

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



NEWSLETTER

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“The Future of Rotary is in your Hands”

**This Week
Club Assembly**

**“Speaker”
Terry Pena**

VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays

None this week



Anniversaries

None this week

Moment for Rotary

By
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So often the only experience with the Rotary Youth Exchange program is hosting a student from another country. Many times we forget that this is a true ‘exchange’ program and that there are American students traveling abroad for the same kind of experiences. Megan Miller was just such a student and Megan is from our own District 6600. Megan’s story is highlighted on the main page of the Rotary International Web page. When Megan Miller, a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Floresti, Moldova, realized her school lacked essential supplies and needed windows that could keep out extreme temperatures, she knew exactly where to turn. She contacted the Rotary Club of Chisinau and her father’s Rotary Club of Van Wert, Ohio, USA with the help from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the two clubs were able to secure the supplies and windows for the school where she was teaching. Miller, who spoke at the District 6600 (Ohio) Conference in April, received a Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition from the district for continually

PRESIDENT: Terry Pena

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON Bill Gross

KEYBOARD: Judy Somers

SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan

NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

New Member

Charles L. Dunbar was received into our Vermilion Club last week. Chuck is the manager of the “Quaker Steak and Lube” restaurant by the river. His sponsor is Dee Phillips. Seek Chuck out among the membership and make your known to him.

Board Meeting

Pres. Terry Pena has called for a board meeting at 11:00AM, one hour before the regular lunch meeting to discuss important updates, etc. Board and Officers, please be there. As always, board meetings are open to any and all members.

Lucky Guy !!!!!!!

John Rupert, after buying his tickets for both, the Rob Levit Auction Present and the 50-50 drawing, won both events. But, he wasn’t quite lucky enough to pick the Queen of Hearts card. Oh well, two out of three ain’t bad. Way to go, John!

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• **Queen of Hearts is worth: \$378.00** •
• **Twelve (11) cards left in the deck of 52** •
• **Odds are great !! Buy your tickets !!** •
• **Hope you win !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** •
• **Members present last week: 28** •
• **Visitors: Lorain Rotary: Walter Glick, Rob Levit** •
• **Guest of Terry Pena, Mary Moes** •
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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.



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

championing Rotary's efforts. She said she grew up "with a strong sense of volunteerism," inspired by the dedication that her father, a past president of the Van Wert Club showed toward Rotary. Megan Miller spent her senior year of high school in Baden, Austria as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. She says the network of Youth Exchange students in Europe provided a strong support system and became a second family to her. "Beyond just volunteerism, Rotary is really an international organization," she says. Her exchange led her to spend a semester and multiple summers in Africa while she was a undergraduate at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. She joined the Peace Corps after graduating in 2004 and spent the next two years in Moldova. She was assigned to a small village in the Floresti district, where she taught a life skills class to 1st through 11th graders. As part of a pilot program, she worked with her fellow teachers to create a fresh public health curriculum for all grades. She drew support from her parents, especially her mother, who is also a teacher. When she discovered her school's vital needs, Miller turned to Rotary for help because of her past involvement with the organization and its commitment to service. Through persistence, she brought together the two Rotary clubs and orchestrated their cooperation. "It took awhile to get the ball rolling, but it definitely paid off," says Miller. "I felt so indebted to both clubs for taking this on and getting us what we needed."

Now a student at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, she says she's interested in joining a Rotary Club in the future and continues to participate in projects back home.

Bell Ringing

Below is the roster of "bell ringers"
For Saturday the 19th
At the Farm Market

9 - 10 AM	Betsy Doane
10 - 11 AM	Betsy Wakefield
11 - 1 A-PM	Bill Matijasic
1 - 3 PM	Bob Kish
3 - 5 PM	Sid Jordan, Phil Pempin
5 - 7 PM	Heather McCord

Eileen says thank you to everyone, past, present, and future who has volunteered for the ringing.

Last Week:

Our friend and neighbor Rotarian, Rob Levit was speaker last week. Rob gave the group a synopsis of his profession, gold, silver, precious stones, and jewelry. He brought lots of precious pieces of jewelry with him to show and tell to the members and guests. Rob described how different colors of gold are produced. Before passing around a "huge" zirconium (fake diamond) jewel, he demonstrated what makes a diamond sparkle by bouncing a light source through the "many sided" prismatic piece. He said his company is a custom jewelry making business. His clients bring in a drawing or just an idea to show to him and he takes it from there and produces the finished product by the use of certain wax molds. His company also makes custom lapel pins for clubs and organizations. Rob brought in a 'good sized' boxed gift for the club to auction last week. There were over 100 tickets sold. The winner as mentioned before, John Rupert. The proceeds were donated to the food pantry. The club thanks Rob for his generous donation.