



Louisville Rotary Meetings 2016



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July 6th No meeting Taste of Louisville at 6PM

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Taste of Louisville" a mid-summer treat!

This Rotary Club activity heats up the summer with a host of epicrenal delights

Someone came up to Rotary President Mark Sigler during last Wednesday's 4th annual Taste of Louisville celebration held at The Waters Edge with the compliment ♦ You Rotarians really know how to throw a party! ♦ And Mark responded, ♦ When you have excellent food and hungry people, it's easy. ♦

The 25 Rotarians were in place by the 4:30 kick-off when the cars began rolling in. And the cars kept coming until sometime after seven when the music was shut off and some of the 20 vendors began running short of food. Meanwhile, the bar went through a keg and a half of Bud Lite and four boxes of wine the Rotarians dubbed Nimishillen Red and Stark White.

Perhaps the best news of the night was the Community Cupboard gaining over 300 pounds of donated food ♦ part of the admission price. Several volunteers from the Cupboard were on hand to help with the event.

Providing the tasty food were for the event were:

Biery Cheese
Buffalo Wild Wings - Alliance
Cash Cow Confections
Chiavari's Bakery & Cafe
Diane's Sweet Tooth Treats
Grinders Above & Beyond
Kishman's IGA Smokehouse
McDonald's of Louisville
Molesky Farms
Mott's Old Mill Bulk Foods
Papa Gyros
Papa John's Pizza
Old Carolina BBQ
Over the Top Snacks
Senor Panchos
Smoke the Burger Joint
Texas Roadhouse
The Quarry Golf Club
Tracy's Treats & Cafe
Uptown Joe's Coffee Shop

There were 25 raffles with all kinds of interesting gifts such as free tickets to community events, pizza, and gift cards. Raffle prizes were donated by Stan Hywet, Altercare, Oakhill Manor Center, Papa Johns, Unkefer Equipment, Canton Symphony Orchestra, Rep. Christina Hagen, MCD, Rocci Insurance, Salon Revive, St. Joseph's Credit Union, Summit Glove, YMCA, The Medicine Center,

HP Products, Dominos Pizza, LNHS, Earth Fair, St. Luke Lutheran Community, Akron Rubber Ducks, Key Bank, Great Trail Golf Course, Beatty's Sports, Kerchner's, The Alliance Review, Pleasant Wealth and Italos.

Justin Kuhn won the 50-50 drawing that had a cash pot of over \$200, but with a good heart, Kuhn donated half of it back to the club.

A number of community businesses and organizations provided sponsorship with Green Meadows Health & Wellness Center and Oakhill Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation leading the way followed by the Louisville Eagles and Ted's Auto Sales. Table sponsors included Altercare, Brad's Carpet Cleaning, Catlett Plumbing & Heating, Consumers National Bank, Dansizen Printing, Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Medicine Center Pharmacy and St. Joseph's Credit Union.

A special thanks goes to Cindy Petitti who provided the beautiful floral centerpieces for the tables.

Really special thanks goes to Joe Caplea, the owner of Waters Edge. And Joe, it needs to be said that your facility is getting more beautiful all the time. If community members are planning a wedding reception, graduation party, family reunion or other group get together; look at Waters Edge for a top notch venue.

The organizing committee for this year's Taste of Louisville included Catherine Catlett, Jared Shive, Jennifer Anderson, Meredith Simmons, Elizabeth Hand and Rebecca Bontrager.

◆ The success of this event, with so many community businesses, individuals and organizations involved, once again show that when our community works together, great things happen, ◆ said Sigler. ◆ See you next summer. ◆







Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

July 20, 2016

President Mark Sigler presided over the meeting with 21 members and four guests present for a roast beef and mashed potatoes luncheon. Rev. Ken Locke gave the prayer and Mark, bless his heart, tried to get the group to sing *All Together Now*, an old Beatles favorite which is unknown by most of the group. (The song was released in the Yellow Submarine album that hit the market in 1967.) Guests included Justin Kuhn, School Nurse Sue Gronow, LHS senior Brock Mehl and fourth grader Anya Willet, Ken's Willett's daughter.

