

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

None this week



MOMENT OF ROTARY

By

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We all see in our mind's eye a different thing when we hear the word Rotary. Whatever comes to mind is an accumulation of all that Rotary is or has become for us. Sometimes it is because of this different view we tend to struggle with what Rotary is. For me the road to Rotary began as a child, since my dad was in Rotary. There was always the Rotary picnic. As an adult my husband, Jim, was asked to join Rotary in 1979; he was asked to become President of his club in 1989 and it was at time that we began attending the District Conference. We have not missed a District Conference since (20 years). In 1990 I attended my first District Youth Exchange meeting and from there worked on the Elyria Youth Exchange Committee ad hoc until in 1995 when I was asked to become a charter member of the Elyria Sunrise Club. So, I have been an official Rotarian for eighteen years. During those eighteen years I have served on several different District Committees, I have served on the USA/Canada North American International Youth Exchange Committee, I was President of Elyria Sunrise Rotary Club, and I served on its Board. During my membership in Elyria Sunrise, at one time or another, I was the archivist, the new member chairperson, the Youth Exchange Chairperson, and I participated in the many different activities both service and fundraising that the club was involved in. We also had some great

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NEWSLETTER

DATE: January 14th 2009

“MAKE DREAMS REAL”

“Today”

President Lynn

“Subject”

Business meeting

PRESIDENT: Lynn Miggins

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: Lynn Miggins

KEYBOARD: Judy Somers

SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan

NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

Last Week:

Our club was honored to have two speakers, Linda Ulrich talked about the fairly new group, “Main Street Vermilion” and Janet Ruh talking about Vermilion’s newest endeavor, “An Ice-A-Fair to Remember.”

Linda took the podium first to explain the history and “workings” of Main Street Vermilion. She stated that, after WWII, people started to move out of the larger cities to the suburbs. After years of use, the suburbs commercial districts needed some revitalization in the downtown areas, thus the idea of “Main Street USA” was conceived. She said that in 1977, concerned about continuing threats to traditional commercial architecture in economically declining downtowns across America, the National Trust for Historic Preservation launched the “Main Street” project. The three year demonstration project was designed to study the reasons that so many downtowns were declining. There were pick cities chosen for the pilot program. The concept spread throughout the U.S. In the year, 2000, the downtown lighting project, started by Margaret Wakefield Worcester and Betsy Wakefield, was conceived and out of it came the idea of joining up with Main-Street USA. This is a 501c3 Corporation. According to Linda, the beautification street project on the

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- Queen of Hearts is worth: \$90.00
- Attendance last meeting: 30 members

AMERICA

My Country 'tis of thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty,
Of Thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

VERMILION GRACE

Let us pause in the rush of the
fray
And reflect on our duties so high
We confess and exalt Thee today,
We beseech Thee thy care,
God most high.



SMILE

Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song,
Don't be weary, just be cheery
All day long.
Whenever your trials
Your troubles and your care
Seem to be more than you can really
bear, so
Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song!

HELLO

Hello, Hello, Hello
What a wonderful word hello,
Hello, Hello, Hello
You will hear it wherever you go.
Strangers like your friendship
When you greet them;
So smile and say hello
When you first meet them.
Hello, Hello, Hello,
What a wonderful word Hello!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you
Anniversary too.
Have a great celebration
Love and Joy all year through

center section of Main and liberty streets was not a part of the Main Street organization. This project was funded by County, ODOT, City, and Federal monies. Linda stated that at present there are approximately 275 volunteers annually helping out in the spring, summer and fall seasons to keep Vermilion beautiful, such as planting and watering flowers throughout the downtown area to just name one of the organization's projects. Janet Ruh spoke about the newest fund raiser scheduled for February 21st, namely the "Ice-A-Fair to Remember." It is an ice sculpturing extravaganza which should be worth the visit to downtown Vermilion. The world champion ice sculptor, Aaron Costic will be in our town to lead the program and do some of his own works right in front of your eyes. "A Must See!"

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socials. I have also attended other clubs and observed the many different ways that Rotary operates. I have been fortunate to see Rotary meetings in action in Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and St Croix. I have attended meetings in the States of Washington, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana Michigan, and Illinois. I have visited the Rotary International Headquarters numerous times. Within our District of 6600 with its 67 clubs, I have attended meetings at Amherst, Archbold, Avon Lake, Bowling Green, Cardington, Elyria, Elyria Sunrise, Huron, Lima, Lorain, Loudonville, New Bremen-New Knoxville, Norwalk, Oak Harbor, Oberlin, Sandusky, Shelby, Van Wert, and, of course, Vermilion. That is nineteen different clubs and some I visited more than once. The face that I have of Rotary is an entirely different face than you have, I know. I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to travel with Rotary and to be challenged by the many different kinds of clubs I have seen. Each Rotary Club is different, each has its own personality and each has its projects and decides where its monies will go. However, each club is also a part of Rotary International. Rotary International granted the Rotary Club of Vermilion a Charter. It is like a franchise, we can do some things on our own, but we must follow the rules and guidelines of a Rotary Club. We must follow the Constitution and By-Laws and we

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should strive toward a strong club which has a balance in all "Four Avenues" Club, Community, Vocational, and International. When I attended the 2001 International Assembly for my husband's Rotary District Governor training, former R.I. President Cliff Dochterman addressed us with these words: "What is the image of Rotary? Too frequently it is an image of old men going to lunch. It is an image of men and women who merely write checks for other groups in the community. It is an image of an elite group of wealthy persons who are unrelated to poverty and deprivation. Does anyone, besides Rotarians really understand what Rotary International is all about?" "The challenge is ours. We can make that Rotary symbol clearly understood by the people of the world." Every Rotary Club has the potential to use the Rotary mark or image to tell who we are and what we do. Our symbol must deliver this message about Rotary every time it is seen; i.e., men and women who are trying to build a better community by serving others, men and women who care about poverty, hunger, disease, and the environment of the world, men and women who believe in high ethical standards in their vocations and try to build goodwill and friendship among all people of the world, men women who give more than they receive."

It is my dream, as I hope it is your dream, that Vermilion Rotarians can deliver this message.

Yours in Rotary, Sue

Up-coming Programs

I'm not sure of the dates: below, read future programs:

Betsy Wakefield: Diving

Bill Matijasic: Sue Schultz, sculpturing

Tad Peck: to be announced

Karen Cornelius: to be announced

(Good stuff coming up!)