

# THE ROTATION



CLUB NEWS - KEEPING THE WHEELS MOVING IN HURON

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## 10 Years 9.11.11 We Remember

need many more volunteers for the various stations. Those who do sign up will be assigned for the good of the club. Topic 6: Festival times were given for Fri., Sat., and Sunday, pointing out that volunteers need to be at their stations at least 30 minutes before start time. Topic 7: Marketing. Action: Doug noted our promos with K96, WCPZ, Huron Hometown News, The Register's Fun Coast section, and by fliers. Topic: Road Closure. Action: suggestion to post detour directions for Festival at Cleveland and Rye Beach roads. Topic 8: Fliers. Action: Several stacks of promotion fliers were taken by volunteers to take to pizza shops, grocery stores, and other places for public distribution.

**Other:** Doug was pleased to announce that Rotary netted \$1,266.25 from the K96 weekend. \$84 of that amount was tips. How Proud: Dave Clark and his wife had their 43rd anniversary.

### August 9

**Visiting Rotarians:** Dave Kramer, Mansfield

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Joe Hamilton

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Dr. Laurie Rousseau, Tracy Lucas, Firelands Regional Medical Center

**Program highlights:** Tracey Lucas from FRMC and the Community Outreach Program introduced Dr. Laurie Rousseau. Dr. Rousseau comes from a rural town in upper Michigan, where she held a family practice for almost 8 years. She has recently relocated to Erie County to establish a family practice in Berlin Township. (ds)

**Other:** none



## AUGUST PROGRAMS

### August 2

**Visiting Rotarians:** Col. John Weeks, Sandusky

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Paul Wize (prospective member, second reading)

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Doug Studer: overview of Festival progress

**Program highlights:** Topic 1: the use of t-shirts to identify Rotarians at the festival. Action: one can use an older tee or order one, which can be used for any Rotary event. A sign-up sheet was passed around. A sample was later posted to members in an email from Christine. Topic 2: Sponsors. Action: list handed out. Several additional sponsors from the Rotary club members signed on. If every business honors its sponsor pledge, the club will make over \$4,500 for scholarships and festival costs. Topic 3: Food vendors. Action: discussion of rib vendors, pizza distribution. Doug displayed last year's price sign for food items and took suggestions from the floor to add a \$5.00 value meal, good for both kids and adults. There will be food on Sunday. Topic 4: Donation boxes. Action: We will place donation boxes at several places with signage. The question as to include a suggested donation was inconclusive. Topic 5: Volunteers. Action: Mike Tann said we

### August 16

**Visiting Rotarians:** Dave Kramer, Mansfield; John Weeks, Sandusky

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** none

**Student Guests:** Kelly Wright

**Speaker and Topic:** no show (Steve Minardi - US Customs was scheduled)

**Program highlights:** none

**Other:** (1) Paul Mize was inducted as a new member of the Huron Rotary. (2) Pres. Christine read John Majoy's letter of resignation. (3) Doug thanked all those who helped with the Rotary Art Festival last weekend and said that the club netted about \$4,000 on the event, even with the rainout on Sunday. It was an over-all success. He also noted some areas we can improve on for next year. A change we might consider is moving the festival to the first weekend in August to avoid con-

flicts with the Erie Co. Fair and the high school football schedule on Friday night. It is also necessary that we need to start planning earlier if significant venue changes are to be made. Julie thought we should begin new planning in January. Christine said that local events calendars for broad-based advertising are already being prepared for 2012.



(4) Rev. Roger just returned from two weeks in South Africa. He went to a Rotary meeting in Durbin, S. Africa, at which he exchanged banners with the Durbin Rotary club.

## August 23

**Visiting Rotarians:** Dave Kramer, Mansfield; John Weeks, Sandusky

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Barb Hargraves, Mike Weise

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Mike Weise: Huron City Schools

**Program highlights:** Weise described the revenue flow for the Huron City Schools and said that despite reduced State revenue, the Huron schools are in a strong position. There is a new state procedure that reduces funding to "rich" districts, such as Huron, and diverts funding to poorer systems. The Huron system faces a \$1,000,000 deficit but this is partially offset by a \$700,000 reserve and "we can weather the storm." The Huron school board has decreased teacher and staff position by not replacing all those who retire. And in 2013, we will start a performance based assessment for teachers. We have seen a little increase in income from the open enrollment program.



**Other:** Pres. Christine said that the Rotary Festival committee has decided not to change the weekend for the 2012 Rotary Arts Festival; it will continue to be the second weekend in August.

## August 30

**Visiting Rotarians:** none

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Barbara Hargreaves

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** Barbara Hargreaves: Humane Society of Erie County

**Program highlights:** "The mission of the Humane Society or Erie county is to educate residents on proper care, housing and support of animals. To prevent animal cruelty in Erie County and to provide temporary shelter to homeless animals." Barbara said the humane society is unaffiliated with any county or state entity and depends solely on community contributions. The humane society on Superior Street in

Sandusky has room for 50 dogs and 50 cats to keep a healthy environment. At this time, however, they are functioning with 60 cats and 60 dogs. There is an euthanasia program for animals, primarily cats, which have a temperament or disease problem. Animals newly entered are kept in isolation for several weeks to make sure there are no contagious diseases before being allowed in with the general population. All animals are treated medically with inoculations as well as being spayed or neutered before release to adoptees. Therefore, there is a fee for adoption to cover medical costs: \$100 for dogs and \$60 for cats. But anyone over 65 can get an animal for free. The society does background checks on potential adoptees to make sure each animal goes to a good home. Renters need written approval from their landlords. Four full-time staff and five "cage attendants" keep the program functioning at minimal cost. Their email address is animalsrus5@aol.com.



**A useful fact:** Ivory dish soap kills fleas on furry animals.

**Other:** none

### Up-Coming fundraiser events and dates:

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT YTD as of July 30, 2011

Total Income.....	\$9,334.00
Expenses.....	9,910.90
Interest Income.....	0.00
Net Income.....	-585.90

### PROGRAM SPEAKERS for September

- 06 September - Pam Brumbaugh, United Way of Erie Co.
- 13 September - Committee Day
- 20 September - Gov. Helyn Bolanis (Rotary Club)
- 27 September - Jaime Steinemann



### BIRTHDAYS

- Christine Crawford — 15 September
- Bruce Molnar — 20 September
- Bob Tracht — 21 September

### CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES

- Ralph Pisano — 01 September 1958
- Fred Fox — 04 September 2001
- Grant Walls — 26 September 1983

