

ROTO NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

- Ticket Extravaganza –Drawing December 5th.
- Turkey Day - Nov. 27th
- Senior Recognition Lunch, Dec. 19th.

President: Adam Sonnhalter
Pres. Elect: Shawn Mueller
Secretary: Carl Commons
Treasurer: Bob Bunsey
Sgt. At Arms: George Stokes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2008

November in Rotary International is The Rotary Foundation Month. November is also Thanksgiving month in the U.S. This makes it a perfect time for me to say thanks to our many wonderful members as well as clear up some potential confusion among our members (particularly the newer ones) as it relates to our two foundations.

The Rotary Foundation ("TRF") refers to the non-profit corporation set up by Rotary International which is supported by volunteer contributions from Rotarians and friends of TRF who share its vision for a better world. The mission of TRF 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. The recent Bobby Endeavor sponsored by our District Governor Fran Bayless benefited TRF. Our generous members alone donated \$657.50 for this project and our District 6630 donated a total of \$102,226.50. Every dollar donated by Rotarians to TRF counts toward their individual Paul Harris Fellow credits as well as their annual Every Rotarian Every Year contribution.

TRF is not to be confused with the North Ridgeville Rotary Club Foundation, which is the non-profit corporation set up by our club with the purpose of creating an endowment to provide college scholarships to North Ridgeville residents. Our club's foundation has been supported by individual contributions as well as our annual Night at the Races, which was just held on Saturday November 1st. Thanks to the hard work of many of our members, in particular Kerry and Shawn Mueller, Dotty Alberto, Chuck Sword, Bob Bunsey, Doug Charboneau, Joe Martin, and Kim Cromwell, we raised well over \$1,000 at this year's Night at the Races to benefit our club's foundation.

One of the great things about Rotary is that it enables us to make a difference not only in our community, but also the world. Our respective Foundations are one way for us to choose to participate in Rotary. An added benefit of both of our Foundations is that each dollar donated to the Foundations are tax deductible. How can you beat that, doing good and saving on taxes all at once!

Yours in Rotary,



PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Three
Themes:**

Kangaroos

26,000

50

Treasurer Bob says our checking balance is \$5,119.84 and the Endowment has over \$16,600.



This lady is worth over \$650.
Are you feeling lucky?

As you all know, the North Ridgeville Rotary President is scheduled for his semi-annual review on Saturday, December 6th. Yes, that's right..... the President's entire year is judged by the quality of his/her Christmas Party. Will you be there to give a fair evaluation or will you rely on the memory of a Foster's (that's Australian for beer) drinking kangaroo.

The Party starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonnhalter residence.....8726 Mosswood Circle in beautiful North Ridgeville. Please RSVP online or call 440-377-0216.



TICKET EXTRAVAGANZA DRAWING DEC 5TH

The ticket extravaganza has been expanded this year. There will be 3 winners each garnering tickets to 5 events. **Prize #1** includes: Browns vs. Bengals 12/21, Restaurant Gift Card, Cedar Point Passes, 2 Movie Tickets, Pro Football Hall of Fame tickets.

Prize #2 gets a Cavs Game, Comedy Club Passes, Restaurant Gift Card, 2 Movie Passes, Circus Tickets.

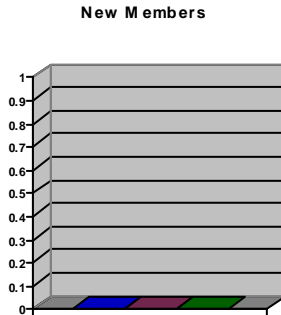
Prize #3 goes to see the Indians, Home & Garden Show, Restaurant Gift Cards, 2 Movie Passes, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Passes.



2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

You're all making my job here pretty easy. With no new members through October 31st I have nothing to write about.

Now remember our goal is 50 kangaroos.

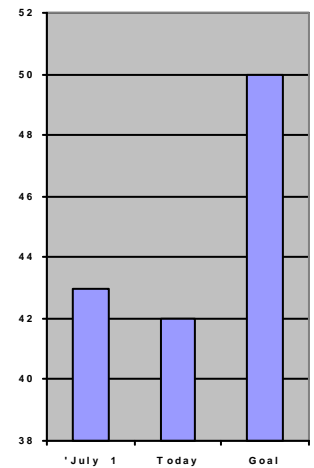


Blue Team:
Capt. Dennis Boose
Asst. Shawn Mueller

Red Team:
Capt. Adam Sonnhalter
Asst. Warren Blakely

Green Team:
Capt. George Stokes
Asst. Casey O'Connor

Members Goal: 50



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Emil Bagi will join PDG (Past District Governor) Jack Young and his team for a trip to Nicaragua. Emil will be on the Rotary Mission trip associated with the Children of the Dump on Dec 2-9th.

