

ROTO NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

- Fishing Derby– May 8th
- New Member Drive Lunch-June 19th

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2009

I had the privilege on Saturday April 4th to meet the current President of Rotary International, Dong Kurn ("DK") Lee, when he was in Cleveland for three days for a medical summit spearheaded by our District Governor Fran Bayless.



The timing of Mr. Lee's after dinner topic could not have been better. He stressed the importance of the Four Way Test Speech Contest. Not just the contest itself, but the message that is the foundation of the contest, the Four Way Test.

Mr. Lee made the point that when doing business, one can take great comfort in doing business with Rotarians because everyone knows that Rotarians apply the Four Way Test to their professional and personal lives. It is the guiding principle of the things we think, say and do. How comforting is it to know that in this ever shrinking world of

ours, where the economy is truly global, that you can find a Rotarian in nearly every civilized country on the planet?

It seems unlikely to me that we would be experiencing many of the problems we face in today's world if everyone applied the Four Way Test in their lives.

As you know, our club just completed our Four Way Test Speech Contest (it happened to be the day before I met DK Lee). The contest itself has always been one of my favorite annual events.

So I started thinking. How about applying the Four Way Test to our Four Way Test Speech Contest? What better way to help reinforce the benefits of the contest. Here it goes:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**? Sure it's the TRUTH, we held the contest on Friday April 3, 2009 with the winner being awarded \$150, a plaque, and a gift certificate plus the chance to compete at the District 6630 Four Way Test Speech Contest on April 18th to win as much as \$500 (the other participants received \$75, a plaque, and gift certificate). Simple enough way to start!
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? All of the contestants had several weeks to prepare for the contest. Each had to follow the same rules which included applying the Four Way Test to a topic which they are passionate about and they were each given 4-7 minutes to present. They could use note cards or recite their speech from memory and they all had access to speech teachers at the school to help hone their speeches. Seems FAIR to me!
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better friendships? Not only is the Four Way Test Speech Contest a great reminder of the importance of the Four Way Test for all of us Rotarians, it is a chance for us to introduce it to many non-Rotarians. As in prior years, we have many guests who attend the event. This year, we had 27 guests, including the seven students from North Ridgeville High School (the five contestants and two Students of the Month), four faculty members from the high school, parents, grandparents, and even a prospective member. What could be better to build GOODWILL and better friend-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CON'T

ships than having such a diverse group come together to break bread around the Four Way Test? So that's 3 for 3!

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned? Let's break down the "all concerned" to the following five categories and look at each one: i) contestants, ii) high school faculty/administration, iii) parents/grandparents of the contestants, iv) prospective members, and v) North Ridgeville Rotarians. The contestants benefited in the following ways: i) presented in front of adults vs. their peers which can be very intimidating for a teenager, ii) got out a message on something they are passionate about, iii) added to their resume/transcript, and oh yeah, iv) some cash and prizes! The high school faculty/administration: i) had a chance to show off some of their students, and ii) informed citizens and other interested parties in North Ridgeville about what the high school students have accomplished. The parents/grandparents of the contestants, i) saw their children and grandchildren perform and again make them proud, and ii) they were reminded what Rotary stands for and how it impacts the local and international community. The prospective members: i) got a good sense for the kind of impact Rotary can make, and ii) saw what our high school is capable of producing in terms of students and young adults. Finally, North Ridgeville Rotarians, in addition to all the benefits listed above: i) got some thought provoking topics to digest and ii) a great chance for us to promote our club and our city which should lead to the growth of our club.

Who knows how many of those 27 guests may become members of Rotary themselves or spread the word about Rotary to the people they know. It's sometimes easy to lose sight of the impact we do and can make as Rotarians, even with something as seemingly benign as a speech contest!

Yours in Rotary,
Adam Sonnhalter

SPRING FLING

Three
Themes:

Kangaroos

26,000

50



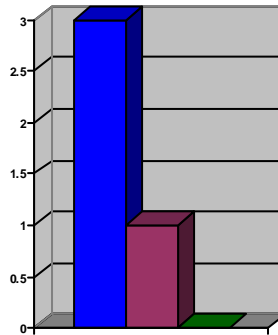
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Come to the next meeting to find out!!!



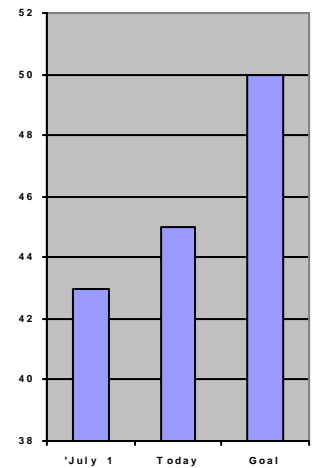
2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Remember, our goal is 50 kangaroos.

New Members



Members Goal: 50



Our former exchange student Ohm.

SGT AT ARMS- FINES FOR MARCH

Birthday Fines:

Paul Graupmann
 North Ridgeville Rotary Club
 Carl Commons

*"I'm the finor ... and
 you're the finee..."*

.....tink, tink, tink..."

Anniversary Fines:

Doug Charboneau
 Wade Hammond

*-George "The Hatter"
 Stokes*



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (BY TRACI PURDUM)

Rotary Club of North Ridgeville Students of the Month – April 2009

Eagle Scout Sets Sites on Cincinnati

North Ridgeville High School senior Jordan Akdogan knows what it takes to succeed in life. Indeed, Jordan is one of the elite few Boy Scouts who have gone on to earn an Eagle Scout distinction. To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills.

Jordan's background in Boy Scouts (he has been a Boy Scout all four years of high school and earned the Eagle Scout rank February 2008) certainly prepared him to attain other goals.

His well-rounded academic career includes sports – soccer, football (lettered) and track (lettered) – as well as being on the honor roll. Obviously, Jordan is no stranger to hard work. In fact, he has worked part-time all through high school at Olmsted Ice and recently added a second job to his resume – dishwasher and dietary aide at Bradley Bay Nursing Home.

Jordan's future plans include attending the University of Cincinnati to study mechanical engineering. He also plans to continue his power lifting and track and field career in college.

Stellar Student, Avid Volunteer Plans To Attend Medical School

Derek Lozano is a stellar student, a dedicated volunteer and a decorated athlete. Indeed, his 3.8 GPA has put him on the High Honor Roll and earned him National Honor Society membership as well as the ARC award all four years of high school.

His sports career includes football (he's a three-year letterman and served as team captain) and wrestling (four-year letterman and four-year team captain).

In addition to sports and academics, Derek is a member of the Jazz Band and a four-year member of the Symphonic Band at North Ridgeville High School where he has held the First-Chair percussionist seat all through high school.

To round out his high school career, Derek is a food-drive volunteer and also a Special Olympics volunteer.

His future education plans include attending a state university to study pre-med and the pursue a medical degree in physical therapy.

When not studying, playing sports or performing with the band, Derek works at Donatos Pizza and General Nutrition Center



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Submissions:

A Special thanks to **Emil**, for the photos of the Spring Fling. I took the Orchid photo at the Cleveland Botanical Garden in March and **Traci** wrote the Students of the Month description.

I really want everyone to know what we are 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. I want pictures of the stuff you

FOUR WAY SPEECH CONTEST

