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2011 - A Disappearing Act!

Where did it go, the year just past? We have barely gotten used to writing 2011 on checks and now it's time to learn to write 2012. The first six months of Carolyn's presidency has come and gone, and it has been an exciting time for our club.

No one who attended the Christmas party could feel anything but joy after singing with the children and watching their faces as Santa appeared. Those faithful who worked on the landscaping at the "YWCA" and in Beatty Park should take great pride in the beauty they have provided to our community. Anyone who donated to the on-going Polio-Plus fund should realize how close Rotary is to eliminating this disease from the world.

Our speakers have been diverse, informative and entertaining. From the "getting to know your city" month Cathy Davison brought us, to the strains of Mark Miller's jazz group, to the many programs on what the future of shale may hold for our area, to the sports arriving at FUS and words of wisdom from locals Dominic Teramana, Jane Hanlin and Angela Suggs, we have heard and learned so much.

Rotary is such a special environment for fostering fellowship and friendship. When two weeks go by without Rotary, it is a noticeable omission from our usual routine. This Friday, we will be back to "normal," with new programs, new plans, our drawing for the fund raiser and hopefully in a quest to seek new members to help strengthen our club for the future.

In a Rotary e-mail magazine, RI President Banerjee writes about Rotary's first century, in which growth in membership and clubs was constant and consistent. Today, all of Rotary is experiencing a downturn in numbers. He encourages us to be inspired by the words of Paul Harris. "Individual efforts may be turned to individual needs, but combined effort should be dedicated to serve mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Programs For a New Year!

President-elect Jim Emmerling has prepared the following for our January meetings:

1/6 Robin Capehart, President of West Liberty University, will speak to us on "The Role Played by Colleges and Universities in Meeting the Economic Needs of the State."

1 /13 Willie Paul, Councilman from the Fifth Ward in Steubenville, will give us his views on our local strengths and needs.

1/20 Frank Coonelly, President of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will visit and bring us up to date on the team and the hope for the coming season of baseball.

1/27 David Mathieu, Vice President of The Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley, will discuss health care in the U.S. and right here at home.

December's Programs:

Kyle Brown and Donna Hauser filled the three Fridays in December with some interesting folks.

12/2 Tad Embrey of PennTrust, Carrie Moon of Ameri-Serv and Paul Quarantillo, representing labor, discussed the investment of pension funds in local real estate ventures. They indicated there were dollars to be had for projects here in the Ohio Valley due to the desire of local labor to encourage and foster development.

12/9 Santa, singing, pizza and presents made the day very special for many children from Steubenville schools. The smell of oranges (provided by John Criss and Karl Brandt) made the atmosphere even more festive.

12/16 Dick Aberli from American Electric Power, described the 7-year project at the Cardinal plant, removing 98% of the sulfur dioxide, creating 30 new permanent jobs and using Ohio coal. They have made the investment for our county's future.

A Few High Notes

from Carolyn . . .



Happy New Year - one and all! We now begin the 2012 part of my year as Rotary President. And to start it off, I get to report some really good news!

I received a call from Sue Hershey just before Christmas telling me that we would be receiving a generous donation from someone who had been touched by Rotary. She wasn't sure whether I could mention the name of the donor or not. So today, I called to thank him and find out just why he chose Steubenville Rotary as the recipient and to see if our members could know who he is.

It seems that many years ago, this man had known a Rotary exchange student from South Africa and through that friendship had visited that country for a few months. He also mentioned that throughout the years, he had the opportunity to get to know and respect Rotarians George Matthey, Bill Rhinehart, Dick Powell, Dick McGowan and Danny Manalac. It was because of Rotary's influence and dedication to the area that he chose to come back to the Ohio Valley after college. Although he had never joined Rotary because of his work schedule, he had the utmost respect for the organization.

Now, our club will benefit from the generosity of Bill Cable, President of Austin Lake Park and Campgrounds, Inc. We appreciate him and will be able to help many people because of his gift to us of \$4,100.00. If you know Bill, be sure to let him know how grateful our club is for his investment in us. We will work to put it to very good use in "Service Above Self."

Dates to remember . . .

- 1/6 First raffle drawing of the Rotary year.
- 1/11 Rotary Board Meeting - Noon at the "Y"
All members are welcome. This is an easy way to make up a missed meeting.

Did you Know . . .

