



## Louisville Rotary Meetings 2013



### 4th Quarter

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## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

October 2, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided.

The Club's 2013 team of officers and committee chairmen met one hour before the regular meeting to discuss the club's many on-going projects. Discussions included:

A discussion was held regarding a program for parents of soldiers killed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Viet Nam. Quarterly dinners would be held with those parents and loved ones invited so they can share and support each other. Other District clubs have signed on with financial support for this project - certainly a worthwhile endeavor. However, in the course of discussions it was learned that there are similar programs ongoing. No action was taken on the request.

In other business:

\* Treasurer Jay Barton gave a financial report. Current paid membership is 45.

\* Flag Czar Ken Smith gave a brief report on the flag project asking for help hanging 30 flags in Paradise

Church for the Veteran's Day ceremony set for Nov. 11.

\* Jim Edwards gave an update on the grant program and suggested Jared Shive and Al Gress be added to the Grant Review Committee moving the membership level from 6 to 7. (One member resigned). Membership additions were approved.

\* No news on the club's website rework.

\* The Youth Exchange Program is costing more than budgeted due to the two students instead of the usual one. There is concern the girls have not made friendships at the high school. Discussion is in progress about finding an English tutor to help in their language development, which is a problem.

\* Greg Anderson discussed the Every Member, Every Year Rotary initiative that asks for a \$100 commitment from each Rotarian each year. Eva suggested Committee members lead the way with individual commitments. Greg suggested the club set up a plan for matching funds; i.e., if one pledges \$50, the club will match it up to \$1,000. As time was running out, the issue was tabled until the next Board meeting set for 11:15 a.m. before the Oct. 9 general meeting.

### REGULAR MEETING

Thirty-two members in attendance and one guest dined on BBQ pork sandwiches, Texas-style fries, apple sauce and cake before standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four Way Test, an invocation given by Liz Hand and the singing of our Rotary song.

Visiting Rotarian Tom Jackson from Houston, Texas was in attendance. Tom is a LHS Class of '64 graduate and was in town for his mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. His father was a past president of the Louisville Rotary Club and was the Citizen of the Year in 1976. His niece Wendy is a current member.

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

n Jason Buydos discovered what a great business Yoder's Auto Repair is because they didn't charge him for loosening nuts on his mower. Jason, as we all know, came to us from Cincinnati where customs may be a tad different. n Greg Anderson gave a brief report of his experience attending America's Cup Race held on San Francisco Bay.

n Liz Hand reminded Rotarians about the open house at Bixler & Moore Law Firm this evening.

n Betty Derry reminded all about the square dance blue grass concert this Saturday at the Nimishillen Grange Hall.

n Pat Richardson reminded all about the Snowflake Auction on Dec. 7.

n Ron Derry shared information about the fundraiser to obtain money for repair work in the old post office building.

n Cynthia Kerchner reminded all to attend the last Farmer's Market of the year.

n Ken Smith gave a blessing for Cynthia's rapid recovery from a broken leg.

#### Club business:

N Jason Buydos discussed his committee's plans to deliver books to St. Joseph's Care Center.

N Bill Wood said he had three speakers lined up to discuss water and sanitation problems.

N Liz Hand spend \$200 for the campaign working in cooperation with Louisville School's nurse and Rite Aide Pharmacy to help students with head lice. N Bob Hallier discussed the Coat Project. Coats are \$20 each with 6 to a box and the order must be at least 5 boxes. Various Rotarians pledged \$50 and an additional \$250 was found in unused committee funds to support the project.

N The Prez discussed the sign project. Disagreement was in the air whether to have stand-alone signs or go with a group sign. Stay tuned for this issue to be on next week's agenda.

#### Upcoming events:

Oct. 9 Lunch @ Community Cupboard

Oct. 16 Linda Burk, Community Wellness Nurse

Oct. 23 Up Close & Personal. You don't want to miss this one.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

October 9, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided.

Meeting for lunch at the Koontz Memorial Lutheran Church home of Louisville's Community Cupboard 22 members in attendance dined on 6-inch Italian subs, a bag of chips, a choice of cookie downed with a soda pop chaser. Sally Samblanet, Director of the Community Cupboard, and Rev. Ralph Gibson, one of the trustees, hosted our club, gave a tour of the two rooms they use, and spoke about their successes.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, a group recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test and a prayer given by Liz Hand. One must wonder how much longer it will be before it becomes politically incorrect to open a multi-church, multi-age group with a Christian prayer?

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

\* Betty Derry kept her Happy Dollar streak alive with two messages; the Historical Society met their expenses for last Saturday's Bluegrass concert and square dance a piece of Americana. She also told the story of our Japanese exchange student who attended and at first was reluctant to join a dance square, but eventually did and danced for an hour with a smile. Imagine the reaction when she tells that story about American life when she's back in Japan.

\* Nicole Gandee reminded us about the Chamber of Commerce meeting and open house at Oak Hill Manor.

