



Oberlin Rotary

CHRONICLES

A Guide to Making the Most of Your Oberlin Rotary Experience!

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April is Rotary Magazine Month

March/April 2011



EVENTS

April 30: Spring Cleanup in MLK, Jr. Park

May 7: Big Parade

May 14: Strive Interviews

May 21: Pride Day—Clean Up in MLK, Jr. Park

ROTARY

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

first
Is it the TRUTH?

second
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

INTERNATIONAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Even though cold, blustery weather is in the forecast, spring is here! Remember, the glass is always half full and the warm weather is right around the corner. On Saturday, April 30th at 9am, our club will be hosting a spring cleaning at MLK, Jr. Park. Please bring gloves and any garden tools that you have. Items needed are: lawn rakes, spade shovels, hand trimmers, and brooms.

Also, that same weekend is the District Conference at Fort Rapids in Columbus. All Rotarians are welcome to attend. It is a great weekend of camaraderie and learning about Rotary.

Last note, May 7th is the Big Parade in downtown Oberlin and we will need Rotarians to help decorate using our "Living Green" reusable bags as our theme.

Thanks for your continued involvement and support! We are making a difference in our community.

Yours in Rotary,
Tad Cowling
President, Oberlin Rotary Club

NOTES & INFORMATION FROM YOUR CLUB SECRETARY/TREASURER

Thank You Notes Received

- Oberlin College thanked the club for our traditional donation of a copy of the Rotarian Magazine.
- Marlene, who as we know is the Dir of the Oberlin Senior Center, wrote to thank the club for the new color printer and ink cartridges we gave her organization. She noted that having a color printer will make an real 'impact' on their effort to serve seniors in our community. She also thanked the club for the vacuum cleaner and supplies that we gave her.

Average attendance for the month of February was 72.58%, we have 44 members in our club.

Highlights from the March Board Meeting

Present: Cowling, Heuring, Engle, Aufdenkampe, Houck, J. Cole, Findlan
Call to Order @ 8:05 am.
Minutes: Feb Board meeting.
Financial Report: March 2011. Findlan reported a balance of \$8,682.24.
Pancake breakfast update: As of March 15th, 378 meals served, gross income \$2980.00. Banner was torn, Findlan to research history of the large banner to help us determine what to do for 2012.

Rotary Club of Oberlin: Memorial Fund Community Fund report by J. Cole

1. No financial report for this past month.
2. Requests for funds:
 - Big Parade. Cole moved, Heuring 2nd to donate \$400.00. Discussion followed re our participation in this event. Engle "we need to organize if we are going to participate." Idea to give away the "green bags", have a float with bag theme. Aufdenkampe to ask Shurr if Interact kids would like to help decorate the float. Decided to use Cowling's truck for the float. All aye to donate \$400.00 in support of the Big Parade.
 - Request for funding of Community July 4th fireworks. Findlan moved, Aufdenkampe 2nd to donate \$300.00 in support of the July 4th Fireworks. All aye.

Scholarship Fund report by Engle

Balance is \$229,983.39. One check, for \$5000.00 to Ohio State for Locke Scholarship recipient.

Adjourn and reconvene as **Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Oberlin**

Director's Reports

Club Service - Discussion re **4 Way Test Coloring**

Books. Board would like to help all age groups become acquainted with Rotary and community service. Would get these for the K-3 kids, have a prize of some sort for the best coloring, etc. Ideas for prizes would be ice cream at Yesterday's, etc. Heuring moved, Cowling 2nd to purchase 500 books for K-3 kids. Houck suggested that we check with Satterfield to see if it would be better to have them for next year, a good fall and winter project for the kids. Motion carried, Findlan to contact Satterfield re best time to get the books. Order books based on that information.

Community Service - Big Parade covered earlier. Houck asked if we have heard anything about summer concerts. No one had heard about them.

International Service - Aufdenkampe

1. MESA DVD is done. Club will get a copy.
2. Bike Ride Brochure was shared, will include motorcycles this year. Ride is July 9th - 14th.
3. GSE. There will be a student from Portugal coming this year. \$100.00 / mo allowance for inbound student. Requesting that she can attend the Oberlin schools. She will be staying with Satterfield and McKibben.
4. Mercy Allen Hospital donated items to MESA.

Vocational Service - Houck

Fletcher has 4 Way Speech Contest material to hand out to Oberlin SD kids who attend JVS. Contest is April 8th at our club.

Program Chair - Paul. Programs set for March.

Fellowship Chair - Cowling / Nichols

Sabine is offering to take up to 12 club members to a CAVS game and to sit in the lodge seats. Heuring will bring this up at Friday meeting and see who is interested.

