



## Louisville Rotary Meetings 2016



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## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

April 6, 2016

President Mike Snyder opened the meeting with 18 Rotarians and three guests in attendance at the April 6th noon session held at Paradise United Church of Christ. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary's Four-Way Test. Guest Paradise Youth Leader Jeff Brownsburger gave the invocation. Canton Municipal Court Judge Curt Werren dropped in for a visit. Ruth Cessna, President of the Friends of the Library, made her first meeting and may become a member.

#### **During the Happy Dollars portion of the meeting:**

Arden Lingenhoel, Rotarian and President of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce, gave a pitch for the upcoming Memorial Fund 5K Run scheduled for Saturday, April 16 in Metzger Park. Volunteer help is needed which will take about two hours. Only Mike Snyder volunteered.

Mike mentioned there will be a meeting for the Veterans Memorial Restoration Fund Drive set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at the AHH Art Gallery. The Memorial Fund is Mike's project to refurbish the WW II and Korean War memorial that sits next to City Hall. Our club has committed support for the project.

Jim Edwards & Ken Smith discussed the flag project. Jim deposited \$6,000 in advance subscriptions for this summer's flag program. Additional helpers are needed to handle routes.

#### **The Business Meeting**

The Trail Cleanup is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9. Meet at Greg Anderson's house. Family members are invited (Hopefully, with able-bodied kids).

The Board has voted to allocate \$525 received from the District's Local Grant Funds to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) Program. This year, there were four high school students who benefitted from the RYLA program.

During the April 4 Board meeting, the Board voted to sponsor one of the summer outdoor Movie on the Green series for the community. The cost is \$350.

President Snyder reviewed Article V, Sec. 4 of the club's constitution & bylaws . . . The nominating committee shall collect nominations for expiring committee chairs at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nominations shall be in writing with the verbal consent of the nominee. Current committees and Chairs are:

Community/Economic Development ♦ Cynthia Kerchner

Disease Prevention & Treatment ♦ Eva Roshong

Education & Literacy ♦ Jason Buydos

Children & Maternal Health ♦ Liz Hand

Peace, Conflict & Resolution ♦ Andy Turowski

Water & Sanitation ♦ Mike Snyder

Warm Coats ♦ Thaine Boldon

President Snyder also announced that:

Jennifer Anderson would be the President for the 2016-17 year.

Bob Hallier will be the ♦16-♦17 treasurer.

The position of Vice President will be dropped from the constitution

The President will appoint 4 persons to serve as Speaker Coordinator with each taking a 3-month period.

These changes will be voted on at a future meeting.

New member Rebecca Bontrager was inducted by Greg Anderson. Rebecca is the administrator of Oakhill Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Rebecca successfully met her first Rotary challenge by sharing her background with the membership who found out that she graduated from Stow High School and received her bachelor's degree from Kent State University. She was influenced along her career path while watching and attending to her grandfather who was a patient in an area nursing facility. She was disturbed by what she saw and decided to work for the elderly and infirmed when in nursing care. Rebecca's favorite vacation spot is the Caribbean Island of Venues, located off the coast of Puerto Rico. She and her husband, who is an optometrist, reside in Canton.

### **Calendar of events**

April 13 ♦ John Burnquist on Transitioning out of a business.

April 20 ♦ Darin Nissley. Lighthouse Ministries, an urban after school program.

April 27 ♦ Delight Howell from Stark Health Department talking about Safe Sleep for kids.

April 29-30 ♦ Rotary 6650 annual conference at Boliver-Zoar.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

New member of Louisville Rotary: Rebecca Bontrager



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April 13, 2016

President Mike Snyder opened the meeting with 20 members and guests in attendance at the April 13th noon session held at Paradise United Church of Christ. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Rotary's Four-Way Test. One of the guests was Brad Roshong, Eva's husband. Another guest was Jim Dutter from McDonald's.

**During the Happy Dollars portion of the meeting:**

\* Betty Derry gave a pitch for the May 10<sup>th</sup> Historical Society Dinner at the Brookside Farm. One hundred tickets have been sold. The price is \$30.

\* Liz Hand informed everyone that her sister's soap business is selling products at the YMCA this Sunday.

\* Eva Roshong announced that their daughter Leah and husband Ryan are home from Houston, TX.

\* Jim Edwards said that last year on this date, we had 470 paid flag customers. This year, same date, we have 480.

**The Business Meeting**

N Due to the winter-like weather, the Trail Cleanup set for last Saturday, April 9 was postponed. Our group will go trash cleaning Wednesday, April 20 following our meeting. Come prepared with gloves, trash bags, etc.