Happy Dollars

- * Jim Edwards announced that we now have 1,174 flag leases and reminded us of the policy that says after July 8th any new customer would get a flag free for the remainder of this year and pay for the next year. Application can be made at louisvillerotary.com.
- * Greg Anderson complimented the bar crew for Taste of Louisville.
- * Cynthia Kerchner reminded everyone the next Farmer's Market is Aug. 6 and said that the last one was great.
- * Maranda sent word that she is in New York City and relayed her greetings.
- * Bill Wood announced that he and Vivian hosted exchange student Greg Sprumont's parents and older brother last weekend.
- * Meredith Simmons happily announce the adoption of a baby boy. His name is Luke.
- * Mike Snyder pointed out the news article in today's Repository featuring Bob Boldon, Thain's son who is a LHS graduate. Bob is the varsity girl's basketball coach at Ohio University.
- * Betty Derry reminded Rotarians that next week's Wednesday meeting would in the evening 6 p.m. at the Ahh Gallery. Mike Snyder edited a 1950s black & white Louisville historical film. A sack meal will be provided with advance reservations to Betty.

The Program

Louisville Police Chief Andy Turowski presented the program with the topic of illegal drug use in Ohio. He began with a definition of opiate drugs including a discussion of how they work and how they affect the human brain. A lot of today's heroin epidemic can be traced back to 1996 when the pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma released the controlled release formulation of Oxycontin and marketed it as a miracle drug. According to published reports, the company has made \$31 billion from the sale of oxycontin. By the early years of 2000, it became clear that there were serious addictive sides to the drug that was being abused and over prescribed. The government began taking steps to regulate the drug, but those addicted turned to the use of heroin as a replacement drug. An average dose of heroin on the black market is about \$40, cheaper than oxycontin.

There have been several heroin arrests in Louisville and over the past years and there have been three or four deaths due to over-dosing with heroin. Today, the problem has accelerated with the mixing of the drug fentanyl with heroin. Fentanyl is 100 times more powerful.

Stark County had the following deaths due to heroin:

2013 ♦ 45

2014 ♦ 66

2015 ♦ 75

2016 ♦ to date 40

What is the Louisville Police Department doing to stop the epidemic? They have a grant for a police officer to be in the schools teaching the dangers of drugs. According to Turowski, drug use in the schools is rare, but he wasn't sure how much drug use was going on outside of the schools.

* The department sponsors ♦ Drug Take-back Days ♦.

* The LPD has a secure drug drop-off facility located in the lobby of their West Main Street office.

* Each city officer is equipped with the drug Norcan, which, if used in time, can negate the affects of a Heroin, overdose and save lives.

* The LPD is working in cooperation with local pharmacies and drug counseling centers. Turowski feels that the only way to stop drug use is to catch and prosecute the drug dealers and that arresting users will never solve the problems.

* Turowski encourages all adults to talk to children about the dangers of any drug and to keep open lines of communicate with their children.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03.

Submitted by Allen Gress, Secretary



Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

August 3, 2016

President Mark Sigler presided over the meeting with 21 members and three guests present. Following the prayer by Rev. Ken Locke, the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance, the group sang the patriotic song It's a Grand Old Flag. The guests were Rotary District 6650 Governor Sieglinde Warren, Rev. Kenneth Locke and Stark County Commissioner Rich Regula.

Happy Dollars

* Jim Edwards announced the next flag posting is set for Wed., Thurs. and Friday before Labor Day, which is Monday, Sept. 5. Jim also discussed his planned all-community email with an application for a good deal for the 2017 flag program. Applications can be made at *louisvillerotary.com*. or according to the email.

* Justin Kuhn completed his application for membership and filed it.

* Cynthia Kerchner reminded everyone the next Farmer's Market is Aug. 6 and requested Rotarians pitch in because she is unable to be there until later in the morning.

* Bill Wood announced that Greg and Sophie, our past year's foreign exchange students, made it home safely despite lengthy layovers in the Atlanta airport.

* Treasurer Bob Hallier announced that this half-year's dues are paid. That amounts to \$1140 for 38 paid-up members.

* Al Gress announced that the Citizen of the Year Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 honoree. Suggestions should be forwarded to Greg Anderson or Gress along with the name and a listing of that person's accomplishments.

* In his quest for total transparency, President Sigler placed copies of the Rotary Board of Director's August meeting on each table so they were available for all members.

