



Oberlin Rotary

CHRONICLES

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

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September is New Generations Month

September 2010



SPEAKERS

September 10: Ms. Patricia Stein—GSE Team Leader to Brazil

September 17: Debbie Harris & Marianne Cochrane—Doggie Doo

September 24: Dr. Jeanne McKibben—Rotary in Egypt and Africa

EVENTS

September 18: Doogie Doo!

Doogie Doo – Sign up sheet will be passed for help in setting up, selling Hot Dogs and clean up.

October 16: Our annual Auction

Our annual Autumn Auction – “Harvest Hoedown”--- mark your calendar, this is our BIG fund raiser –Start thinking of items to collect.

November 19 thru December 17: Food Drive

Collection of Food, to help the Community Center. Distribution date to be announced.

November 26: Santa Claus is coming to town.

Santa comes to town and our yearly “Chili”---we will need volunteers to make the chili, cookies and hopefully the Inn will provide the hot Chocolate. We will have the Interact students be the “costume characters”

December 2010:

Date will be announced for the distribution of food at the Community Center.

December 17, 2010: Rotary Family Christmas Party

Friday evening: There will be no noon meeting that day.

FIRST TIME IS A CHARM!

Our first stab at the community yard sale was a success! We made \$514.10 to give to the Oberlin Senior Center of Neighborhood House Association. Our portion of the community sale was held in the parking lot of Cowling’s funeral home. We had lots of help from the Rotarians and the high school Interact kids. The left over items were picked up by the Easter Seals where they will also be put to good cause. The sale let us clean out our homes, help those in the community and allowed us be part of another worthy cause (Easter Seals). Thanks to all who helped. One person’s trash is another person’s treasure.

~Rtn. Melanie Satterfield

APPLY for DISTRICT 6000 GROUP STUDY TEAM LEADER



This Rotary year's Group Study Exchange will be with South Korea, Rotary District 3510. The area is approximately 3 hours south of Seoul. It is a 4 week exchange and we expect the Team Inbound from South Korea around April 16, 2011 and we will send our Outbound Team around May 14, 2011.

Team Leader interviews are being held at the Oberlin Inn on Friday, October 29, 2010, and Team Member (Non-Rotarian) interviews will be held Friday, November 19, 2010, also at the Oberlin Inn.

Please download and mail original application for consideration to Mary Aufdenkampe.

Summer Student Exchange Builds Bridges of Friendship

by Donna Shurr



Freshman, Amber Garcia has returned from her Rotary Short Term Exchange Program (STEP), which offers the opportunity for qualified students to experience a cultural exchange during the summer months. The STEP program is a family-to-family exchange experience - students travel abroad and also host an international student from the family they visit. Garcia spent four weeks in Istanbul, Turkey living with Zeynep Demirkilic and her family. Demirkilic and Garcia shared a photo slideshow and their impressions of the exchange at the Oberlin Inn during the noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club on Friday, July 30.

Garcia expressed her appreciation of the Demirkilic family's hospitality. Living in their home she learned the family traditions and food customs of Turkey. Garcia joined the Demirkilic family on their yearly vacation to visit their extended family in Giresun, Turkey, which is a mountainous small town in the country. This trip allowed her to experience the varied customs of city and country life in Turkey. The Demirkilic family lives in the large city of Istanbul where the children attend an International Baccalaureate School. When she visited Oberlin High School with Garcia,

Demirkilic noted a few differences. "Students do not have lockers and teachers do not have classrooms. Students in Turkey stay in the same room with open cubbies where they store their supplies. Teachers switch rooms so they do not have classrooms. Teachers do not decorate the classroom, the students do. Students in most schools wear uniforms with no jewelry or makeup rather than having an open dress code."

During her visit, Garcia was also able to visit with the six Turkish students who came to Oberlin in May through the exchange program with Bahcesehir College in Istanbul. She spent a weekend with Izel Uygur and her family. Uygur lived with Garcia during her exchange in Oberlin. She gave Garcia a tour of Izmit, Turkey and introduced Garcia to her friends as Garcia had done with Uygur in the spring.

Demirkilic has been in Oberlin for a little over a week and says, "My favorite thing so far is snacks." She explained that children in Turkey do not eat between meals, so this has been a very new and enjoyable experience. Demirkilic has had many firsts. She really enjoyed going camping with the Garcia family. Although learning about the Amish and their traditions was interesting, roasting marshmallows over the open fire and eating "sommores" was her favorite part of camping in Amish Country.