N A unanimous vote decided a change in flag police. From now on, the flags will remain up from Memorial Day through Flag Day. Everyone cheered at the vote.

N A. Gress urged members to attend the District Conference held at Bolivar-Zoar April 29-30. Jim Edwards, Mike Snyder, Dave Yeagly, Al Gress and Bill Wood said they would attend.

**The Program**

Financial Planner John Burnquist, of the company Wealth Management, was the guest speaker. A 1973 graduate of Mount Union University, John took a position after graduating in the trust department of a downtown Alliance bank where he learned the ropes of financial planning. During the Viet Nam War, he had a high draft number, but on the day before graduation, he got a letter of deferment, so he needed a job. In those early years, he lived at the Alliance YMCA, paid off his student loan, bought stock in the bank and joined an investment group. He said he learned the business during that time, but he wanted something more in life. In 1980, at age 30, he entered the University of Akron Law School, graduated and passed the bar in 1984. Meanwhile Bank One bought out the local bank and he switched jobs to the Society Bank in 1989 where he became the Senior Trust Officer. From 1994-1997, he sold life insurance, but said he never considered himself a salesman. He finally started his own investment business and has been building his book of business for the past 20 years. But now is the time to retire. He sold this business to Liz Hand with the promise to stay on and help her get settled with his old customers, but his time will be up this summer. He looks forward to a meaningful retirement. He left with some advice: Be willing to take some risks, but know your risk tolerance. Be cautious with Bond Funds. Nothing is easy. Plan for the worst-case scenario and know the difference between unlawful and illegal.

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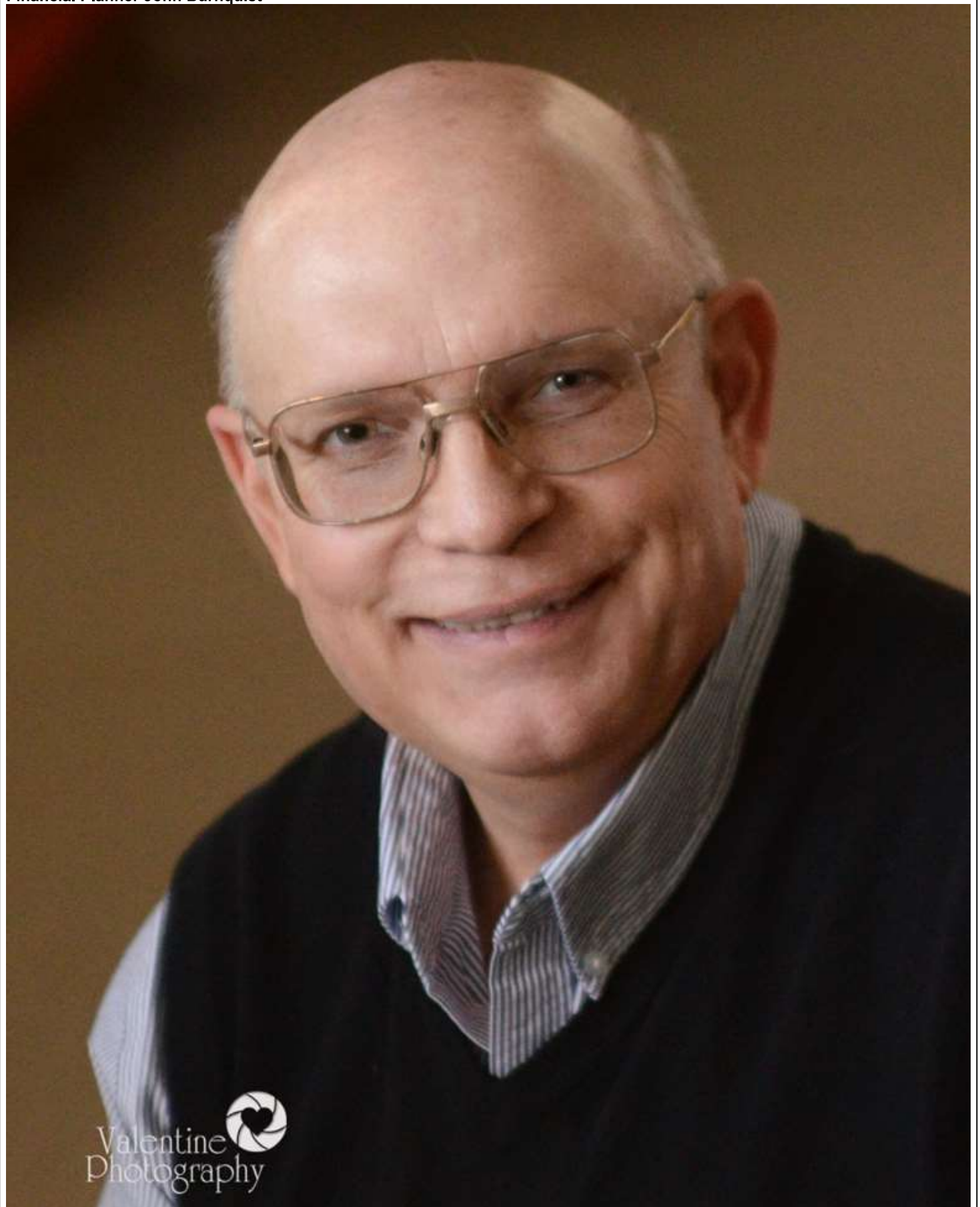
May 4 ♦ Business meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

