

LORAIN ROTARY STEEL WHEEL

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LORAIN ROTARY CLUB

A Note From the President: Mike Mayse

Civility and Rotary

Every day the media reports that there is an everyday lack of appropriate discourse between individuals. No longer is their spirited debate about issues. Everything is red state or blue state; liberals or conservatives; and now I even hear socialists and capitalists. The explosion of the internet, blogs, short news cycles, talk radio, talking heads and the demise of our nation's newspapers have led to fragmentation in our society.

As a college student I majored in journalism and developed a habit of reading three newspapers every day to prepare for the eventual quiz on current events. I read the *Detroit Free Press*, *Washington Post* and the *NY Times*; I saw different opinions and points of view in both the editorial sections as well as the coverage of news items. Investigative reporters took months to develop a story and fact checkers were used to confirm a story's validity.

Today I read the *Chronicle Telegram*, *Morning Journal* and *The Plain Dealer*.

Headlines scream at me:

Corrupt Politicians, Scandals, Murder, Fires, Accidents: they fill the pages and are the teasers for the late night news.

Today everything is just a 10-second sound byte for the 6pm news; what happened today is on the internet in 10 minutes, on CNN in 30 minutes and is old news when it comes out in print the next day. Blogs carry dissent and assault individual's character unchecked.

Maybe Paul Harris and Rotary got it right with the Four Way Test.

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

I hope we can continue to set a high standard as a club and community leaders. Maybe the journalists, bloggers and politicians should all be Rotarians?

President Mike

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"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

Rotary Info

Greeters

Sgt-At-Arms

Sandy Kaiser

To be announced

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

Speakers

October 1: Club Assembly

October 8: Facilitator: Brad Donahue; Topic: Second Harvest Food Bank; Speaker: Julie Chase-Morefield, Executive Director

October 15: Facilitator: Angela Fielding; Topic: Community Health Partners; Speaker: To be announced

October 22: District Governor

October 29: Facilitator: Sandy Kaiser; Topic: Trivia Contest Prep



What can you do for the Future of Rotary?

Talk to a board member about your ideas.

Rotary Birthdays

Mike Potts	Oct. 4
Phil Dore	Oct. 9
Sanford Washington	Oct. 9
Rick Novak	Oct. 11
Brett McVey	Oct. 14
Cal Jenkins	Oct. 18
Ken Wayton	Oct. 23
Charles Howard	Oct. 25
Julia Ecker	Oct. 31

Rotary Anniversaries

Walter Glick Jr.	October 1, 1978
Sandy Kaiser	October 24, 1991
Vivian Skladen	October 17, 1996
Mike Potts	October 9, 1997
Brett McVey	October 1998
Lynn Rebman	October 1, 2004

From: Historic Moments: Women in Rotary by Rotary International, Part 1**1950**

An enactment to delete the word *male* from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978, only to be reinstated in September 1986.

1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as *male persons*.

1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club in 1983, the California Superior Court rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership. The Board "encourages all clubs in the U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender."

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members. Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

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

Lorain Rotary Board Minutes – September 9, 2009

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2009 minutes as presented was made by Ken Wayton, seconded by Jim Wilson and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Huston presented the Treasurer's Report for August. Rotary International dues and the District dues were paid in August, which was the majority of the \$4,800 of expenses paid. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Dianne Brehm, seconded

by Rob Levit and carried. A motion to send a contribution of \$1,000 to Shelter Box as budgeted last year for speakers, which was \$500, and the remaining \$500 to come from last year's World Affairs budget, was made by Dianne Brehm, seconded by Jim Wilson and carried.

Working Committees: The member roster was reviewed and each member was assigned a committee. An Organizational Structure will be completed and printed for each Lorain Rotarian.

Trivia Fundraiser: Vince Giovannazzo has offered

to sponsor the Lorain Rotary Trivia Team. A website for the Silent Auction/Trivia event has been established at www.rotarytrivia.com.

Committee Reports

Club Service I: Ken Wayton reported that the Lorain Rotary night at the Crusher's baseball game was attended by 27 people, \$560 was collected and the cost was \$750. The clam bake is being planned for October.

Club Service II: Doug Mathews reported that attendance for the month of August was 53%.

Community Service Report: A request from Model UN was received. Information will be given to the committee.

Vocational Service Report: Sanford Washington announced the STRIVE program began at Southview the 1st week of the month and will begin the third week at Lorain Admiral King. The disciplinary program has been put in place. The program is back to a one-year focus.

International Service: Jim Wilson announced that they will promote a community project.

FAC Report: No Report

Program: No Report

PR/Marketing: Posters and billboards will be completed on or around September 15th.

At 8:40 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, October 14, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne C. Brehm
Secretary

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)