- . . . That the 50/50 drawing held on 12/2 was won by Father Richard Davis.
- . . . That our special Christmas raffle drawing was won on 12/2 by Bryan Felmet. Tickets are still available for sale from Kathy Musso. This is our major fund raiser this year, so be sure to participate as much as you can.
- . . . That the gift wrappers did a wonderful job getting all the presents wrapped for the Christmas party. It was only an hour of work and every child received his/her toy.
- . . . That the United Way Campaign is in full swing chaired this year by Tom and Suzanne Brown. See Nancy Grim to find out how you can help make this 2012 campaign a success.
- . . . That Carolyn and Alan Hall presented *Paint Ideas and Projects*, a compilation and a children's book, *Swirl by Swirl*, by Joyce Sidman.
- . . . That Paul Rothfuss, general manager of Key Market Radio, is proposed for membership by Marty Hauser. He was a Rotarian in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- . . . That Robin Snider-Flohr has proposed Jerry Klinessmith, Dean at Eastern Gateway Community College for membership.
- . . . That Tom Graham, Mike Mehalik and Ashley Steele have been elected by the club as the newest class of directors. Congratulations!
- . . . That we thank our members who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive and Chuck Govey for organizing the day for us.

Visitors and Guests

We entertained Anita Jackson, Marissa Ross, Paul Rothfuss, Jerry Klinessmith, Sean Hall and from Big Red Ted Gorman and students Emily Baird, Leshawn Luke and Hanna Meyer.

Your Editor's Opinion

Starting over - again . . .

As this year opens its door to new adventures and opportunities, I find myself a little apprehensive in thinking about what's in store. Although, for the first time in a long time, there are indications that the local economy could see growth from a new industry in our area, it also seems uncertain as to what the long term impact may be.

When riding to work this morning, (one flake of snow/my car won't go), I was thinking that it isn't fun to get out in the cold and near darkness to face another day of seeking work, performing it safely and making some money from it. Sometimes that challenge thrills me. Today, it just made me shiver.

Yesterday, Bob and I took down the Christmas decorations. It took all day, and we were very organized, but the time went so fast from put-up to take-down, I hardly remember all that went on in between. Our house is really beautiful at Christmas, but I will say that once all of those trees and Santas get stowed, it's still a pretty place to live.

I am worried about this nasty political year we are about to face. Regardless of where you fall on the spectrum from liberal to conservative, surely no one is looking forward to the mean spirited ads and millions of dollars thrown at the voting public to attempt to elect the most important leader in the world.

I am worried about our charities and our service clubs. Reading RI President Banerjee's quote from Paul Harris made me sad, thinking how hard it is to inspire volunteerism, generosity and selflessness.

But then, I glanced at the last few lines from my column in December, and suddenly, these New Year's blues perked up a bit.

Thinking about standing with my candle by my husband on Christmas Eve made me smile. Reflecting on the fact that, even though he grumbles about all the young people in the Recorder's Office doing title searches, it means this business thing is taking off. Sitting next to him on the way to work and knowing he will come and get me at the end of this chilly day warmed me up right away.

Spending the day yesterday in the quiet, just the two of us working like a well oiled machine was another Christmas treat, wrapping up the week long trek of children and grandchildren, food and frivolity with "heavenly peace."

Sharing meals, not just with family, but with very special neighbors is another blessing I received twice this past week.

Knowing that our club is about to embrace two new members brightened my spirit about our future here. For us in Steubenville Rotary, we have opportunities to serve and to make a difference.

The new year will be what we determine to make it. I'm determined to make it better - one new day at a time.

January Birthdays:

Celebrate with Jim Baber, Lou Berkman, Buzz Cattrell, Ross Gallabrese, Richard Pflug, Louise Snider and Cory Wingett.

Time for some humor:

A sportswriter interviewed a college football coach about his star player. "He's great on the field," the writer noted, "but how is he in the classroom?"

"He makes straight A's," the coach responded.

"That's terrific!"

"Yes, but his B's are a little slanted."

Lexiphiles: (lovers of words)

To write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless!

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a . . . dead giveaway!

A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year old was . . . resisting a rest.

He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.

When fish are in schools they sometimes . . . take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.

When little Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every member of her family, every friend and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after she had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her routine, which her mom heard each evening.

When mom's curiosity got the best of her, she said, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about the girls?"

Kelli answered, "Because everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All Men!'"