

# ROTO NEWS

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**Upcoming Events:**

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- New Member Drive Lunch-June 19th

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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**May 2009**

I was at our District Conference on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and I wanted to pass along a message from Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman who spoke a handful of times over the course of the conference. The theme for Cliff's talk at the closing dinner was Rotary International for the next 50 years. His overarching message was to DREAM BIG!

A little background on Cliff. In addition to being a Past President of RI, Cliff has also held basically every position within RI that someone can hold, including a member of the Board of Directors as well as Chairman of The Rotary Foundation. One of the stories Cliff shared earlier in the weekend was how Rotary became involved with eradicating polio. As Cliff tells the story, it was a three person committee who met in 1982 to plan for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RI in 2005 and this committee wanted to set a big goal for RI. At the time, RI was more focused on projects at the club level vs. ones that involved all Rotarians. One of the 30+ ideas presented to the committee was to eradicate polio. This idea came based on a request from someone in the Philippines who wanted money from The Rotary Foundation to buy the polio vaccine to eradicate polio from the Philippines. The committee knew that it would be important to have an early victory like this in order to build interest and momentum for such a grand undertaking.

Fast forward to 1985 and the launch of the PolioPlus fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$120 million. The fundraising campaign concluded in 1988 with a record \$247 million raised. Since that time RI has partnered with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, national governments, and others to make this the world's most extensive public-private health undertaking. In 1985 over 120 countries had polio cases reported. By 1994, WHO declared the Americas polio-free followed by the Western Pacific region in 2000, and Europe in 2002. While we didn't achieve our goal of eradicating polio by 2005, to date, almost two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine, and there are only four countries where polio is active (Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India). Our work is not yet done, but polio will be eradicated.

The reason I share this background with you is because I found the idea of dreaming big to be very inspirational when combined with the history of PolioPlus. One of the great things about groups like Rotary is that it allows us to dream big dreams for what can be accomplished. This is true for goals we set both locally as well as internationally. We must constantly challenge ourselves to dream bigger dreams in all areas of our lives, not just in Rotary.

So what dreams do you have for our Rotary Club for the next 10, 20, or 50 years? What can we do to make a significant impact in North Ridgeville and around the world? What needs should we fill? What are you passionate about? We'll be meeting in the next month to have our club's Annual Strategic and Financial Planning session. Please send ideas and thoughts you have me or President Elect Shawn Mueller. We'll let you know when the date is set for our meeting and all members are encouraged to attend and discuss the future vision for our club. There's nothing we can't accomplish together!

Yours in Rotary,  
 Adam Sonnhalter



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT

**Three  
Themes:**

*Kangaroos*

*26,000*

*50*



**What is this lady is  
worth?  
Over \$1,015!!!**

Community Care of North Ridgeville is in the process of establishing a one-acre Community Garden that will be used to supply nutritious food to our fellow citizens who are in need. Community Care is currently assisting about 1,000 people.

The Community Garden is located at Calvary Ridge Church of the Nazarene, 34881 Center Ridge, across from Marcs.

Please consider supporting this effort in one or more of the following ways:

-your time: We are tentatively scheduling the planting for Saturday, May 23. There are a few things that need to come together in order to meet this deadline, but this seems to be a realistic goal. Help will be needed throughout the growing season with projects like weeding and harvesting. Please let me know if you can help plant on 5/23, or if you will have time to help later in the season. Contact me at 327-3108 or [rickwinrod@aol.com](mailto:rickwinrod@aol.com) and I will keep you updated as planting time approaches.

-another way you could help is to sponsor a row of plants, or bring a flat of plants with you on 5/23.

Here is our wish list:

- 16 flats of tomatoes
- 12 flats of peppers
- 4 flats of eggplant
- 10 flats of cabbage
- 24 flats of broccolli
- 2 flats of brussel sprouts
- 3 ounces of beet seed
- 4 ounces of carrot seed
- 75 sweet potato slips
- Summer and Winter squash seed
- 60 lbs of potato seed
- 240# (5 bags) of 19-19-19 fertilizer
- plastic mulch
- 1200' 2-foot chicken wire/critter fence fence with posts

**To avoid duplication of efforts, please let me know if you will be supplying any of the above items.** Contact me at 327-3108 or [rickwinrod@aol.com](mailto:rickwinrod@aol.com)

If you will be purchasing any of the above items, please patronize our local businesses.

