

LORAIN ROTARY STEEL WHEEL

DECEMBER 2009

LORAIN ROTARY CLUB

A Note From the President: Mike Mayse

The holidays are before us once again. Family, friends, parties, shopping, decorating, eating and vacations all make up the traditions that make the holidays comforting and exhausting. It is also a time to be grateful for our family, our health and for having a job in these troubled economic times.

As Rotarians, we have our fellowship, personal and business relations that we enjoy. We have our projects like the dictionaries for third graders, clam bakes and trivia dinners to raise money for community projects, we give scholarships, we ring the bell for the Salvation Army, we have a food drive planned for the spring. We are busy as a club and as members of our community.

But at this time of year we all receive what seems to be hundreds of requests for help, for donations from causes we haven't even heard of before. We wonder where did they get my name, my phone is unlisted and I wish they would stop sending me these letters.

While I always urge everyone to give thoughtful consideration to meaningful requests from charities that do good works in our community, I wanted you to know that good charities play by the rules and listed below are the Donor Bill of Rights for help in making good decisions for your year end giving.

The Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

I. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

III. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.

IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition. (cont, page 4)

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"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Is it your
turn to get a
speaker for
a Rotary
meeting?

Greeters

12/3 Greg Argenti

12/10 Paul Balcom

12/17 Tom Boyer

Sgt-At-Arms

Bill Somers

Speakers

**10 Southview High School Choir Performance
Director, Clyde Hale**

**17 Facilitator: Brad Davis; program to be
announced**

24 Merry Christmas!

31 Happy New Year!



What can you do for the Future of Rotary?

Talk to a board member about your ideas.

Rotary Birthdays

Rob Levit	Dec.19
Walter Glick	Dec. 22
Will Wood	Dec. 31

Rotary Anniversaries

Jim Patterson	12/22/66
Mike Bass	12/09/77
Bill Somers	12/08/94
Carolyn Huston	12/10/99
Joanette Romero	12/00
Dianne Brehm	12/12/02
Julia Ecker	12/19/02
Cheryl Atkinson	12/27/02

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VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.

VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.

IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

I hope sharing this important document will help you with sorting out the requests that will fill your mail box. Remember to have a Happy Holiday and take time to give thanks. And remember that we have a lot to be grateful for as a Rotary Club, a community and as individuals.

Happy Holidays,

President Mike

Welcome to Rotary eClub One, the world's first web based Rotary club.

Rotary eClub One is just like any traditional Rotary club.

The only difference is that members meet on-line to coordinate service projects and enjoy fellowship with like-minded Rotarians.

If you are a Rotarian, and you are visiting this website for a make-up credit, there are two basic requirements:

First ... Click on the MAKE-UP PROGRAMS link in the grey panel above and spend 30 minutes or more reading program articles and viewing video content .

Next ... Click on the REQUEST MAKEUP link in the grey panel above and follow the instructions .

The Rotary e-Club One website keeps thousands of Rotarians connected, informed and inspired.

Thank you for visiting.

Here is the link to go to the make-up site.

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

Attend a Lorain Rotary Board Meeting. It counts as a makeup for attendance.

Lorain Rotary Board Minutes – November 11, 2009

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2009 minutes as presented was made by Mike Potts, seconded by Tom Boyer and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Huston presented the Treasurer's Report for October along with the Lorain Rotary Endowment Fund Statement for August. The Endowment Fund balance was \$40,917.76 as of August 31, 2009 with \$17,632.52 in the available to spend portion. A motion to accept the

Treasurer's Report as presented and the reclassification of \$500 marketing expense to trivia expense for the billboards posted in September's Treasurer's Report was made by Tony Cuevas, seconded by Sanford Washington and carried.

District Training: Rotary Leadership Institute will have training on November 21, 2009 at Owen College in Tiffin Ohio. The District is asking for at least one member from each club to attend.

Dictionary Project: Carolyn Huston reported that she met with Betty Smith from the Lorain City

Schools. The first presentation of the dictionaries will take place on November 30th. The Lorain City Schools Superintendent, Cheryl Atkinson, will be present along with local media.

Trivia Fundraiser: Sandy Kaiser updated the board on the trivia event. There are 41 baskets for the silent auction as well as baskets and other items for the Chinese Raffle. There are 21 teams for the trivia contest and 277 dinner tickets have been sold.

Committee Reports

Club Service I: Ken Wayton reported that the Wine Tasting Event will be planned for January or February.

Club Service II: A motion by Tom Boyer to approve a request by Neil Levit for a leave of absence retroactive to July 1st and ending December 31st was made, seconded by Sandy Kaiser and carried. Doug Mathews reported that attendance for the month of October was 66%.

Community Service Report: A motion by Mike Mayse to sponsor the Quota Club's Singing Angel's event at the Lorain Palace in the amount of \$150 was made, seconded by Tom Boyer and carried. Lorain Rotary will receive 12 tickets to the event and will raffle these tickets off at the next Rotary meeting. Mike Potts will contact the Salvation Army and Clothe a Child for Rotary involvement. The Neighborhood House Association Christmas For Kids will also be looked into as a project for Rotarians.

Vocational Service Report: Sanford Washington reported that there were 32 students at Southview and 25 students at Lorain Admiral King participating in the STRIVE program. The committee is currently looking at the business interests of the students and asking Rotarians to make presentations.

International Service: Car wash tickets will be available. Jim Wilson, Tony Cuevas, & Ken Wayton will be meeting to discuss grant opportunities.

FAC Report: Rotarians will be given an opportunity to donate to Rotary International before the Christmas holidays to take advantage of the charitable deduction one last time for 2009 tax purposes. The FACs of the area clubs will be meeting to discuss applying together for District Grant Monies.

Program: No Report

PR/Marketing: Billboards promoting Rotary projects such as the Dictionary project will be an option for the PR/Marketing committee will discuss.

Jerry Prucha Fund: Brad Donahue reported that he, Liz Tepper, John Morrison, & Tom Boyer have met. An ad in the Morning Journal will ask for requests from agencies. The committee will review the requests in February and distribute funds in March.

New Business:

Board Elections will take place in December.

The flag at Victory Park located at 5th and West Erie Avenue was stolen in October. Brad Donahue will contact Veteran Groups to work about replacing the flag and possibly work in partnership if needed. At 8:45 A.M., with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PLEASE NOTE: ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30 A.M. AT THE MEETING PLACE, 1606 COOPER FOSTER PARK ROAD. THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ROTARY MEMBERS AND COUNT AS A MAKEUP!

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne C. Brehm

Make Dreams Real

Day of Week	Rotary Club	Time of Meeting	Location
Monday	Amherst	12:05 p.m.	St. Joseph Church
Tuesday	Elyria Noon	12:00 p.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Tuesday	Avon/Avon Lake	7:30 a.m.	Sprenger Retirement Center
Wednesday	Vermilion	12:00 p.m.	German's Villa
Second Wednesday/ month	Lorain Rotary Board	7:30 a.m.	The Meeting Place
Thursday	Elyria Sunrise	7:45 a.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Friday	Oberlin	12:10 p.m.	Oberlin Inn
Friday	North Ridgeville	12:00 p.m.	Senior Center (City Hall)