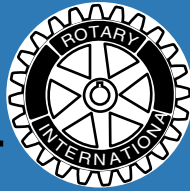


THE ROTATION



CLUB NEWS - KEEPING THE WHEELS MOVING IN HURON

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PROGRAMS

May 4: Speaker and Topic: Mike Trbovich: Scout for Cleveland Indians

Program highlights:

Mike talked about several players he had scouted in his 42 year career as a scout for various teams. Of most interest was the fact that being a good pitcher takes more than talent; it takes a particular "physical dynamic." One must have large hands and be able to almost wrap his fingers around the ball to control the finger grip on the seams of the baseball. Mike also demonstrated a flat palm grip that produces a deceptively slow pitch with a fast ball wind-up to confuse batters. Knowing the players on the opposing team is crucial for pitchers, he said; every batter has his own particular blind spot. Know where to throw the ball and you can strike him out most of the time. Also, the power behind the pitch is not from strong arms or upper body; the power comes from the butt and the legs. Strong legs and butt can produce a powerful follow-through. To test this theory out, I am going to eat mashed potatoes three times a day for a month and jog with leg irons and see if my side-arm slider improves. Coaches now warn not to throw an overhead pitch because that kind of repetitive motion will damage the rotator cuff and basically shut down one's career. The current trend is to whip the ball side arm next to the body, not over the head.

Other: Announcements:

(1) Rev. Roger announced that Tony Samaniego's home on Orangewood recently burned down and he is now living temporarily at the Comfort Inn on Rte 250. If anyone can lend/give him a used car while he is deciding what to do for living quarters, please let him know.

(2) On Thursday of this week (5-6-2010), the



Police Chief John Majoy and baseball scout Mike Trbovich

Rotary Festival Committee will meet at 6:30 pm at the Huron Public Library.

(3) On June 8th, the installation of the new Rotary officers will take place at the Huron Yacht Club. Happy hour is 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the installation is at 6:30 p.m.

(4) Grant Walls introduced one of the Infant Immunization winners, Nichole West and infant son Ryder Hall. Several local Rotary chapters have banded together to promote infant immunization. Nichole was one of five winners who got \$250 gift card to Meijer's.



May 11: Speaker and Topic: Jim Schrader: MESA program

Program highlights: Mr. Schrader talked about the MESA program, a Rotarian program that finds and distributes used hospital equipment and supplies to other Rotary organizations in other countries, particularly South America. The equipment goes to children, hospitals, and nursing homes. The MESA program has also partnered with other non-Rotarian programs, like Living Water, to help drill wells in El Salvador so people can get clean water. To end the program, Jim showed a DVD of a Findlay Rotary Club family and its involvement with an El Salvadorian family who had a severely burned son. The boy's family allowed a Findlay family to bring him up to the U.S. for prosthetic legs. Later they agreed to let the Ohio family legally adopt him. Learn more about MESA at <http://www.rotarymesa.org>.

Other: HP's: (1) Bob Tracht just had his 32nd wedding anniversary; (2) Rev Roger raised \$5K for LeBron James fund; (3) Dave Clark - wife Jacquie at conference for entrepreneurs of the year award.

Announcement:

(1) the Rotary Arts Festival Committee has deter-



mined to have Blue Grass music on Friday night and Blues on Saturday. Also, the club is short a couple rib vendors. If anyone has any leads on good rib vendors, contact President Martin. (2) The next board meeting will next Tuesday 7:30 (3) the Installation Dinner for new officers will be at the Huron Yacht club on June 8th.

May 18: Speaker and Topic: Joel Rudinger:

Poems from Experience

Program highlights:

Rotarian Joel Rudinger read a few poems about muffleheads, his daughter turning 16, and fantasy in flight. Using humor and imagery, his observation of his 16 year old daughter driving away caused one Rotarian to whisper "I remember that". Joel explained he wrote poetry to "lock in moments of my life".



Other: Josh Battiste, Rotary Exchange student talked briefly on this upcoming Rotary-sponsored student year of study in Finland.

HP: Tom Holzaephel's son Caleb, just got his MA in theological studies from Vanderbilt University; Martin Lesnak's daughter was a success as a flower girl at a recent wedding.

Announcement: a sign-up sheet to vote Thomas Edison's stature into the Hall of Statues in D.C. was passed around. There was also a sign-up for the upcoming installation dinner.

May 25: Speaker and Topic: Ron James, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army

Program highlights: Ron James: A Loving Critic

Mr. James started by telling the group that his great grandfather was a black slave before the Civil War and ran in hiding half way across the state of Missouri to join the U.S. Army in 1842. Ron's great grandfather began the love and dedication for the U.S. Army that has persisted to this day with the speaker. Mr. James told of a small contingent of soldiers, black and white, that were slaughtered and left to rot. It was from that occurrence that the black regiment declared never again to leave a fallen comrade behind. This is now a motto of the U.S. Army and Marine Corp.

Ron continued in his grandfather's footsteps and rose to the position of Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army, a position, he said, was the equivalent of a Four Star General.

Even at this level at the Pentagon, he was vocally critical of the way the Army avoids treatment of the

mentally wounded veterans returning from battle. The suicide rate is high among those who return from battle, as is domestic violence. This must be addressed.

Ron also "honors those who serve in silence," the children and spouses of those who serve, who follow them from base to base until they are deployed. They, also, are not well served by the government, he said. There is little compensation for the loss of a loved one killed defending the American way of life. Hardship among those left behind is all too common. But James stressed he is proud to be an American soldier, and is proud for the U. S. Army. He is a loving critic.

Other: HP: Dave Giaco's daughter made the winning run at her baseball game.

Reminder of June 8th installation dinner at the HYC. Also a sign-up sheet for a pancake breakfast to help out Tony.

VISITING ROTARIANS

May 4 - PDG John Weeks - Sandusky

May 11 - PDG John Weeks - Sandusky

May 18 - PDG Jim Schrader - Findlay

May 25 - PDG John Weeks - Sandusky

Carol Lloyd, Pleasant Gap, PA

VISITORS

May 4 - Nichole West and infant son Ryder Hall

May 18 - Josh Batiste - Rotary Exchange Student
Bryce Collins - Guest of Tony

May 25 - Sheila Ehrhardt - Chamber of Commerce,
Guest of Doug

Jane Windisch - Providence Care Center

Tina Murray - EHOVE, Guest of Anne

Financial Report YTD as of April 30, 2010

Total Income.....\$36,183.68

Expenses.....\$26,303.94

Net Income.....\$9,879.74

UPCOMING EVENTS

Huron Riverfest: July 9 - 11

Rotary Festival: August 13 - 15

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Birthdays

Jena Viock - June 02

Dean Kraus - June 10

Dee Hartley - June 14



Joe DeRose - June 15

Connie Roberts

June 24

Anne Hinton - June 27

Linda Armstrong

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