**Financial Planner John Burnquist**



**Louisville Rotary Club**

## Meeting minutes

April 20, 2016

Astute Mike Snyder, looking presidential as usual, opened the April 20 meeting sharing an important nugget of information that blitzed the 18 members in attendance. ♦ Anyone know what today is? He asked. Of course, not wanting to show ignorance in competition to a retired librarian who carries books around in a basket, no one volunteered a guess. ♦ Today is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth and death of William Shakespeare. ♦ Groans met Mike's attempt to add culture to the club meeting. ♦ Did we know that Shakespeare was born and died on the same day and month? ♦ Members sharing my table remarked that it could help if we ever appear on Jeopardy. The meeting moved on to the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary 4-Way Test and Songmeister Mark Sigler lead the reluctant members singing a round of *All Together Now*, a Beatles song, of course, introduced in the 1969 movie The Yellow Submarine. Some of the younger Rotarians had trouble with the lyrics, but Mike helped them find a way to musical bliss. ♦ *One, two, three, four . . . can I have a little more?* ♦

### During the Happy Dollars portion of the meeting:

\* Pres. Mike reminded us he'll miss next week due to a family wedding in Arkansas.

### The Business Meeting

N Last chance to sign up for the Rotary District 6650 Annual Conference hosted by the Boliver/Zoar club.

### The Program

Darin Nissley, the Executive Director of Lighthouse Ministries, was introduced by Liz Hand. Lighthouse Ministries is a non-profit, faith-based social agency dedicated to investing in the lives of children in grades first through fifth grade living in southeast Canton. The facility is located near Hartford Middle School, one block south of E. Tuscarawas Street. The team works with about 150 students in pre-school, after school and summer programming. About 80% of the students live within 10 blocks of their facility. The activities are planned to enrich their minds through creative and relational activities. Each day includes worship, exercise, a snack, academic support and enrichment activities. Besides school work, other subjects include art, recreation, life skills, gardening and business-building clubs. There are vocational awareness programs that bring area professionals in for interviews and discussions of career information. ♦ Our aim is to empower students to succeed in and out of the classroom, ♦ Nissley said. The program works closely with the Canton City Schools and is funded by volunteers, donations, congregational and individual gifts. Their 2015 program budget was about \$170,000. The program was started by the Mennonite Church in 1996.

♦ Helping a child to be rooted and grounded in love involves surrounding them with followers of Jesus who are safe and continuing convey the message that ♦ I care about you and your well-being. ♦ ♦ Darin Nissley as listed in the Lighthouse Ministries 2016 annual report.