The Program

District 6650 Governor Warren was introduced and received a healthy round of applause. Sieglinde is a member of the Rotary Club of Canfield. She began her message with compliments to our club for its involvement in district activities. Also, she presented flowers to Bill Wood for his work with the district's foreign exchange program. Dave Yeagley was presented a Rotary shirt for his work with the exchange students and Denny Valentine and Liz Hand were thanked for their commitments to the exchange program. Warren cited the Louisville Club as an inspiration for other clubs and listed the clubs that now have a flag program based on what we do.

This is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Rotary Foundation, and Gov. Warren suggested the club, along with all the district clubs, hold a Celebration Party. She suggested a birthday cake large enough for all members, a video of the Rotary Foundation, prepare and sign a large birthday card for the Obaatan Women's Hospital in Ghana, (a District project), auction of the Rotary Centennial wine bottle with proceeds for the Rotary Foundation, encourage members to participate in the Paul Harris Fellow Challenge and to enjoy the fellowship with one another. Since Greg Anderson is in charge of our club's Foundation efforts, it was moved and seconded that he organizes the birthday party.

Gov. Warren also pitched the spring District conference, Friday & Saturday April 7-8 and hosted by the Canfield club. There is a golf outing for Saturday, a host of meetings and lots of fellowship.

Her message revolved around the topic "Is Rotary Relative 11 years into its second century?" She said her favorite of the ten reasons to love Rotary is number nine - the social connections it provides. "Rotarians are good people," she emphasized. Warren. Our district has over 1,900 members and passes out 135 grants each year.

Warren spent time reviewing changes in the wind for next year. "The 2016 national meeting is the most progressive ever," she said. Dues will increase by \$4 next year and the bylaws are more flexible and allow each club to set their own rules for attendance and admission of new members.

She concluded her message with the homily: People come into your lives for a reason; sometimes for a season; sometimes for a lifetime.

Commissioner Regula spoke briefly about a project the county has funded. The Fairhope Ditch is being cleaned, cleared and widened. For those who are not familiar with this - over the years there has been extensive flooding along the Nimishillen Creek and its tributaries that include the Fairhope Ditch. A candidate for re-election this November, he reminded us that even if we didn't like either presidential candidate, to vote for local offices. "Things are good in Stark County," he said.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05. There was a brief board meeting with Gov. Warren following the meeting.

Submitted by Allen Gress, Secretary



Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

August 10, 2016

President Mark Sigler presided over the meeting with 18 members and three guests present. Following the prayer by Allen Gress, the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance, the group sang *Rocky Top*, one of the State of Tennessee's official top 10 songs. The song was selected today in honor of guest Rev. Kenneth Locke who is going to present the day's program. Rev. Locke spent many years at a pastorate in Nashville. A country & bluegrass song, *Rocky Top* was first made popular by the Osborne Brothers in 1967 and since has evolved into one of the University of Tennessee's fight songs; similar to *Hang on Sloop* is for Ohio State. Rev. Ken's wife Elizabeth was also a guest.


*Wish I was on old Rocky Top
Down in the Tennessee hills,
Ain't no smoggy smoke on Rocky Top,
Ain't no telephone bills . . .*

This explanation may help make the lyrics a little more meaningful to us Yankees: Corn won't grow on Rocky Top; that's why all the folks get their corn from a jar. Understand the fascination for college kids?

Happy Dollars

- * Mike Snyder announced there were only a few DVDs remaining for the historical film he edited. Just \$20 while they last.
- * Jacob Riley, the new aquatic director for the Y, was a guest accompanied by Jennifer Anderson.
- * Justin Kuhn completed his application for membership and filed it.
- * Cynthia Kerchner thanked everyone who pitched-in to make the August Farmer's Market a success. She is going to check on the dates for next year's Hall of Fame induction so our dates with not conflict as they did this year.
- * Denny Valentine shared the name of the Rotary's Constitution Queen candidate Amanda Vesley.
- * Bill Wood said our next foreign exchange student is due in next week.
- * Al Gress announced that the Citizen of the Year Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 honoree. Suggestions should be forwarded to Greg Anderson or Gress along with the name and a listing of that person's accomplishments.
- * Eva is glad for us to meet Baby Girl Rosilyn Jared, two months old and is attending her first Rotary meeting.

