

THE ROTATION



CLUB NEWS - KEEPING THE WHEELS MOVING IN HURON

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help people gain independence and self-sufficiency; and services of physical and mental health. Pam mentioned that there will be a fundraiser at Kalahari this weekend open to the public. Pam can be contacted at 419-625-4672 and Pbrumbaugh.uwec@bex.net.

Other: hp's:

Joe DeRose was proud to announce the arrival of his first grandson, Polo Joseph, on August 29th in Kansas City Missouri.

Tom H's son Caleb was married in Illinois this weekend and just started law school at Emory University in Atlanta.

We all gave a standing ovation to Ralph Pisano who is celebrating his 53rd year with the Huron Rotary. There was no fine for his longevity.

SEPTEMBER 13

Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks (Sandusky)

Today was committee day. Individual committees met to discuss their role in furthering the success of our club.

Announcements: (1) President Christine announced that our club now has a full board: Rev. Roger has agreed to become president elect and Fred Fox will become president elect under Roger's tenure. (2) Steve F. handed out fliers for tomorrow's St. Pete's pizza sampling fund raising event at Messenberg's. (3) Dave C. announced his son's 11th birthday. (4) Daniel S. stated that the Huron Public Library staff had collected \$50 and were able to send 10 boxes of books to overseas troops.

SEPTEMBER 20

Visiting Rotarians: Dave Kramer, Mansfield; Patricia Gory, Toledo; District Governor Helyn Bolanis, Toledo.

Visiting Non-Rotarians: none

Student Guests: none

Speaker and Topic: District Governor Helyn Bolanis: The current status of District 6600

Program highlights: Gov. Helyn Bolanis explained that the organization of Rotary first is individual clubs, which form districts, which in turn form zones, which are governed by **Rotary International**. All donations to the Rotary Foundation are put into safe interest-bearing investments and the interest from these create the funds for projects. Fifty percent of the interest is directed into World Funds for matching grants, and 50% comes back to District Designated Funds. At the district level, this 50% is further



SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 6

Visiting Rotarians: Pam Brumbaugh, Sandusky; John Weeks, Sandusky; Dave Kramer, Mansfield.

Visiting Non-Rotarians: none

Student Guests: none

Speaker and Topic: Pam Brumbaugh: United Way of Erie County

Program highlights: The United Way started in Erie Co. in 1923. Its mission: "To create the organized capacity for people to care for one another." The UW has four program areas" children and youth services; basic and emergency needs; to



split into 80% for international projects and 20% for “district simplified grants” for local club projects. In 2013, the 80-20 split will be changed to be a 50-50 split with the appointment of the next Rotary Foundation director. This should help individual clubs survive and grow.

Rotary nationwide is in a state of flux; we are losing members. Our own district has decreased by 700 people in recent years and we need to reinvigorate the stature of Rotary. Twenty-five percent of the membership have been members less than three years. Part of the problem is that the public knows little of the organization and has a stereotype of it as made up of older, rich, white retired males; in fact, only about 30% of members are women. As older members begin to leave, we need to replace them with younger energy. This must be a grassroots effort, starting with those who are already members. To instill a sense of engagement, District 6600 is beginning a contest among local chapters to get 100% of the members involved with Rotary Foundation by simply giving one dollar each to Rotary Foundation. The first club in the district to do so will win a free Paul Harris award to give on one of the members. (Stacy Hartley is now collecting money for this contest.)

The philosophy of Rotary worldwide is to learn from each other, find out each other’s needs, and join together to help solve their medical and eco-cultural problems. The drive to rid the world of polio and the fresh water projects around the globe are examples of medical and eco-cultural projects. Recently, a Rotary club in Mexico assisted in an Ohio Rotary lake clean-up, so it is not always a case of the U.S. funneling money to other countries. The money and aid exchange takes place around the world in many forms.

There was a demonstration of the District’s new website was a demonstration of the District’s new website www.rotarydistrict6600.org and how to find out what other clubs are doing and to learn about the involvement of their members and leaders.

Other: none

SEPTEMBER 27

Visiting Rotarians: John Weeks, Sandusky

Visiting Non-Rotarians: none

Student Guests: Alyssa Franklin, Angela Barbour, Jessica Hoff

Speaker and Topic: Jaime Steineman: Firelands Symphony

Program highlights:

On the last weekend of August, the Firelands Symphony annually offers a free out door pops concert at McBride Arboretum at BGSU-Firelands. The concert last month was a great success. ~ Financially, the symphony is in good shape. With many other larger venues having financial trouble with their high overhead, our group is doing well. ~ Our conductor, Carl Topelow has excellent credentials. He is the founder of the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and has a strong presence in the U.S. His directorship has greatly strengthened the Firelands Symphony. ~ The Firelands Symphony has programs reaching into the schools: their guest artists sometimes visit Huron and



Norwalk high schools and there is a music program for the local elementary schools as well.~ This season’s opening night is October 15th. It will include a dance group as well as the symphony orchestra.~ For information, see www.FirelandsSymphony.com

Announcements from Pres. Christine: the **Annual Halloween Party** date has been set for Wed. October 26th, at the Huron High School. If you have an idea for a give away, or would like to donate candy or a give away item, please let Ben Lindsley or me know. We are looking for five or so Rotarians to actually man this committee and a co-chair for Ben. Ben is ready to transition the reigns to another eager Rotarian.

Our The Festival of Lights display will be based on “Christmas Island.” Our placement in the display will be just North of the tennis courts in the opening. We now must design a display. Please be thinking of some creative, colorful ideas for Rotary’s Christmas Island.

Festival of Lights Raffle Tickets are now available. They are \$10 each and the prize is a trip to Montego Bay. We make \$9 on each ticket we sell. Christine has 200 tickets. That is \$1800 on raffle tickets! This alone takes care of our deficit from not being involved in Riverfest this year!

Before the end of October, we have to turn in a list of 10 silent auction packages or items. The quality of our items dictates the size of these bids. Let’s put together an amazing, unique set of auction packages. Condos, charters, trips, fun activities, tickets for the zoo, concerts or sporting events, food: one group even had a used nice car one year... not all big items, but one or two would sure help our Scholarship fund.

Other: HP: Bob T celebrated his 59th wedding anniversary.

2011 Up-Coming fundraiser events and dates:
Festival of Lights and Silent Auction:
 Nov.25 to Dec. 26, 2011

FINANCIAL REPORT YTD AS OF August 30, 2011

Total Income	\$22,028.49
Expenses	24,139.59
Net Income	-2,111.10

PROGRAM SPEAKERS FOR October

- Oct 04- International Projects Meeting
- Oct 11- Kevin Joyce- Black Swamp Conservancy
- Oct 18- Meet New Members
- Oct 25- Chuck Stark - CEO Firelands Hosp.



**CLUB
ANNIVERSARY
DATES**



- BIRTHDAYS**
 Cathy Platte
October 25
 Fred Fox
October 27

- Roger Markin - 03 October (45 years in Huron club)
- Dave Dreffer - 02 October (43)
- Roger Skelley-Watts - 15 October (09)
- Jena Viock - 24 October (05)
- Bruce Molnar - 01 October (03 [total years in Rotary = 18])