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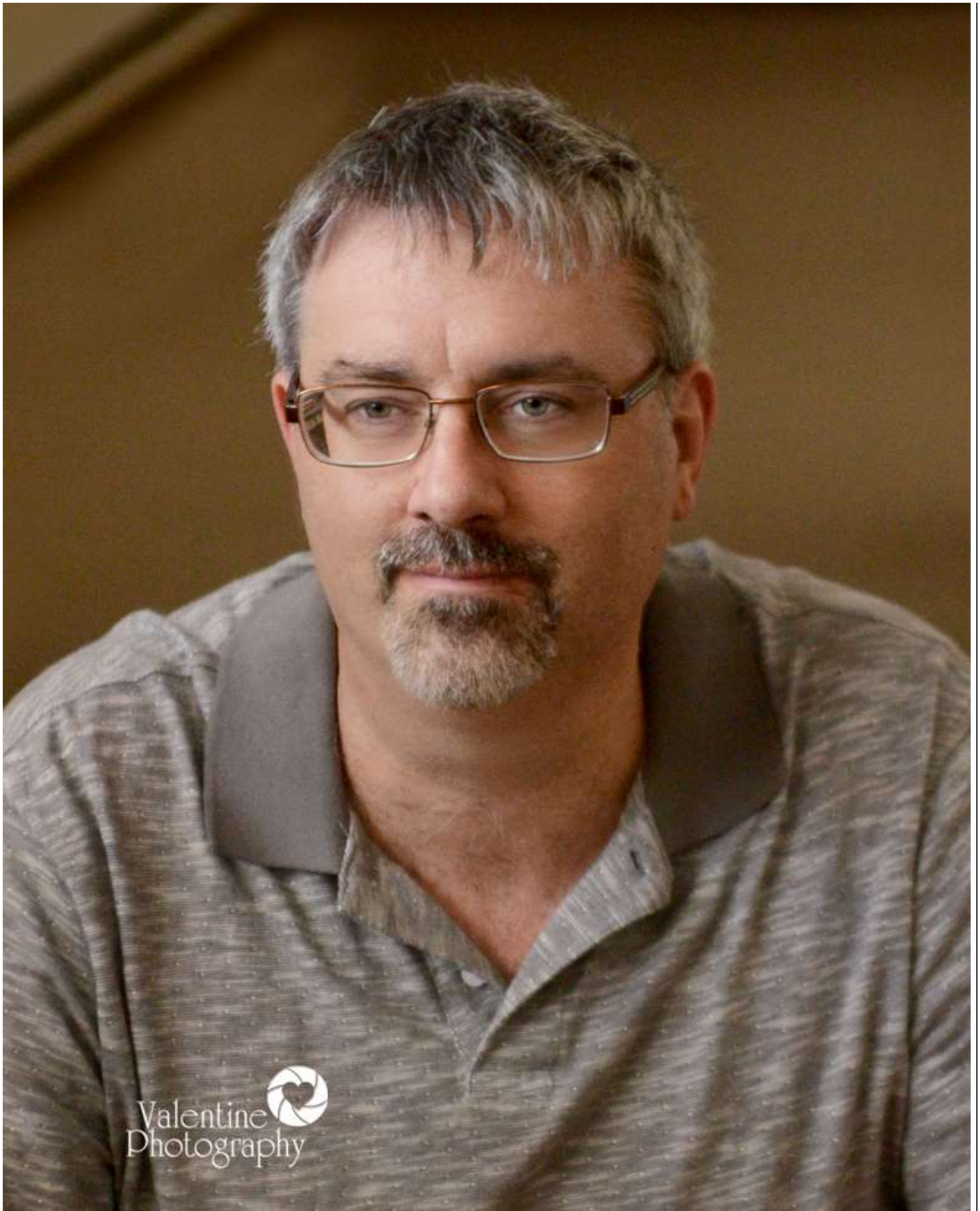
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Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

Darin Nissley, the Executive Director of Lighthouse Ministries



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
Meeting minutes

April 28, 2016

Rotary flag subscribers will see their American flags posted for the first of six postings in time for Memorial Day. The posting will be either May 25, 26 or 27. This year, the flags will remain up through Flag Day, June 14. Flag Czar Ken Smith informed the membership that two persons who posted flags resigned and additional volunteers are needed. Interested persons should call Ken at 330-417-1527.

Despite President Mike Snyder's absence to attend an out-of-town family wedding, the club survived as next year's president-elect Mark Sigler took over the gavel for the weekly luncheon meeting held at Paradise United Church of Christ.

Members listened intently as Stark County Health Department nurse Delight Howell presented the program about the ABCs of Safe Sleep. Howell's opening statistics caught the members' attention in a hurry - statistics worth making public. For example, every week in Ohio three babies die due to unsafe sleep environments. Closer to home, 23 infants died in unsafe sleeping environments during the years 2010-2014. According to Howell, simply following the ABCs of Safe Sleep could have prevented most of these deaths.

A. is for alone - the baby should always sleep alone, never in bed with another person where the baby could be smothered.

B. is for back - the baby should be placed on his back at every sleep time.

C. is for crib - the baby should always sleep in a crib with only a firm mattress and a tight fitting sheet.

There is an on-going campaign to promote the message of safe sleep, which has been successful with no infant deaths since the 2014 beginning of the program. - One infant death is too many, - Howell said. - And infant deaths are an indicator of the health of the total population. -

There has been a 51-page Sleep Education Toolkit that is provided to all OBGYN offices, Mercy and Aultman hospitals, grandparents, first responders, baby stores, daycare centers and other community venues. - We're trying to flood the community with this information, - she said. Nurse Howell took questions from the members, who were provided with copies of the Toolkit.