The Program

 Text Box: Pastor found people around the world are very much alike Key to social cohesiveness is to focus on actions, not dogma

by Rev. Kenneth M. Locke

Editor's note: Rev. Locke is currently serving as the Interim Pastor for Paradise United Church of Christ. He gave this message, now slightly edited, to the Rotary Club's Aug. 10 meeting. The Herald believes his words are worth repeating.

Thank you very much for letting me be with you this afternoon; I am pleased and honored. I know that you would like to hear

something about me so I'll share a little of my history, then I would like to say a few words about Rotary and why I think service clubs like yours matter so much to me, to this congregation and frankly to American culture.

To make a long story short, when I was 10 years old my parents moved from our home in Texas to Hong Kong. Mom and Dad were serving as lay-missionaries for the Southern Baptists.

During the 4-year years we were in Hong Kong my brother and I attended King George V School, a local British school. Imagine Hogwarts without the magic. All students wore the school uniform everyday gray pants, white shirt, blue and brown striped tie and brown blazer we studied the usual subjects, but we were from all over the world. I had friends from Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Britain and a few Americans.

What I remember most from those days is we were all pretty much alike. We all spoke English with different accents, but we were all concerned with the same things. We talked about sports and school and parents and music and all the usual things children that age talk about.

We left Hong Kong when I was 14 and by a very circuitous route came back to the states by passing through much of the Near East. One of my best memories is being in Turkey on the Fourth of July. There was a carnival near the hotel and my father, as a treat, took my brother and me there to drive the bumper cars. Turkish children enjoy bumper cars just as much as American children do and we banged each other silly.

Eventually, Mom and Dad settled in Arkadelphia Arkansas where I went to high school and earned my bachelor's degree from Ouachita Baptist University. Beth Moore, who writes popular Bible studies for women, went to my high school though I never knew

her. Mike Huckabee attended my college though he graduated the year before I entered. My brother and his girlfriend once danced a congo with Bill and Hillary Clinton, but I never got to meet them. My brushes with fame seem to go that way.

After college, because I had been in ROTC I spent four years as an Army infantry officer. While I enjoyed traveling and meeting people it was clear early on that I was not cut out for a military career.

After the Army I pursued a master's degree in English at the University of North Carolina, worked for a freight company, got married, worked for a church and then went to seminary, graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1997.

After seminary I pastored a rural church in northwest Indiana, where I fell in love with pastoring. Then on to Nashville where I pastored the Downtown Presbyterian Church. If you ever get to Nashville, visit the Downtown Presbyterian Church located in the heart of downtown Nashville. It's built and decorated in the Egyptian Revival style with snakes and hieroglyphics everywhere with clouds painted on the ceiling. It's like visiting King Tut's Tomb without leaving America. A few scenes from the TV show *Nashville* were filmed there.

I did not have any country music stars among my parishioners; most of them live outside of town. But I did run into a few.

Because the sanctuary is so unusual it's a popular venue for performances and events. One time the new governor wanted a prayer service before his inauguration and he wanted it in our sanctuary. About an hour before the service I walked by one of the parlors and heard piano music, went in to see who it was and found Lee Greenwood singing *I'm Proud to be an American*. We had a nice chat. He told me he was missing his son's soccer game and had to explain to the boy that he was going to have lots of soccer games but the governor was only going to be doing this once.

Another time I was leaving the church through the back door and there were two people back there smoking. I asked if I could help them and it was Emmy Lou Harris and her manager. They had a show there that evening and were taking a break before rehearsal. Country music stars are pretty much like the rest of us; they take breaks and sometimes they have to miss their kid's soccer games.

In Nashville I also got to know a couple of genuine millionaires, and several almost-millionaires. And because my church was in the heart of the city and had a large ministry to the homeless, I worked with a lot of the chronically homeless and urban poor. I found the upper class and the impoverished are surprisingly similar as they both have an overwhelming sense of entitlement. *I'm fantastically rich so you must do what I say. I live under a bridge so you must do what I say.* On the whole I prefer the company of the poor for they know they can't bully you. The rich don't mind telling you how much money they have and what they can do with it.