Demirkilic visited Columbus and thought that COSI was a truly amazing place. She says, "It was fun and interesting while being educational." While in Columbus, Garcia and Demirkilic toured Ohio State University where Garcia's sister, Alyssa will be attending in the fall. Demirkilic learned about the university and will now add attending a US college to her future possibilities. She has enjoyed visiting Lake Erie beaches. Garcia notes, "Our beaches are very different from those in Turkey. The sea brings many big critters under feet in Turkey." Demirkilic comments, "Unlike Turkey there are many lifeguards on every beach we visited." She looks forward to going to Cedar Point before she returns home. Demirkilic says, "I love my stay in America and hope to return someday." Garcia is considering taking her junior year of high school in Turkey.

Notes and Information from your Club Sec / Treasurer

Thank You Notes Received

1. Bill Stetson golf event wrote to thank the club for our support, they included a picture of some of the club members who participated in this event. By the way, congratulations to President Tad, whose team won the trophy.
2. Carol Dayne, DG Dave's wife, wrote the club a personal thank you note after her husband's recent visit to our club. Her note was passed around at recent club meetings.

Average attendance for the month of August was about 64%

Highlights from the August Board Meeting:

Financial Report

1. July 2010, approved as presented. **Balance in general fund as of July 31st, was \$9878.42**
2. Auditor report re 2009 -2010 general fund. Cowling shared the result of the audit by R. Cooper. Cooper verified that that general fund books are an accurate representation of FY 2009-2010.

Memorial Fund

1. Balance 7/30 was \$216287.82.
2. Will spend \$10,000.00 in early Sept for scholarships.
3. Have a request for \$250.00 Strive scholarship.
4. Received some contributions for the challenge grant.

Community Fund

1. 6/30 balance \$71,471.00. J. Cole noted that of this some \$18,000.00 is available for community projects (balance being the Ninde challenge fund).
2. Decided to seek sponsor(s) for adult beverages at Paul Harris event. Board felt it was impolite to invite guests and then charge them for drinks.
3. J. Cole presented information on a MESA project to acquire the pumper truck that the Oberlin Fire Dept will be retiring in early 2011. Engle "Propose Oberlin Rotary contribute \$3500.00 toward the fire truck purchase and that the club seek a match of \$3500.00 from MESA.

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

Director's Reports

Club Service - Satterfield

1. Have a committee of 4 people to help at Garage Sale. Easter Seals will pickup the left over items from the garage sale at Tad's. Proceeds from this event to go to Senior Center to sponsor a field trip day.

Community Service - Walter: No report

International Service - Aufdenkampe

1. Youth Exchange need to develop contacts with the schools we are involved with. The number of participants is down from previous years. Engle suggested asking Amber Garcia to be a spokesperson for this program.
2. A BIG thank you to Sue Bowers (Allen) and Satterfield for donations of medical equipment.

Vocational Service - Houck:

Working on getting STRIVE organized.

Program Chair - Paul:

Sam Battle is willing to do a program for us.

Fellowship Chair - Cowling:

Next event is Aug 27th, Fireside chat at 6 pm

New Business

1. Purchase 4 Way Test "coloring" books for use in the schools.
2. Purchase DVD re 4 Way Ethics Test
3. Art Auction proposal: No action taken
4. MESA 2011 Motorcycle Event. Cowling: Felt this would not be appropriate or appreciated in Oberlin.
5. Discussion re: MLK park. Board felt that there should be an allocation of funds to support this project and that we should ask Walter (Ultimate Landscaping) what the cost of various levels of service would be. Cowling to take care of this.

Next scheduled Board meeting:

Sept 21st at 5:30 pm at Cowling's. All are welcome to attend.

Yours in Rotary,



Gerry Findlan
Secretary / Treasurer

Living Green Bags

The "Living Green" bags are in and available. We will be using them as promotional items at area events. Keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities regarding distribution of the bags.

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Oberlin Rotary Officers...

Tad Cowling, President
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

September 5—Eric Severs
September 14—Ronnie Cole
September 17—Roger Cooper

Anniversaries

September 17—Donna Shurr (6 years)
September 18—Chris Fletcher (1 year)
September 28—Roger Cooper (44 years)
September 28—Rex Engle (20 years)
September 28—Gerry Findlan (20 years)
September 29—Judy Riggle (10 years)

HARVEST HOEDOWN ANNUAL AUCTION UPDATE!

Saturday, October 16th



AUCTION RAFFLE TICKETS

\$1000 Cold Hard Cash

All Rotarians have or will receive their share of the auction raffle tickets to sell. Please sell all tickets that are given to you.

Return the stubs and money to Mindy at John Cole's office at 13 South Main Street, (440) 774-4534 on or before TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th.

The tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held at the auction and the winner need not be present.