The Louisville Rotary Club provided a \$300 grant to the Safe Sleep program to help with the cost of the Toolkits.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, Secretary



Delight Howell, Director of the Stk Co Safe Sleep Initiative



May 5th, AI Gress presented snapshot of his life. no minutes

May 12th, no minutes received

# Louisville Rotary Club

## Meeting minutes

May 19, 2016

Mike Snyder, looking presidential as usual, presided over the May 19 meeting with 24 members and one guest present. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary 4-Way Test and Liz Hand gave the prayer. Songmeister Mark Sigler could not lead the group in a song due to his absence. Mark, where are you when we need a song to add cheer to our day? The new Paradise Church interim pastor, Rev. Ken Locke, was a guest and plans to be a future speaker.

### The Business Meeting

N Flag Czar Ken Smith reminded members that flags go out next Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and there is a work session set for next Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the Flag Barn.

N Bill Wood is looking forward to traveling to Cedar Point with the District exchange students.

### The Program

Our two foreign exchange students, Sofia Morel and Greg Sprumont, gave their farewell messages before the end of the school year and their return to Argentina and Belgium. After school is out and before leaving, both are planning trips out west with Sofia focusing on California cities and Greg heading for the national parks.

Following are some of their comments that expressed their year.

#### SOFIA

- ◆ If all the politicians could have been foreign exchange students, the world would be a lot better. ◆
- ◆ We will keep in touch with our new American friends with FaceBook. ◆
- ◆ I loved going to the prom; it was so exciting, but back home the girls will wear their prom dresses over and over. Here, girls spend all that money for a dress but only wear it once. ◆
- ◆ I missed my dog. ◆
- Her favorite American food was mac & cheese. ◆ But in America, the portions are too big. ◆
- Biggest surprise. ◆ Americans don't know their geography or where Argentina is. ◆
- Biggest challenge. ◆ Finding my way with the English language. ◆
- ◆ I would like to stay here; I hope to attend college in America. ◆
- ◆ I really enjoyed being a member of the swim team. ◆
- ◆ I wore a dress to the first football game. Football is super crazy! In Argentina, we don't have sports in the schools. ◆
- ◆ In Argentina, when we meet we kiss each other on the cheek. Here, we shake hands or give a wave and at first because of this I thought Americans were stand-offish. ◆
- ◆ I really enjoyed the weekend get togethers with the other exchange students. ◆
- ◆ School classes are easier here. ◆
- The most inaccurate perceptions of Americans about my country. ◆ Yes, we have cell phones in Argentina. Also, Argentinean students do not have cars, we use public transportation. ◆

#### GREG

- Most inaccurate perception of American students. ◆ Belgium is not a part of Germany. ◆
- Favorite American food. ◆ Wings and mac & cheese. ◆
- ◆ (Illegal) Drugs are more available for American students, but alcohol is more available in the culture for students in Belgium. ◆
- ◆ Americans don't travel much outside their country as do Belgium people. ◆
- His most inaccurate perception before arriving in America. ◆ I thought most Ohioans were farmers and that they ate fast food every day. ◆
- What he missed this year. ◆ I missed my family at Christmas and I missed my younger brother. ◆
- First football game. ◆ The band was loud and I didn't understand the game. ◆
- His LHS classes. ◆ My favorite class is American Studies and French. ◆ He, too, thought American classes were easier than back home.

#### BOTH

They profusely thanked the Rotary Club and their host families for giving them this experience. They loved Louisville, America and this year's experience. They both developed friendships that will be remembered forever.

### SECRETARY'S COMMENTS FOR THE MEMBERS

Greg and Sofia, we enjoyed getting to know both of you and you have confirmed what we always knew . . . Hosting foreign exchanges between America and other countries is the most valuable project our club does. Thank you both for coming to us and sharing your culture. We wish you the best in your future endeavors and may both of you help bring peace and better understanding to our peoples. And we share Sofia's comment ♦ If all the politicians could have been foreign exchange students, the world would be a lot better. ♦

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, Secretary



May 26 th, no minutes received

June 2nd, no minutes received

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

June 9, 2016

Mike Snyder presided over the June 9th meeting with 22 members and three guests present. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary 4-Way Test and Liz Hand gave the prayer. Songmeister Mark Sigler led the group in the singing of *God Bless America*. Paradise Church interim pastor, Rev. Ken Locke, and Youth Minister Jeff Brownsberger attended. Special guest was 4<sup>th</sup> grader Alisa Lingenhoel who was shadowing her father, Arden. Snyder began the recruiting process suggesting Alisa could someday be a Rotary exchange student.