New Business

1. Rotary By-Laws Committee report. Findlan reported that VanDyke, Holsworth and he have prepared the proposed changes to club by-laws. Discussion about the new 5th avenue of service. Our plan is to ask the person who is the director in charge of Vocational Service to also handle Generations. Board asked that Findlan have the new changes emailed to members so that we can have a vote on them sometime in April.
2. Italian classical concert pianist – request. No action taken.
3. Request for funds for the Cap Haiti program. Request was for a total of about \$1000.00 for consumable supplies. Cowling moved, Heuring 2nd all aye to fund this out of International, Water/Eye/Teeth line item.
4. Aide to people in Japan. Board discussion various options. Engle noted that Rotary has set up a special fund for this purpose. The proceeds will go directly to Rotary Clubs in Japan, for use by those who are on the scene. As of last week there was no official word on the need for

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Shelter Boxes. Board felt that providing funds that the local Rotary clubs can use as they see fit – perhaps even for future recovery issues would be most effective. Cowling moved, Hearing 2nd all aye \$1000.00 to the RI Japan and Pacific Island 2011 Disaster Relief fund. Findlan to send the check. Aufdenkampe expressed concern that it seems we are ‘recycling’ club leadership. She suggested that we draw names out of a hat for President and Director positions, and then ask the person if they would serve. Discussion followed. Engle noted that there have been good reasons for ‘repeat’ club presidents – to meet a very specific need. Also, board members approach others about serving, we run notices in the newsletter and make announcements in Oct and Nov prior to the election.

MAKE UPS ON LINE

Here is a very good site to use if you are traveling and wish to complete an online make up:

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

Yours in Rotary



Gerry Findlan
Secretary / Treasurer

Paul Harris Celebration

Fifty Rotarians, guests and spouses witnessed the presentation of five Paul Harris Fellows which is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. Rotarian Judy Riggle presented Michael Reynolds with the honor. Maxine Houck acknowledged James White who she honored last year as a Paul Harris. Maxine named Liz Burgess and Krista Long Paul Harris this year.

The Club bestowed the honor on Rich Fredrickson. President Tad Colwing was very proud and emotional when he presented son Ty with a Paul Harris pin and grandfather Gary's medallion. Ty is a fourth generation Paul Harris fellow in the Oberlin Club and the youngest recipient of the honor in the club as well.

Joining in the evening festivities were Paul Harris Fellows: Pat Murphy, Everett Tyree, Willie Mae Johnson, Retta Russell, Christa Hieb, Penny Locke, Kim Engle, Dick Holsworth and Eleanor Wooldridge along with twenty club members.

The Paul Harris Celebration was an evening of surprises for the new Paul Harris Recipients as well as an evening of sharing good fellowship with service above self motto being very evident.



Seniors Honored for their Character and Service to the Community

By Donna Marie Shurr
Teacher Oberlin High School
Interact Club Advisor

Each month the Oberlin Rotary Club honors two Oberlin High School students as "Senior of the Month." These young people are being recognized for their good character and positive attitude. They have contributed their time and energy by helping the school and community and are excellent role models for the students at Oberlin High School. The Oberlin Rotary Club will donate \$50.00 to a charity or project in the student's name.

The seniors of the month for **February 2011** are **Sophie Cavanaugh** and **Evan Hilton**. They were honored on February 18, 2011, at a weekly noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oberlin Inn.

The favorite school activity of senior **Sophie Cavanaugh** has been the OHS drama club. Cavanaugh has participated all four years of high school in many different roles. Behind the scenes she has mastered all aspects of technical theatre, her specialty and greatest interest is in light design. In the coming musical (March 4-6), Cavanaugh will have her first debut on stage. This year she has served as a senior officer for drama club and historian. Cavanaugh has enjoyed being in the OHS orchestra playing first violin all four years, she is currently fourth chair. She participated in the Italy tour in 2009 and the New York City tour in 2010. Cavanaugh joined the jazz band as a vocalist and is studying guitar. She is a member of National Honor Society and has joined the OHS track and field team, her first high school sport. Even with this busy schedule, outside of school Cavanaugh works at the Slow Train Café, enjoys horseback riding at Dragonfield stables and plays in a violin trio at the Community Music School. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her sisters Katherine and Nora, writing poetry, short stories, and music. Cavanaugh is also an avid reader.

Her plans after high school include attending college to pursue her interests in theatre arts, LGBT studies, women and gender studies, literature, philosophy and religion. Cavanaugh is

also interested in study abroad and the Peace Corps. She has already received the prestigious Trustee Scholarship from Allegheny and scholarships from Kent State and Bowling Green State University.

Cavanaugh volunteers for The Interfaith Hospitality Network and participated in her sister's campaign to save the life of Kiana Firouz, a supporter and advocate for the homosexual movement in Iran. She was involved in a number of service projects with CREDO Summer Music Institute for three years and as a member of the OHS Gay – Straight Alliance she was a Day of Silence participant.