In Nashville I also got to know a number of Muslims. Several times my wife and I, during the month of Ramadan when all good Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, were invited to eat supper in their homes. They were breaking their fast at the end of the day. Remember, they hadn't even had a drop of water all day, but they would always serve us first. We were guests so they made sure our plates were filled before theirs and they were very insistent about us having something before they did.

Because of my contacts in the Muslim community my wife and I were able to spend two weeks in Turkey. You would think people in a predominately Muslim country like Turkey would be ostentatiously religious, but they're not. Istanbul is overflowing with mosques and they blast out the call to prayer five times a day. And when they do nothing happens. Business doesn't stop. No one drops to his or her knees in prayer. They go on with life and the call to prayer becomes background noise.

We were able to visit several ordinary, middle-class Muslim families in their homes. I wanted to learn about Islam and their beliefs but pretty soon I realized the average Muslim has a lot in common with the average Christian. After 10 minutes they would say, *You should ask the Imam about that. I don't know.* But let me tell you about my business. Let me tell you about my son's new video games and our town's ice skating rink where my daughter likes to ice skate.

My impression of the average Muslim is they are pretty much like the average Christian.

About two years ago I left Nashville and became an Intentional Interim minister. My job is to go to churches that have just lost a long-term pastor and help them with the process of figuring out what they want in a new pastor and helping them search for that person. That's why I'm in Louisville. I started here in May and the new pastor, the settled pastor, will begin January 1st.

Which now brings me to you. Thank you for being here. Thank you for being part of the fabric of this congregation. And thank you for what you are doing for all of us. Now let me explain that a bit.

In 1995, the Harvard Political Scientist Robert Putnam wrote an essay entitled *Bowling Alone*. In 2000 he expanded the essay into a book of the same title.

Putnam was interested in the decline of social capital; that sense of unity a group has that greases the skids of social interaction and makes things work. In the course of his research, Putnam found that, between 1950 and 1990, the number of people who went bowling regularly went up. But the number of people who were bowling in leagues went down. What Putnam found was that we as a society are joining voluntary associations less and when we do join we only want to show up; we don't want to be the president or treasurer or in charge of the programming. All we want to do is show up.

And this is true across the board in America. Social clubs, churches, service clubs are all the same. The number of people who join has gone down and those who are joining are less interested in being a leader. Look at this church's rolls for the last 20 years and you'll see a big drop. You will find this pattern repeated pretty much everywhere, with just enough exceptions to prove the rule. This is normal in America today.

In 2010, Putnam and his colleague at Harvard, David Campbell, wrote a book called *American Grace* about the practice of religion in America. It turns out that of the westernized, first-world countries basically Europe, England, Australia, Canada and

America found America the most religious. Despite the decline in worship attendance and church membership, America has a larger percentage of people who worship regularly than any of the other countries. And we are the most religiously diverse country of the bunch. We have more varieties of religion in America than any other westernized, first-world country.

So why do we have so little religious tension? Excepting the lone-wolf radical Islamists, America has remarkably little religious violence and little religious tension. Baptists do not attack Methodists on the street. Jews do not refuse to hire Mormons. Pentecostals do not picket Presbyterians. The United Church of Christ does not try to impose musical instruments on the Church of Christ. When I married a Presbyterian, my parents were Southern Baptist missionaries and yet they joyfully came to my wedding. And when I fell from grace and became a Presbyterian minister my Southern Baptist relatives were proud. My uncle, a Quaker Minister, prayed at my ordination. How can this be? Why is America so religious and devotedly as compared to others, but has so little religious tension?

Putnam and Campbell posit a number of factors and two main answers. The first is your Aunt Sally, your favorite friend or relative who is an absolute saint. She volunteers at the homeless shelter. She drives old people to the doctor. She'll do anything for you and never says a bad word about anyone. She's the most religious person you know and yet she's of a different faith. She's Pentecostal or Jehovah's Witness. If she's a former hippy she may be a Buddhist. She may be a Muslim or Methodist. She may even be an atheist. But you know, regardless of what your own faith tradition says Aunt Sally is going to heaven and if she's not you don't want to go either.

