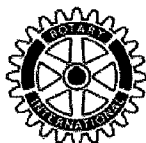


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What is Your Concept of Peace?

Rotary International's president-elect is Sakuji Tanaka. In the February issue of *The Rotarian*, he is interviewed about his election, his goals, his history as a Rotarian and his roots in Japan. A very humble individual emerges from reading his answers, but a very clear dedication and commitment to "peace through service" is heard loud and clear.

When asked how he defines "peace," he admits it is an abstract concept, different for almost every individual. In the end, he feels that if each person is able to have a dream and the ability to fulfill it, that is the ultimate peace. He is hopeful that during his year (2012-2013), each Rotary club will devote at least one meeting to discuss what the club's perception of peace is. He feels that 34,000 clubs in 34,000 communities working hard locally for peace will bring the entire planet closer to world peace.

Reading and hearing the news of recent weeks in our community reminds us that even in Steubenville, Ohio, there is a lack of peace. The shootings and violence recently reported are a sad commentary on a place where most of us go through our daily lives feeling, if not at peace, at least safe. Part of Tanaka's encouragement for discussion is, no doubt, that very agenda. What is the difference between being safe and being at peace? How do we as Rotarians help to facilitate peace right here at home?

RI President Banerjee writes, "When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example, by working together . . . by putting other people's needs above our own."

Our current and incoming presidents have issued a challenge to each club to work for peace in our world. This goal should be one we accept as we serve as Steubenville Rotary.

What a great beginning!

President-elect Jim Emmerling entertained, enlightened and challenged us. Thanks, Jim!

1/6 Robin Capehart, President of West Liberty University, was charming, humorous and dynamic, especially as he described his University's dedication to developing entrepreneurs.

1/13 Willie Paul, Councilman from the Fifth Ward in Steubenville, wants to serve his constituents without seeking any reward for his work. He is a second generation public servant.

1/20 Neal Huntington is the 12th general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is working to assemble great people, build great systems and produce great results for the team. He asks for our patience and support.

1/27 David Mathieu, Vice President of The Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley, provided a blow by blow description of the current health care plan, which appears to signal the end of small business as we know it.

February - Already!?

Sue Hershey will serve as program chair this month. Here are her plans for us:

2/3 Craig Gossman, owner of the company that is coordinating and completing the city-wide comprehensive plan will tell us about it.

2/10 Mike McGlumphy, of the CAC employment services department will talk about new jobs available here due to the oil and gas drilling.

2/17 Sally Wehr is president of the Jefferson County Humane Society. She will describe their work at the newly completed animal shelter.

2/24 George Kondik, Rotarian and newly elected mayor of Weirton, will give us an update on our sister-community so near yet so far.

A Few High Notes

from Carolyn . . .



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is “to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.”

I would like to challenge each of you to consider a donation before July 2012. There are many ways to become involved in improving our world. *The Rotary Foundation* is a very good vehicle for you to be part of this worthwhile mission. For those of you who are new to Rotary, you will be supporting Rotary’s six areas of focus. They are:

1. Peace and conflict prevention and resolution;
2. Disease prevention and treatment;
3. Water and sanitation;
4. Maternal and child health;
5. Basic education and literacy; and
6. Economic and community development.

I will be spending a minute or two at each meeting for the remainder of the year focusing on why we need to be part of The Rotary Foundation. We do a good job of taking care of our community and we can also help take care of the people in our world.

Many years ago, I lived in Korea. I had never seen real poverty before. I remember walking into the home of Mr. Choi, a Korean employee of the Army base. I had been invited to meet his family and the baby that I had been helping by sending formula and baby food from the PX. His wife had been too ill to nurse her child. That moment changed my life. I looked at this one room home with a dirt floor and couldn’t imagine living like that.

We are so blessed to live in America, with everything we need at our disposal. Please be generous with your abundance. It will change you.

Dates to remember . . .

2/3 Second raffle drawing of the Rotary year.

2/5 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s to benefit the United Way of Jefferson County \$5
7:00 - 10:00 AM

2/8 Rotary Board Meeting - Noon at the “Y”
All members are welcome.

2/22 Last day to contribute to RYLA goody bags

3/3 WQED “DooWop” concert. See Bob Hargrave for details and ticket information.

Did you Know . . .

. . . That the 50/50 drawings were won by Suzanne Kresser, Don Richardson, Tom D’Anniballe and Adam Scurti. Thanks for supporting our scholarships.

. . . That the United Way Campaign is drawing to a close. In these past few weeks, a huge effort has been made to reach the 2012 goal. If you haven’t had a chance to make a pledge, please call Nancy or Ross and help get to 100%!