#### Happy Dollars

N Mike congratulated the St. Thomas Aquinas High School boys and girls track squads for their state championships.

N Jim Edwards told the story from a proud grandfather's perspective of his granddaughter who participated in the state track competition placing 9<sup>th</sup> in the discus throw.

#### The Business Meeting

N Club membership was informed that the International Rotary organization has donated over \$1.4 billion dollars to the Polio Plus program that has nearly eradicated polio around the world.

N The club has agreed to sponsor the film *Zootopia* for a showing Aug. 26 on the downtown Green Space as part of the library's summer film series.

N Members discussed the 2017 national convention set for Atlanta with the idea of some members attending.

N Jim Edwards discussed the solution to the problem of aggressive dogs unattended when posting flags.

N There was discussion about moving the Farmer's Market to Wednesday evenings to correspond with the car shows over the summer months. No action was taken.

### **The Program**

Mike Snyder, an avowed vegetarian, was the program and he discussed his 3-part life-long dietary journey ending with his vegetarian preference. The topic, as presented by Mike, was full humorous stories that kept the audience's attention.

Mike began his life with a love of bologna sandwiches on white bread. He also had a thing for Vienna sausage. Even though his grandparents lived on a farm in rural Kentucky, he never hunted with others for food or sport. Early on, he had a love of animals and that is still an important part of his life, but despite this thinking he has no love for fleas. Mike emphasized that he is not a vegan; he eats eggs from free-range chickens, loves cheese and honey.

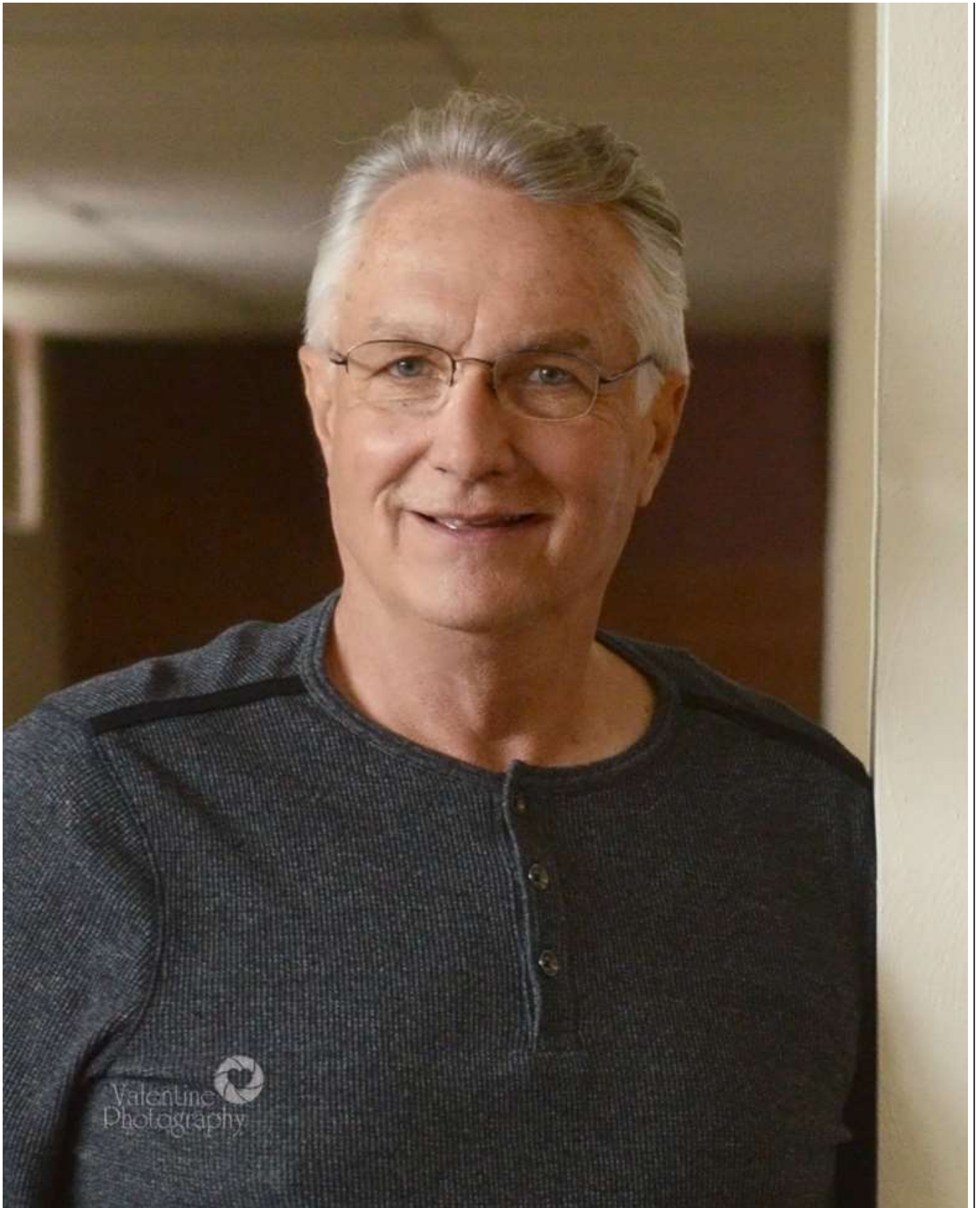
One of his English professors in his first year of college, who was a vegetarian, influenced him to try a vegetarian diet. He later worked at a hospital operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and they were vegetarians. He began reading about diets, healthy eating and cost was a factor in his decision to forego meat.