Second, Putnam and Campbell posit that part of the reason we have such good religious relationships is because of people like you. Social and service clubs. People are joining them less but they still matter because it's at clubs like the Rotary and Kiwanis and 4-H and Band Boosters and the Constitution Committee people get to know each other. They get to know each other first and then one day they find out each other's faith. That's when they say, "Wow, I never knew you were Mormon or I never knew you were Catholic. I knew you always ate a salad but I never knew you were Jewish. I knew you were skipping lunch but I never knew you were Muslim."

Social and service organizations give us a chance to get to know each other without the litmus test of doctrine. Your emphasis is on what you do, not what you believe.

Christians generally, and American Protestants especially, put a high value on beliefs. We want to nail down exactly what it is we believe. We value orthodoxy and so we organize ourselves around our beliefs. With Rotary there is no orthodoxy requirement. You are more concerned with orthopraxis you are concerned with right actions more than right beliefs. Look at your 4-Way test! You don't stand up every week and state a creed; you stand up and state how you are going to act. *Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

The truth is religion in America is no longer the social anchor it used to be. Christianity in general, and American Protestantism in particular, is no longer a primary purveyor of social capital. The hard truth is we have become doctrinally too divisive.

Please don't misunderstand me. Belief matters. Doctrine matters. Theology matters. What we believe about God has huge ramifications for how we live our lives. But sadly, we have allowed our doctrines to divide us rather than unite us.

Granted, the 1950s were the heyday of American conformity and organizational belonging. WWII and the Cold War had taught us the importance of sticking together. Those days are not likely to return in force.

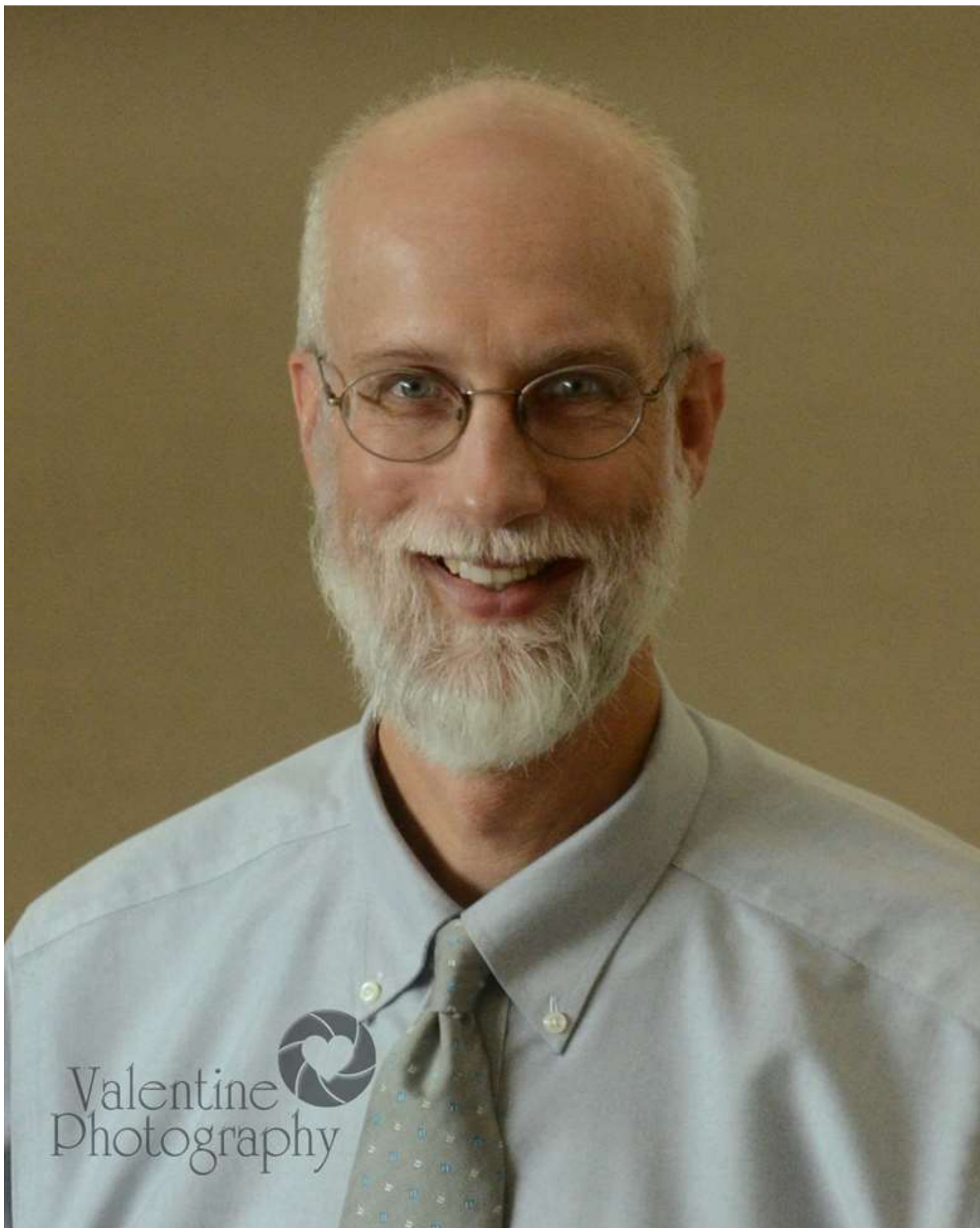
Nevertheless, if we are going to improve the quality of politics, raise the level of public discourse and improve public manners we are going to have to raise our level of social capital. Churches are ill prepared to do it. For that we must rely on voluntary societies like yours.