Emil, remember, pictures, pictures, pictures.



SGT AT ARMS- FINES FOR NOVEMBER

Birthday Fines:

- Dotty Alberto
- Wade Hammond
- Ron Schwachenwald
- Kim Cromwell
- Tom Klear
- Emil Bagi

Anniversary Fines:

- Joe Martin
- Mike Kis
- Pat Blakely
- Warren Blakely



*‘I’m the finor ... and you’re the finee...
.....tink, tink, tink...’*

-George Stokes

FLEA MARKET

Do you have items for sale, trade, free, free to good home? Is your spouse nagging you to clean out your closet? Did your boss tell you to clean out your desk? Did you tell your boss where to stick his desk?

Get rid of your stuff by listing it here.

Send all submissions to me at jmartin@be4tax.com

Wanted: Submissions

I really want club members to know what each of us is doing both inside and outside the club. Do you have new products, new services, vacation pictures, funny stories. I want this stuff to put in the newsletter. As you may have noticed I try to change the pictures every month to keep things exciting. **No pictures ... no excitement.**

I think everyone was having a good time.

OCTOBERFEST PICTURES



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Courtney Tipple

Courtney is a Senior at North Ridgeville High School with a 4.0+ GPA. She is involved in Soccer, Student Council, French Club, National Honor Society, Jazz Band, Tennis, Cross Country, 4H, DECA. Courtney has been recognized for 2nd place in 07-08 DECA District Competition. 2008 Jr. Fair Reserve Champion White Face Market Lamb, 2008 Jr. Fair Reserve Champion Dog Showmanship, 1st place in

2007 Lorain County Public Speaking Contest, OMEA Class A clarinet solo-Superior Rating.

Carlos Dominguez

Carlos is a Senior at North Ridgeville High School. He is a member of A Capella Choir, Spectrum of Sound, Men's Ensemble, Band. He has been an National Merit Semifinalist, National Hispanic Scholar, Ohio Economics Challenge winner, North Olympiad Summer Program, USA Mathematics Talent Search invitee.

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Community Care: The club will again be buying potatoes this year for Community Care. The approximate cost is \$350. Contact Bob Bunsey if you can help deliver these.

Community Care has told us their time of greatest need is Feb/March/April. Therefore the club will help facilitate collections of Non-perishable goods during these months. More details to follow.

MEMBER BIOS

[Kathy LeRoy](#)

Kathy has been a realtor for 2 years and currently works for [Russell Real Estate Services](#). She is married to Ralph and has a son age 8 named Bryce. She has a dog and 3 cats. Kathy enjoys Camping, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Reading. Her favorite part of Rotary is fellowship and Service Projects. Rotary is very fulfilling for her and loves all the "Great People". She invited herself to Rotary when she found us online. Something no one knows "I've driven an 18 wheeler and backed it into a loading dock." Her key to success: "Two things are important to me: 1) Persistence- Half the battle is about not giving up, and 2) Attention to detail- Excellence is a process in which every little detail speaks to one's Intent, Commitment, and Character.

[Kim Cromwell](#)

Kim has worked at Maximum Graphix with her husband Greg for 10 years. She has two children Catherine and Corin and two grandchildren Angelina and Emma and a cat named Scruffy. Kim enjoys

reading, writing, Needlework and video games. She was invited to join Rotary by her husband and stays to "help people" and "interacting with other members." No one knows that Kim is "A video game junkie." Her key to success is "Excellent customer service- people can buy printing anywhere, It's how they're treated that brings them back to us."

[Dennis Johnson](#)

Denny has worked for the city for 5 years and prior to that he was a technician for Ameritech for 33 years. Denny is married to Roseanne and they have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 5 granddogs all living in North Ridgeville. Denny's hobbies are electronics, computers, and a 1962 MGA. His favorite part of Rotary is watching George pay a fine. His proudest moment in Rotary is "still to come-but he likes the local projects he has helped with". Dave Gillock invited him into the club and he stays because of "Results! Rotary makes a difference in people's lives locally and worldwide." Something we didn't need to know about Denny ... "BOXERS" and his key to success is "Expect to succeed. If you don't, at least you're better for the effort"

[Warren "Windy" Blakely](#)

Windy is retired but you wouldn't know it. He used to be a junk yard worker, Dairy Queen waiter, and a traffic survey counter (was this after your Michigan degree?) He is married to Pat and has three children, five grandchildren and he calls his spouse a pet. He has lived in North Ridgeville for 27 years. His proudest moment in Rotary is his Paul Harris Fellow award. Why he stays in Rotary "I enjoy all of you and the things we do." Chuck Sword invited him to lunch and Warren and George have been going at it ever since. Something no one knows about Warren "I'm really quite shy - but I put up a good front." His key to success is "get plenty of rest and don't be late for appointments."