At age 34, he was married to Ellen and since then has been totally meatless. He wrapped up his message with an answer to a frequently asked question ♦ What do I eat at Thanksgiving? Cranberry salad, with a potato, green beans with onions, beans & rice, and split pea onion cabbage soup. But his all-time favorite dish is pinto beans, white corn bread and topped off with a big white onion. ♦ That was my favorite meal as a child, and it still is today. ♦

Mike's last words of wisdom ♦ ♦ Different strokes for different folks. ♦

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, Secretary



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
Meeting minutes

June 16, 2016

It has been a tradition for Louisville Mayor Pat Fallot to address the Rotary Club each year and provide an update on the community going-ons. Mayor Pat was the speaker for the June 16 meeting with 22 members and two guests present. Joel Dunbar, brother of Jerry was a guest along with Paradise Pastor Ken Locke.

To open her presentation, The Mayor thanked the club for the invitation. She has been helping with the flag program since it began. Fallot touched on many topics before opening the floor for questions. Discussion continued after the one o'clock wrap-up. Some of the topics covered during the meeting included:

- \* Activities of the Tree Board working at Constitution Park with next year's plans to do Wildwood. We do have a 5-year plan, she said. This is the first time we have a tree care conference for our Service Department employees.
- \* The city's Comprehensive Plan was discussed.
- \* A Community Reinvestment Area Plan (CRA) is in the discussion stages. The plan would allow homeowners a 10-year tax abatement on home improvements for the cost of any improvement up to \$2,500.
- \* The Thai Steakhouse. According to Fallot, the owners say they are waiting on insurance for interior damage. We're on them, Pat said.
- \* The fire-damaged Time Out bar on West Main Street. It was supposed to be torn down this month. We've got our legal department after them, said Fallot.
- \* The West Main railroad crossing. We're on their list; the repair is not the city's responsibility.
- \* The old Penney Alley building. It was up for sheriff's sale and three days before the sale, the owner declared bankruptcy, according to Fallot.
- \* The new Penney Alley building. Very little going on. It still has sewer problems.
- \* City street paving. The streets to get paved have not been finalized.
- \* Covington Ridge duplex project nearly filled, according to The Mayor.
- \* The new senior apartment complex next to the elementary school is maxed with a waiting list.
- \* The Nickel Plate-E. Main intersection. The plan is to purchase corner properties to widen the intersection. The city did purchase the former house on the southeast corner.
- \* The water treatment plant. The engineering is in progress for work to begin in 2017 with some state and federal funding assistance.
- \* The Reno Bridge. Due to begin replacement in 2017.
- \* Question from the audience. Where in the city can residents have chickens. Answer. Anywhere they are penned.
- \* Discussion to close the downtown alley. I think it is premature. We need to know what the future is for the adjoining buildings, said the Mayor.
- \* The Speedway gas station. The owners have been contacted with a request to spruce up the facility.

To close, Fallot encouraged residents to attend council meetings and keep informed of what is going on in the city.

#### Other Business

N Jerry Dunbar was named the 2016 Rotary Citizen of the Year for his work with the project and for organizing-collecting and paying the club's lunch program.

club's flag

N President Mike Snyder urged members to give blood and receive a \$20 gift card.

N Congratulations to Jared Shive for the birth of his first child a baby girl.