. . . That Carolyn and Alan Hall presented *The Invisible One* by Stef Penney, *Are You Smart Enough to Work at Google* by William Poundstone, *A Giant Crush* by Gennifer Choldenko (children’s book) and *The Art of French Baking* by Ginette Mathiot. Isn’t this a great idea for our club and our library?

. . . That we welcome Paul Rothfuss and Jerry Klinessmith into our club membership. Suzanne has organized a “new Rotarian” committee to help educate and assimilate new members into our Rotary family. Please help make them feel welcome here.

. . . That Grandfather Pete Chalfant has reported that he has a new grandson named Teddy. Congratulations to the growing Chalfant family!

. . . That our first monthly raffle drawing was won by Jim Talbott of Cadiz. He is Ashley Steele’s grandfather.

Visitors and Guests

We entertained Jason Mulberry, Matt Gallabrese, Wayne Hardy, Dave Stasiulewicz, Tom Timmons, Karen Majoris, Jason Mayberry, Tom D’Anniballe, Jennifer Bucksmelter, Dave Matthieu and Rotarians Alex Marshall and Roger Lyons.

Student Guests

Father Richard introduced us to two local students, Christy Renforth and Brian Sizemore. Their fascinating biographies indicate that although the university attracts many bright and gifted people from around the world and across the country, it also appeals to the motivated and smart young people here at home.

Your Editor's Opinion

A Real Trip . . .

Recently, Bob and I decided to take a quick trip to New York City. We started out in a driving snow storm, spent hours being de-iced, spent more hours sitting in an airport cancelling reservations for various eating experiences we had looked forward to sharing, sitting on the plane itself waiting for a radio to be changed out, waiting even longer for the paper work to be signed saying that the radio was repaired and finally, taking off, soaring into the night sky to arrive in New York a full eight hours later than expected.

Has this ever happened to you? As I was describing the experience to my neighbors, and they were being properly sympathetic, but then they asked, "So what did you do all that time? I bet you missed out on a lot of what you hoped to do in the city."

You know, as I thought about it, we really didn't. We had hoped to make a couple of specific purchases, which we did. We got to three of the four restaurants I hoped we'd visit. We got to see *Godspell*, which was just fabulous, and on our lost day in the Philadelphia airport, we got to talk to each other, trounce each other in cards and in general, enjoy each other's company with no distractions except the constantly changing status of our flight. It was a good time.

As the hours and days go rapidly by in our lives, I am trying harder and harder to make the most of "time." I want to savor moments, make opportunities out of annoyances, molehills out of self-proclaimed mountains. It's amazing when you think about it how many things beyond your control can either control you (making you angry, frustrated, exasperated and altogether unfriendly) or can be managed (filling the time with enjoyable conversation, reading something you haven't had time to see yet, watching a bit of news or the Buckeyes beat Michigan in basketball).

Carolyn is asking us to spend a little "time" with her considering our obligation to the RI Foundation. I hope we see the world view she is trying to paint for us, to realize how as we join with millions of others around the Rotary world, our time and dollars multiply and we become part of a huge, successful solution to people around the globe.

February Birthdays:

This month we'll get to sing to Kathy Cardiff, Desi Gampolo, Suzanne Kresser, Danny Manalac, Don Richardson, Bill Rhinehart and Jodi Scheetz.

Time for some humor:

[From Asst. Humor Editor Dick McGowan]

Scientists have found a way to genetically cross a praying mantis with a termite. In other words, they've created an insect that says grace before it eats your house.

A taxi driver and a minister arrived in heaven at the same time. The taxi driver was led to a palatial suite and the minister was given a small room. "I don't get it," the minister said. "All he did was drive a cab. I was in the ministry for decades."

"Up here, we go by results," St. Peter said. "While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed."

A man and his little girl were on an overcrowded elevator. Suddenly a lady in front turned around, slapped him and left in a huff. The little girl remarked, "I didn't like her either, Daddy. She stepped on my toe, so I pinched her."

One of the great mysteries of life is how the idiot who married your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the world.

"Before I take this job," the young applicant said, "I have one question. Are they hours long?"

"Well," the boss replied, "we try our best to keep them limited to sixty minutes."

A young man fell in love with a young woman. One afternoon, she hinted that her birthday was the next day. The young man declared that he'd send her a bouquet of roses, one for each year of her life. That night, he called and requested the delivery of twenty roses. As the florist filled the order, she decided to reward one of her best customers - by adding 10 more for good measure.