Cavanaugh believes her greatest strengths are that she is open-minded and has intense imagination and curiosity. She says, "I pursue social justice and personal goals with courage, imagination and determination." Cavanaugh would like to be remembered as a brave, intelligent and passionate individual who stood up for others and for [her] beliefs - as a drama geek and a feminist.

Academic Challenge co-captain **Evan Hilton** is part of the Media Club; often filming for school plays, sporting events, and other occasions people want on film. He is a 4th Dan Black Belt, a master rank in Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do and has been taking martial arts for over 12 years. He is part of the Gaming Club, and has also donated several parts and a computer to the group to use. Hilton is a trumpet player for the high school concert band, and has been a part of the band for the past 6 years. These activities have been a lot of fun for him and they have provided an opportunity for his high school career to be enriching and well rounded.

Being accepted under early admission, Hilton plans to attend Oberlin College under the Oberlin Schools/Oberlin College Partnership. This scholarship is approximately \$40,000 per year. Hilton actually planned his college career on whether or not he was accepted into Oberlin. If he were accepted to Oberlin, he would pursue a career in physics. If not, he would go to LCCC for classes in computer hardware and networking. He will be majoring in Physics at Oberlin.

Hilton volunteers his time teaching martial arts at a gym in LaGrange. He volunteers in and out of school helping with technology issues. Hilton believes his greatest personal characteristics are integrity and perseverance. He makes it a priority to

be respectful to others and offer to help whenever he sees a need. Hilton says, "I would like to be remembered as the one-man help desk."

The seniors of the month for **March 2011** are **Taelor Jones** and **Robert Anderson**. They were honored on March 18, 2011, at a weekly luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oberlin Inn.

While attending Oberlin High School, **Taelor Jones** has been involved in Student Council, Peer Mediation, National Honor Society, and has worked as a teacher's aide during her senior year for many teachers. Student council has given Jones an opportunity to collaborate and plan school-wide functions and to learn leadership skills. She has learned to mediate conflict between students in her role as peer mediator. Jones's dedication to her studies, excellent character, and community involvement earned her membership in National Honor Society. To round out her extracurricular activities, she ran indoor track, allowing her to stay in shape and make the acquaintance of other young people from the county at meets.

Outside of school, Jones is active in her church's youth department, helping to usher at services and greet guests. She has been employed at Gibson's Bakery, where she has performed various duties and earned money for the many expenses of her senior year. Last summer, Jones was a member of the very first Apollo Outreach Summer Media Workshop with Oberlin College. There she worked with college and high school students to develop a commercial. Jones also attended a two-week summer program sponsored by NASA in 2009 and was a part of the John Mercer Langston Academy summer workshop in Oberlin for two years.

After graduating from high school, Jones plans to attend college and major in psychology. She would like to use her degree to help others, and someday work for the FBI. Jones has applied to four colleges and has already been accepted to Morgan State University in Maryland. She is waiting to hear from other schools as well.

Part of Jones's commitment to community service centers around the programs at The *Bridge* summer camp programs with Oberlin Public Library. She has learned the tremendous value of the computer center, since her mother, Stephanie Jones, is the director. Jones's other community service was helping with Safety Town, a pre-school summer

program that teaches safety to children. Jones believes her greatest strength is being able to work with all people, young or old. She values the opinions and views of others. She is a good listener and demonstrates respect and fairness. Jones would like to be remembered by her teachers and fellow students as the student that was friendly and fair.

Robert Anderson has been active in sports all his life, focusing on soccer and track at Oberlin High School. He has been a member of both the junior varsity and varsity soccer team for four years. In track, Anderson has mastered the 400-meter dash, high jump, and 200-meter dash. Outside of school, he has practiced martial arts since he was eight years old.

In his sophomore year, Anderson volunteered at the after school program at Eastwood School supervising Bidy Basketball. Dedication, commitment and positive attitude made him a valued staff member of this program. Anderson has coached the young people for two years. During the summer Anderson is part of the City of Oberlin Recreation Staff, working at the playground with children from 4 to 12 years of age. He also works the concession stand at the baseball fields by Splash Zone.

Anderson plans to major in elementary education in college. He wishes to teach children in grades two through six. Anderson hopes to attend Kent State University. He is presently in the Teacher Education Exploration (TEE) Program through the Lorain County Joint Vocational School (LCJVS) and Lorain County Community College (LCCC). Everyday he goes to the elementary school where he helps students in reading in math. His community service includes helping children in all of the programs mentioned above.

Anderson believes his biggest strength is that he is not afraid to get out of his comfort zone or talk to anyone. He loves to get involved with people and help in any way necessary. He would like to be remembered as the student who would always smile and help others.