N There will be no meetings June 22 (the banquet) or July 6 (July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday)

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, Secretary  
Waiting for pix of Dunbar

Waiting for pix of Pat Fallot

June 22nd

This is the format I received the minutes in because Al wrote these for an article in the Herald  
Sorry, I don't know how to change the format.

Mark Sigler, a long-time school board member and community activist, accepted the Presidential gavel from out-going president


Mike Snyder during ceremonies at the club's 8<sup>th</sup> annual induction banquet held at Skyland Pines June 22. Sigler becomes the 87<sup>th</sup> president of the Louisville Rotary Club, which was founded in 1925.

Rotary District 6650 President Joe Belinsky gave the oath of office to Sigler and the new officers Jennifer Anderson, President Elect; Robert Hallier, Treasurer; Allen Gress, Secretary; David Yeagley, Sergeant-at-Arms along with board members Ken Smith, Ken Willet and Past President Mike Snyder.

In other business, Cynthia Kerchner was presented a plaque for her selection as Community Person of the Year and Jerry Dunbar was honored as the 2016 Rotarian of the Year. Upon acceptance of her award, Kerchner reminded everyone to support the Farmer's Market.

In his farewell message, Snyder recalled the highlights of the club's service activities completed over the past year that included:

- \* Membership of 40.
- \* 1,154 flag customers.
- \* Sponsored The Taste of Louisville.
- \* Pancake Day.
- \* Nine community groups received grants.
- \* Warm Coats program that distributed \$4,400 worth of coats, hats and gloves.
- \* Sponsored Louisville Citizen of the Year.
- \* Sponsored 5 downtown Farmers Markets.
- \* Sponsored and served as marshals for the Constitution Parade.
- \* Hosted two foreign exchange students attending LHS. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year the club has brought a foreign exchange student to the community.
- \* Sponsored 4 LHS junior students who attended a leadership conference.

 Text Box: Louisville Rotary Club Meeting minutes June 22, 2016  
Fellow members: Below is the story I have submitted to the Herald. It contains all the items that would have been in the usual formatted Rotary minutes. There will be a picture accompanying this story. Please consider these as the official minutes for the June 22 banquet-meeting. Mark Sigler takes Rotary Club reins for 2016-17. New leader plans to continue Rotary services to the community

- \* Gave \$1,000 to the International Polio Plus Foundation.
  - \* Posted 50 flags (representing our 50 states) in the downtown activity space for national holidays.
  - \* Supported the Veterans Memorial renovation project.
  - \* Set aside \$5,000 for the proposed library project.
- Eighty Rotarians, spouses and guests enjoyed the program presented by Canton Historian Richard Haldi who spoke on the topic of the rise and fall of the Canton-based Dueber-Hampden Watch Company.

In 1864 John C. Dueber founded the Dueber Watch Case Company in Cincinnati to manufacture gold cases for fine pocket watches. One of his customers was the Hampden Watch Company in Massachusetts.

He began having difficulty with local politics and decided to look for another location for his manufacturing business. In 1888, Dueber bought the Hampden Watch Company and moved both operations to a dual set of factory buildings

to be built in Canton. To entice Dueber, the city offered him 20 acres of land and \$100,000. With the new company came 600 skilled workers and there were not enough houses for all the newcomers. The population of Canton at the time was about 10,000 and in their first year in Canton, the combined firms employed almost 10% of the city's population. In the next six years, 14 new churches were built. By 1916, the company employed 2,700 people.

In 1888, Canton had only two police officers, the fire department had only one fire-fighting wagon, there was no hospital but employed four pooper-scoopers. The city also had 35 saloons.

A week before the company's buildings were to be completed, the area was hit with a tornado that destroyed the new building, but Dueber fired his architect and build a new facility. The factory was constructed with beautiful architecture and surrounded by manicured gardens. It produced the finest pocket watches made in American.

By 1890, the company was producing quality watches, and introduced the first size 16, 23 jewel movement made in America.

John Dumber died in 1907.

In 1925, the company was sold to Walter Vrettman but in 1927, falling sales led to the company getting into financial difficulty. Cause of the company's downfall was the introduction of the wristwatch and the company's slow change that cost them their market. And, of course, the Stock Market Crash in 1929.

In 1930, the company was purchased together with all of the manufacturing equipment, parts on hand, and work in progress, and shipped to Russia. Twenty-eight boxcars of machinery left Canton, together with about 70 employees to teach the Russians the craft of watch making.

The Dueber-Hampden Watch building was torn down in 1960. There is a church on the property; a parking lot, a McDonald's and the expressway took part of the property.