program highlights: Key points: (1) the difference between aspiration and desperation. What do we want our Rotary club to be?; (2) the exponential influence even a small change can make; (3) nationally,

women are fully half the work force, yet only 19% of our Huron club is female and that we are missing an opportunity for new members with vitality and interest; (4) not only our club but our locality has an aging population and with age comes loss of energy; (5) the need to dialog, getting to the point where we think together; (6) growing our organization both internally and externally with more membership as well as transparent event planning; (7) Organization's Life Cycle stages over time: The process of growth goes through stages: Introduction, Growth, Maturity, and Decline. Part of John Girard's discussion was a simple flip-chart showing the upward curve of initial drive and enthusiasm, which during matured Growth begins to slow, peaks, plateaus, and then fall off. Using examples of Apple Computer and Microsoft, John showed how, in the later stages of the Growth period, the companies stopped, reassessed their positions, suspending judgment and personal biases, and then used open uncritical dialog to listen and consider fresh possibilities. Productivity, he explained, comes only when the organization is open to new ideas without prejudicial baggage. (8) He finished his presentation with three concepts to achieve productivity: foresight, insight, and action, leaving us the question: How our club can apply these concepts to regain its vibrancy and success?

Other: (1) Installation of Jacob Kinsley to board of directors; (2) Mike Tann asked for several K-98 beer booth volunteers. (3) the Rotary Job Fair, a table with all committees listed with sign-up sheets, will set up at lunch today.(4) Christine announced that there will be quarterly lunch sessions devoted to committee work.

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July 26

Visiting Rotarians: Bill Forthover, Norwalk; Carol Lloyd, Pleasant Gap

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Paul Mize, proposed member; Robin Innes

Student Guests: none

Speaker and Topic: Robin Innes: Cedar Point

Program highlights: Cedar Point was begun in 1870; it is now in its 141st year. It currently has 17 roller coasters and is second in the nation in that category. It was first until last year. Next Sunday, the Guinness Book on World Records committee will be at the park as there is an attempt to break two world records: the greatest number of people bouncing beach balls simultaneously and the greatest number of people to apply sun block lotion simultaneously. Mr. Innes talked about new rides and new food vendors at Cedar Point, as well as some new programs for the public: "American Portrait" on large screen TV's and a new Rock and Roll show called "Rocking the Point." He also mentioned a special Cedar Fair events program "Give Kids the World," which gives free admission to qualifying children.



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2011/2012 Rotary Committees

• Membership Co-Chairs: Mike Tann &

Dave Dreffer	Jane Windisch
Bruce Miller	Jena Viock
Roger Markin	Bruce Molnar
Linda Armstrong	John Caporni

• Public Relations- Co-Chairs: Joel Rudinger &

Bob Speers	Pierre Von Raepenbusch
Dave Clark - Speakers	Andy White
Bill Steuk	Ralph Pisano
Paul Mize	Daniel Slife - Website

Joel Rudinger- Rotation

• Service Projects- Co-Chairs: Doug Studer &

Dave Clark	Fred Fox
Tom Holzaepfel	Chris Wechter
Al Sima	Julie Dively
Martin Lesnak	Trey Hardy

Jacob Kinsley

• Club Administration- Chair: Cathy Platte

Lowell Johnson	Christine Crawford
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• Scholarships- Co-Chairs: Mark Hamilton & Steve Furey

Bob Speers	Don Sieg
Martin Lesnak	Joe DeRose
Al Sima	

• Immunization- Chair: Grant Walls

Lowell Johnson	Jim Platte
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• Rotary Foundation- Chair: Stacey Hartley

Don Sieg	Dee Hartley
Roger Skelly-Watts	Bob Tracht

• Youth Exchange- Chair: Tony Samaniego

Daniel Slife	Ben Lindsley
Ron Cook	Mike Wilde

Up-Coming fundraiser events and dates:

K-96 Country Jamboree: July 30, 2011

Rotary Arts Festival: Aug 12-14, 2011

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

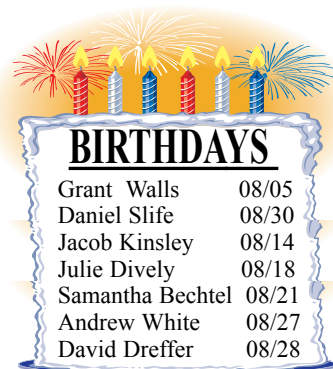
FINANCIAL REPORT YTD as of June 30, 2011

Total Income	\$40,520.69
Expenses	37,548.81
Interest Income	58.51
Net Income	3,030.39

CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES



Jacob Kinsley	08/03/10
Jane Windisch	08/03/10
Mark Hamilton	08/31/04
Doug Studer	08/31/04



PROGRAM SPEAKERS for August

8/2- Rotary Fest Work Day

8/9- Dr. Rosseau

8/16- Steve Minardi - US Customs

8/23- Mike Weis from HHS

8/30- Barb Hargreaves- Erie County Humane Society