So even in the face of decline I urge you, I beseech you; keep doing what you are doing. Plant flags, support student-exchanges, create time and space for the community to buy local honey and pet the greyhounds and gossip with each other in the middle of the street. Affirm that your cohesiveness is based on your actions, not your dogma.

If you do, I think we'll find that most people are pretty much alike. Kids in Hong Kong and Turkey and Louisville; country-music singers and those who can't carry a tune in a bucket; the very rich and the very poor; middle-class Muslims and middle-class Christians we're all pretty much alike. When we realize that we'll be more apt to engage with each other, our social capital will improve and we will all be the better for it.

Thank you so very much for your time and your kind attention.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:05, but many members hung around discussing Locke's thought provoking message.
Submitted by Allen Gress, Secretary**



Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

August 17, 2016

President Mark Sigler presided over the meeting with 21 members and five guests present. Following was the prayer by Mark, the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance, the club decided ♦ much to the disappointment of many ♦ not to sing a song due to a church activity going on in an adjoining area. Guests included LHS senior Brock Mahl, Hannah Yeagley who recently returned from an exchange program in Switzerland, Marcie Blandford, also a returned exchange student, and Chris Marshall, the host mother for this coming school year ♦s exchange student. Exchange student from France Theophane Crusson was introduced; he will be enrolled as a junior at LHS.

Happy Dollars

* Bill Wood explained that our other foreign exchange student; a girl from Mexico, has not arrived yet but is due before the opening of the new school year. He said the District 6650 students ♦ first over-nighter was set for this weekend. Bill and Vivian will be there.

* Bob Hallier, demonstrating what good grandfathers do, announced the sale of candy bars, a fund-raiser for his granddaughter.

* Al Gress reminded everyone that the Citizen of the Year nominations are due. Suggestions should be forwarded to Greg Anderson or Gress along with the name and a listing of that person ♦s accomplishments.

* Liz Hand had a happy announcement regarding an upcoming addition to her family.

The Program

Mike Snyder introduced the day ♦s program speaker, Sue Grunow.

Sue, an R.N., is a school nurse for the Louisville Schools, and began her day ♦s message by saying that her workday is never the same and never dull. She received her R.N. degree from Akron University with additional study at Ashland University. Her first job was with Akron Children ♦s Hospital where she worked with 8 to 12 year-olds. ♦I did some home health work, ♦ she added, ♦ Then spent three ♦ years with the Perry Schools as a school nurse. ♦ The Louisville Schools also employ an LPN nurse and the two nurses handle the school health needs for over 3,000 students.

