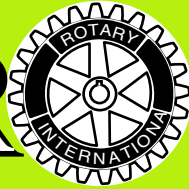


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## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

### NOVEMBER 1, 2011

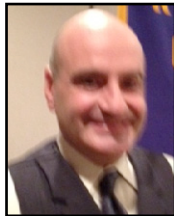
**Visiting Rotarians:** John Weeks, Sandusky

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Judy Tann, Nick Schnittger, Curtis Cammallari, guests of Mike Tann; Greg Franklin, guest of Linda Armstrong

**Student Guests:** Drew Enderle, Logan Parkinson, Troy Delamater, Sam Hemker, Ross Johnson

**Speaker and Topic:** Matt Mars from Chez Francois

**Program highlights:** A personal family history of Matt and his family buying Chez Francois, making it an award winning restaurant with exposure on the Food Network. There are several different floor levels with different pricing and menus with pricing for everyone.

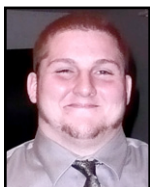


**Other:** Ben: The Halloween party was a great success. There were 147 kids and their parents, plus members of the band and cheerleaders. Chris: an update on the Festival of Lights and dates suggested to begin design and construction of Christmas Island for our lighting display.

### NOVEMBER 8, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** John Weeks, Sandusky

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Jennifer Kilbury, Dennis Murray



**Student Guests:**  
Nino Majoy,  
Austin Maddox

**Speaker and Topic:** Dennis Murray: Five biggest problems in government today

**Program highlights:** Dennis Murray listed five problem areas in national and state politics. (1)

Too much money spent on campaigns and influence. In Ohio, \$1.78 billion has been spent this season; in Murray's district alone, \$310,000 was spent. (2) The biased drawing of legislative districts, or "Proportionment." These districts give an advantage to one party or another, with few districts, only 19 in Ohio, with any kind of real contest. (3) Term limits: The Ohio laws state one can serve as a congressman or senator for 8 years and then be out of that office for 4 years. He said that with the continual turn-over of elected representatives, there is a loss of experience and a loss of awareness. Much of the historical knowledge of a law's philosophical basis between its introduction and its final vote is lost. (4) Lack of consensus to fix problems: Officials don't know what they want or how to fix a problem. (5) Elected officials at every level are not having conversations. Without talk there is no negotiation and progress.



Dennis  
Murray

**Other:** Tom announced the Huron Helping Hands Food pantry spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Nov. 10 at Bar North and Martin announced the Presbyterian Church spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Nov. 11.

### NOVEMBER 15, 2011

**Visiting Rotarians:** John Weeks, Sandusky; Gary Strife, Norwalk.

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Barbara Hargreaves, Brian Croucher

**Student Guests:** none

**Speaker and Topic:** none

**Program highlights:**

**Other:** Working lunch focused on August Rotary festival. Discussed need to line up bands, food vendors, wine-beer licensing now. Public Relations committee will take over the promotion of the event. Dates have already gone out to Ohio Magazine and Lake Erie Shores and Islands tourist publication. Discussion turned to Festival of Lights event and the construction of Rotary Island at Saw Mill Creek. Tom H is collecting pallets to construct the island base and will need help on Saturday after noon.

**NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

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

**Visiting Non-Rotarians:** Gary A. Mould, Bob Jones



**Student Guests:** Emily Wiseman, Emilie Daigle, Lynsle Schwerer

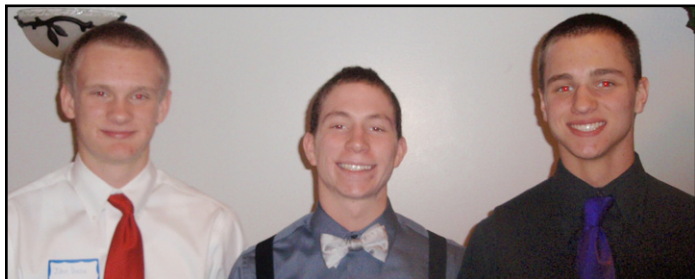
**Speaker and Topic:** Bob Jones: Veggie U

**Program highlights:** Chef's Garden is a small family farm south of Huron. It does business with nine foreign countries and many States. All business is by word of mouth. There is no web site presence or public advertising. ~ Major figures from the Food Network, like Wolfgang Puck, Emeril Lagasse, and others have been visitors to the farm. Veggie U employees 19 foreign exchange students and welcomes chefs from around the world to study and learn about their processes and products. ~ The focus of VU is on sustainable farming, stressing harmony with nature. The business uses state of the art research and development, and with their technology, they grow about 600 different crops, some in dark environments. ~ When asked if VU offers public tours, Bob Jones said they do not, because they are protective of the genetic purity of their seeds and environment.



**Other:** Our Dec. 13th Rotary Christmas dinner will be at the home of Linda Armstrong. Reminder: Friday night will be Festival of Lights silent auction

**NOVEMBER 29, 2011**



**Student Guests:** Kyle Pisano, John Dusz, Nolan Thaxton

**Speaker and Topic:** Donna Cathcart: Internet & Child Safety Advocate

**Program highlights:** A majority of children today own cell phones and are linked to the Internet. More and more examples of cyber-bullying are being exposed but young victims often do not communicate this with parents. There is also an increase of "sexting," sending nude photos of oneself to friends, which were made graphic in an information video she played. Cathcart emphasized the danger of these private photos winding up on the Internet and in the hands of predatory strangers. She stressed the importance of parental monitoring and maintaining privacy settings. She distributed examples of "text lingo," abbreviations children use to avoid detection as well to as say more with less text. Her packet also included a parent-child contract for the child to sign, signifying the child knows what is proper and improper on-line behavior.



**Other:** (1) A sign-up sheet to attend the Dec. 13th Rotary Holiday Open House sponsored by Linda Armstrong was circulated, as well as Rotary Festival committee sign-up sheets. (2) Christine announced that Rotary had made around \$2000 from the Festival of Lights auction and thanked everyone involved with the auction and the construction of Rotary Island.

**2011 UP-COMING  
FUNDRAISER EVENTS AND DATES**  
**Festival of Lights and Silent Auction:**  
Nov. 25 to Dec. 26, 2011

**FINANCIAL REPORT YTD AS OF July – Oct. 2011**

Income . . . . .	28,959.99
Expenses. . . . .	28,024.04
Net . . . . .	935.95

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Joel Rudinger . . . . .	Dec. 12
Mike Wilde . . . . .	Dec. 16
Linda Armstrong . . . . .	Dec. 19
Heather Demos . . . . .	Dec. 27

**CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES**

Al Sima . . . . .	15 Dec. 1982
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- PROGRAM SPEAKERS FOR DECEMBER**
- 6 Dec - **Mike Rankin**, BMV (confirmed by Don Burris, 23 Sep, 614 752 7642)
  - 13 Dec - No Noon Meeting; **Evening Rotary Holiday Open House hosted by Linda Armstrong.**
  - 20 Dec - **Pastor Dan Ward**, Erie County Care and Share (Oct 31, via phone)
  - 27 Dec - No Meeting