Finally, if you wish to support this ongoing project financially, please send a check to:

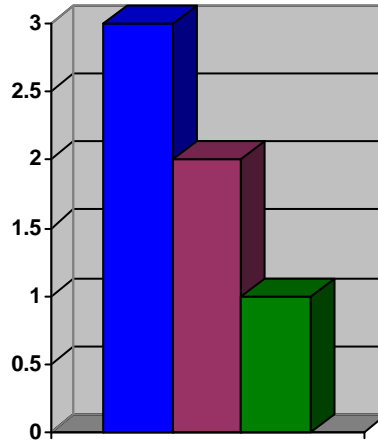
June Yost  
Community Care  
34015 Center Ridge  
**attn: Garden Fund**

Thank you.  
Rick Winrod  
327-3108

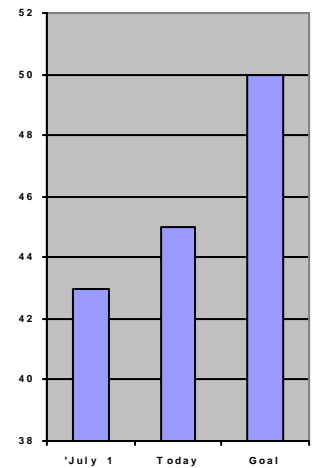
# 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

What do you call a group of Kangaroo's?  
**A mob!**

New Members



Members Goal: 50



## SGT AT ARMS- FINES FOR MAY

**Birthday Fines:**

- Kathy LeRoy
- Hyacinth Williams

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

**Anniversary Fines:**

- Chuck Sword
- Kerry Mueller

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

*-George Stokes*

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (BY TRACI PURDUM)

### **Sophomore Is Gifted In Arts And Academics**

Feyikemi Osundina has packed so many activities and academic achievements into her high school career that it makes you wonder what she will do with the next two years of school. Kemi, who is only a sophomore at North Ridgeville High School, is in Student Council, Spanish Club, Youth 4 Youth, and has earned a place on the High Honor Roll with a 4.5 GPA.

She also served as the school representative for HOBY and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the local Voice of Democracy competition.

Aside from academics, Kemi earned a Varsity letter in track and plays on the high school volleyball team.

To round out her already full schedule, Kemi plays oboe in the concert and symphonic bands and earned a 1 rating for her OMEA solo.

If all of those activities weren't enough, Kemi also is a gifted artist (the school identified her as gifted her freshman year) who enjoys painting landscapes with watercolors.

Despite having a few more years of high school, Kemi is already looking toward college. She plans to study anesthesiology, physical therapy, pediatrics or pharmacology. In fact, she is going to a pharmacy camp in the summer and hopes to volunteer at St. John West Shore Hospital.

### **Eastern Michigan And Art History Are On The Agenda**

A trip to California is etched on the mind of North Ridgeville High School senior Jessica Francu. She traveled there to participate in the State DECA/Delta Epsilon Chi competition – she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Buying & Merchandising section. DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service.

During her senior year, Jessica also participated in myriad other school activities including Student Council, National Honor Society, drama club and the George Enescu Choir. She also found time to volunteer at her church – St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, as well as Community Care in North Ridgeville.

In addition to the extracurricular activities, Jessica earned a place on the High Honor Roll. She also served as a church youth group convention delegate and earned a Golden Key Award in the Scholastic Art Show. In fact, she wants to continue a career in art at Eastern Michigan where she plans to study art history and literature. Her favorite period in art history is the Renaissance. Jessica aspires to earn a doctorate degree and become a college professor.

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Submissions:

A Special thanks to **Emil**, for the photos of the Fishing Derby 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 are doing.

## FISHING DERBY