Nurse Grunow stressed that school nurses do pass out band aides ♦ as some people think ♦ many band aides she said, but the job entailed far more than simple first aid. Some of the issues the nurses deal with include seizures, students ♦ allergies ♦ 34 Louisville Elementary students carry an eppy pen ♦ blood clotting disorders, skin rashes, lice (Louisville does not have an epidemic, she stressed) pink eye, a lot of strep, scabies, ringworm and bed bugs. ♦ We are in charge of student immunizations that are required by law, maintaining student health records and we do vision screening once a year for all students in grades 1, 3, 7, and 9. The school nurses also do BMI surveys and hope to get into more dental problems. ♦ And, of course, we take care of student injuries meaning we do give out a lot of band aides and ice packs, ♦ she continued. ♦ With school injuries, we assess the degree of injury and we always call the parents. ♦ There are sometimes broken bones, bloody noses and head injuries. Sometimes the nurses must help with students ♦ prescribed medications including meds for ADHD and students with feeding tubes or colostomy care. She also works closely with Children ♦s Services and helps with holiday assistance for over 50 families each year.

But that is not all Nurse Grunow does at school. She founded and is the director for the after school program called Girls on the Run, a program for girls in 3rd through 5th grades that provides fun activities along with information and help with social growth. ♦ We really want to promote self-esteem, ♦ she explained.

Sue, the mother of six children, summed up by saying ♦I love my job. ♦ The Louisville Schools are so grateful to have Sue Grunow as a school nurse.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05, but many members hung around just talking.
Submitted by Allen Gress, Secretary

Our speaker, Sue Gronow



Louisville Rotary Club
Meeting minutes

August 24, 2016

President Mark Sigler presided over the meeting with 19 members and three guests present. Following was the prayer by Rev. Locke, the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Pledge of Allegiance, the club sang two songs ♦ The Louisville High School alma mater ♦ to usher in the 2016 football season, and Mark ♦s old standby, John Lennon & Paul McCartney ♦s *All Together Now*. There did seem to be a lack of gusto in the singing, which must have been due to the August heat. Guests included Brad Roshong, Baby Rosealin Shive and student Mike Damon.

All together now, all together now!

Happy Dollars

No Happy Dollar announcements this week ♦ a club first.

The Program

The day ♦s program planned for a message from Jon Aljancic was not available due to a Jon ♦s late cancellation. A business meeting was held instead.

I. Pancake breakfast set for Nov. 12. There is need for a co-chairperson. Mike Snyder will be one chair but needs help. The question of sponsorships was placed on the floor for discussion. Mike questioned whether to open the sponsorship up for other community businesses. Gress replied that the club has had a good relationship with the Alter Care that has donated for the last four years or so, so why change? Why rock the boat?

Mike said that another care center offered to do the same thing and the director of that facility was a member of our club. Does the club owe her our support?

Gress said there were other projects that need support.

Dave Yeagley said to keep the same arrangement that we had.

Someone suggested the Pancake Committee make the choice and the issue was closed.

Al ♦s note: What would we tell Altercare if we drop them? Gee thanks for the support of several hundred dollars of food over the past years, but we got a better deal. Folks that neither good business nor is it fair to all concerned.

II. Constitution Parade. Will we do it again? It was agreed to sponsor it and organize the parking. More later. Denny Valentine questioned the Rotary banner and thinks he can get a better one.

III. Flags go out next week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

IV. Cynthia Kercher mentioned Farmer ♦s Market for September and October. Next year, the dates will change from the first Saturday to the second Saturday of summer months due to conflicts in scheduling.

V. The Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society will sponsor a program for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 that began America ♦s participation in WWII. The program will be held at Paradise Church. There will be an effort made to find surviving veterans of that raid.

VI. Greg Anderson discussed the Foundation birthday party with a suggestion it be held at Guilford Lake. Food would be carry-in, but no date was set. It was suggested that we invite another Rotary Club, such as East Canton, but no decision was made.

VII. Jim Edwards suggested a Program Chair for a person to have a program in reserve in the event of a late cancellation. No action was taken.

VIII. Mark asked about a pledge for the Rotary International campaign. The national group suggested \$3,700. Mark thought maybe \$1,000 was doable. No final plans were made.

IX. Eva Roshong asked about the progress of Rotary grant applications. There is one application on file and the announcement that applications are currently being accepted was published in the Herald.

X. Denny Valentine reported a fundraiser for the Historical Society. It will be an amateur photo contest with prize money sponsored by H-P Products.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05.

Submitted by Allen Gress, Secretary