DAVID L. DAYNE

2010 - 2011

GOVERNOR ELECT, ROTARY DISTRICT 6600
HOME CLUB - GALION

April 10, 2011

Greetings to all 2010-2011 Presidents and President Elects,

As you are aware, the Rotary District 6600 Conference will be held the weekend of April 29th, 30th and May 1st at Fort Rapids Water Park in Columbus, Ohio.

Rotary District 6600 has the opportunity to help with another MESA project for the country of Honduras in Central America. I'd like to ask all of you a question. How would you like to bring your precious, newborn baby home from the hospital wrapped in newspaper? Such is the plight of many children in Honduras.

That is why I would like to invite your club to participate in a project to help the people of Honduras. **All types of summer clothes** are needed for men, women and children, with a special emphasis being placed on **baby clothes** and especially on **receiving blankets** or other blankets in which to wrap newborns. Any used clothing should be in good condition and clean.

All items should be placed in plastic garbage bags, tied, and brought to the District Conference. These clothing bags are also useful as packing material in MESA shipping containers to cushion valuable equipment to prevent damage in shipping.

The MESA truck will be parked near the entrance to Fort Rapids for you to drop off your bags as you arrive at the conference.

The Rotary theme this year is Building Communities, Bridging Continents. If you look on a map at the location of Honduras, it is on a "bridge" of land between two continents - North and South America. Let's help build up the communities in Honduras and flood them with receiving blankets so that not one more newborn will have to leave the hospital wrapped in newspaper!

Thank you for any help you can give. MESA is also very appreciative of your donations.

Yours in Rotary,

Carol Dayne
District Governor Spouse



Rotary District 6600



Did you know that there are 33,000 Rotary Clubs and over 1,200,000 members worldwide? Come to the District Conference and meet some fantastic Youth Exchange participants and some outstanding young professionals who are part of our Group Study Exchange program from around the world! We are Rotary International. See the "International" part played out!

Meet our Rotary Youth Exchange Students shown with District Governor Dayne in the ten-gallon hat!



District 6600 GSE Team



Team Leader
Do Nguyen



Barry Allen



Clayton Rosati



Maureen Meyer



Christy Rakness

Our District 6600 Outbound Group Study Exchange participants are headed to South Korea in April. Meet these impressive young professionals as well as their counterparts from South Korea. Rotarian Team Leader Do Nguyen is from Maumee Rotary, Barry Allen is from Bowling Green, Clayton Rosati is from Findlay, Maureen Meyer is from Maumee, and Christy Rakness is from Reynolds Corner.

The 2011 District 6600 Conference April 29, 30, May 1, 2011

Fort Rapids Indoor Waterpark Resort

4560 Hilton Corporate Drive

Columbus, OH 43232

877-33-SPLASH

www.FortRapids.com

Register now
at
www.rotarydistrict6600.org



Attention parents and grandparents:

The Waterpark is a great place to bring your kids and grand-kids. Oh yeah!

For additional information, please contact Conference Chairman Dennis Crim at dcrim@columbus.tr.com

Rotary Club of Oberlin

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Don Heuring, Past-President

Gerry Findlan, Treasurer/Secretary

Heidi Freas, Deputy Treasurer

Rex Engle, Sergeant-at-Arms

Oberlin Rotary Directors...

Mary Aufdenkampe

Maxine Houck

Melanie Satterfield

Chris Walter

Oberlin Rotary Service Directors...

Club Service: Melanie Satterfield

Community Service: Chris Walter

Vocational Service: Maxine Houck

Int'l Service: Mary Aufdenkampe

Oberlin Memorial Fund...

John D. Cole, PDG, Charitability

Rex Engle, Scholarships

Committee Chairs...

Fellowship: Tad Cowling/Christina Nichols

Program: Curt Paul

Oberlin Rotarians in District Leadership

Mary Aufdenkampe: Group Study Exchng.

John Cole: Chair of STRIVE; PDG

Ronnie Cole: Asst. Gov. Area 14

Jim Hieb: District Trainer

District 6600 Governor...

David Dayne

Rotary International President...

Ray Klingensmith

A heartfelt thank you to all of the contributors to this issue of the Oberlin Rotary Chronicles!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

March 24—G. Cowling

March 26—Wessell

April 3—Nichols

April 4—Heuring

April 8—Houck

April 12—Horton

April 29—Walter

April 30—J. Cole

May 2—Holsworth

Anniversaries

March 20—Ira Steinberg (2 years)

March 20—Chris Walter (2 years)

April 24—Ronnie Cole (13 years)

April 28—Melanie Satterfield (5 years)

Object of Rotary

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
 2. High ethical standards in business and profession; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
 3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
 4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
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