

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



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Birthdays
Bill Mills 7/22



Anniversaries
None this week

“Bicycling for MESA”

By
Bill Matijacic

I suppose my suspicions should have been aroused by the fact that we began our Wednesday cycling journey at a hospital. Fisher-Titus of Norwalk to be exact. After the heart healthy breakfast of extra salty bacon and pancakes or French toast, we were expected to hop on our multi-speed bicycles and trek fifty odd miles to the Ashland Country Club. Unless you are pedaling there, you would never suspect that it is surrounded by a small mountain range.

Since I am truly a neophyte cyclist, and I arrived intact with some energy to spare, I over-optimistically volunteered to go on the next leg of the tour on Thursday, July 18th 2009, a day that will live in partial infamy for me. We were to bicycle from Ashland to Marion, a total of sixty-three miles, but more level than the previous day, once we left the Ashland mountain range. Unfortunately, headwinds of between ten and twenty MPH confronted us most of the way. Of the twenty-four riders starting that day, only nine completed the trip on their own two wheels. The others needed to hop in the “meat-wagon,” the life share bus which followed behind to pick up just such stragglers. I am very grateful to my group: Stephanie, Herb, and her son, Eric for carrying the extra Gatorade and snickers bars that helped my unprepared self hang in there from mile fifty-eight to sixty-three. Never was a cold beer, air-conditioning, and hot shower provided by Marion Ro-

NEWSLETTER

DATE: July 22nd 2009

“The Future of Rotary is in your Hands”

This Week
Club Assembly meeting

Speaker
President Terry Pena
To discuss ‘09-’10 goals

PRESIDENT: Terry Pena
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KEYBOARD: Judy Somers
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Last Week:

Mike Roztas introduced Mark Koch who gave an excellent talk of his scouting experiences. Mark is an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He is an assistant Scout Master at Troop 31 in Huron, Ohio. Also, he is a merit badge councilor and a member of the Boy Scouts of America Speakers Bank. Mark is a business man in Sandusky and a Rotarian in that fair City. Mark declared the purpose of Boy Scouting is simple: it is to build the character and integrity of America’s youth and prepare them to become responsible adults; adults who are leaders and adults who participate in society according to the Scout Oath and Law. Mark went on to say that “oath and law are founded on trustworthiness, loyalty, bravery, and on values that put community and family first. Mark pointed out that Scouting is nearing its one hundredth year anniversary in America and Scouting is as American as “hot dogs and Apple pie.” He

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● Queen of Hearts is worth: \$186.00
● Attendance last meeting: 28 Rotarians
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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.

tary families more appreciated than on that very tough day.

The good news is that MESA had raised nearly fifty thousand dollars by that point. Since it takes over three thousand dollars to ship a container of supplies we are giving away, this is very important money indeed. I'm already planning to go again next year. Thanks for your generous support.

Sincerely, Bill Matijasic



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

stated that many Boy Scouts have gone on in life to be National Heroes, including home run champions, moon-walkers, and even U.S. Presidents and members of congress. Mark went on to say the Boy Scout Oath teaches duty to God, Country, other citizens before the Scout himself. He said that these values closely parallel the ideals and rules of Rotary. In 1918, Rotary was the very first service club in the nation to adopt Scouting. In fact, Paul Harris and the first Chief Scouting Executive, James E. West were very good friends. They traveled the country together establishing Boy Scout Councils. Mark said Scouting was founded by Lord Baden-Powell who set the Scout Oath and Law in front of young men and knew that these rules would guide their behavior throughout their lives much like a compass guides the sailor on the high seas. Mark cited the Scouts slogan, "Do a Good Turn" and said that it gives the scout direction to serve the people around him. On a more local level, Scouts from local troops can be found helping out at the Erie County Care facility, seen picking up trash along the local highways, building nature walk paths, building gardens at the Veteran's Home in Sandusky, and organizing books and other materials at local libraries among other good deeds. He said through local contributions the Scouts, who would never get a chance to attend a summer Scouting camp, now have the opportunity to do so. Summer Scout Camp teaches the boys so much about living out-of-doors. Mark thanked the Vermilion Rotary Club for their support over the years. Thanks to Mike Roztas for the program.