#### CLUB BUSINESS

n The club voted to contribute \$200 supporting the program for parents who lost sons or daughters in the Armed Services. The program is sponsored jointly by the Gold Star Mothers and an organization in Canton with a name I did not catch.

n Discussed the Warm Coat project which can be funded by donations from club members and the committee's \$250 seed money. It's a work in progress.

n Signed up members to work for the Pancake breakfast coming the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. Altercare has donated the food. Scooter is taking charge of the placemats with advertising. Ads are business-sized cards and cost just \$50. Denny Valentine will have 25 posters for hanging around town. Members will get tickets to sell at our next meeting.

n The Every Member, Every Year Rotary International Project was discussed again and was received with a yawn.

n Members voted to join with the Town and Country Garden Club to help fund two signs to be placed at the north and south entrances of the city. Cost is about \$1,000. Next year, perhaps the clubs will have signs on the east and west entrances.

#### THE PROGRAM

Sally Samblanet welcomed the members and said the Community Cupboard operations follow the principles of Rotary's Four Way Test. She discussed the two rooms used by the Cupboard and how the food distribution works.

Fifteen to 20 volunteers are needed for each distribution. They set up Wednesday evenings for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of

the month distributions. They serve between 130 to 150 families but some people do not come each time. This year, the church had a community garden that provided fresh vegetables as did the Beech Mennonite Church and the Pickin Patch farm. One consistent person volunteers day old bread. They now have a volunteer grant writer. They have 3 freezers, but cannot use more due to the church's electrical system. Last year, our club gave them one of our \$1,000 grants.

The program serves people in the 44641 zip code area. "We can't feed the world," explained Pastor Ralph Gibson, one of the organization's founders.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 16 Linda Burk, Community Wellness Nurse

Oct. 23 Up Close & Personal by Jason Buydos. You don't want to miss this one.

Oct. 30 Terry Shue, Director of Leadership for the Mennonite Church USA.

Nov. 6 Business meeting and walking path clean up and exercise experience.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

October 16, 2013

(With special thanks to Mike Snyder for standing in for me)

President Eva Roshong presided. Dave Yeagley the Sergeant-at-Arms

Twenty-seven members attended with one guest Joel Dunbar, Jerry's brother. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four-Way Test and a prayer by Liz Hand.

To open the **Happy Dollars** portion of the meeting, Mike Snyder quipped that we ought to rename this part of the meeting to Betty Bucks for her enrichment of the club treasury and members' knowledge of current going-ons.

Betty Derry is happy to have collected \$800 so far as part of the Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society's efforts to pledge \$2,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Old Post Office, the home of the Historical Society.

Nicole Gandee is happy that many attended the open house at her nursing care facility.

Pat Richardson is happy that Membership Appreciation Day at the Y is Saturday, Oct. 19 and that Trick or Treat night is Halloween Eve, Oct. 31. Members should bring their candy bags and come in costume.

Dave Yeagley is happy his 95-year-old aunt recently returned home.

Mike Snyder wished Maranda Saling best wishes in her upcoming marriage to Mitch Ramsey. Mike and his wife attended the wedding of his nephew in Iowa last week.

#### Other items of club business:

n Sergeant Yeagley chastised the membership regarding the necessity to confirm their meeting attendance by Tuesday each meeting week. This week 17 confirmations were made with 27 attending. "We need to do better!" he said. "This is NOT a laughing matter to the kitchen staff."

n President Roshong reminded members they were invited to the Gold Star and Families of the Fallen dinner Oct. 23 with more information forthcoming.

n President Roshong gave additional information about the Denison Rotary's medical screening program. That club raised \$50,000 on this project.

n President Eva reported that a Rotary Gala Social was planned for Saturday, Nov. 16 and promised more information next week.

n The 2014 proposed budget and bylaw changes are still a work-in-progress.

n Kathy Fausnight reported Pancake Days, Saturday, Nov. 16, tickets are ready and there are 28 posters ready for distribution.

n Bob Hallier reported his committee's project for warm coats for needy children and he proposed the purchase of 36 coats from a closet of coats of various sizes and colors at a cost of \$612.00. We are working with the YMCA to identify those who need coats.

n Jim Edwards reported the next business meeting in November, he will recommend the committee discretionary funds be increased from \$250 to \$400.

#### The Program

Mike Snyder introduced Ms. Linda Burk, RN, CPN, who presented the program.

Burk, who is a native of Malvern, has been a nurse for 34 years. She is the Community Wellness Nurse for Aultman Hospital and spoke with the topic of Change ♦ Everything Changes. ♦ And we need to be ready for change in the health community, ♦ she said.

The largest population category today are those between the ages of 5 and 17 and we need to get their diet habits under control as one in three children is obese. Type II Diabetes is on the increase nationwide.

Burk is currently working with Louisville High School to chart weight patterns of 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they move through their next 3 years of high school. ♦ Everyone should pay attention to their lab results and not accept ♦ you are doing fine ♦ as a statement of acceptance.

Aultman has developed a program called Health Vision 2020 and are conducting monthly health screenings for a nominal fee the first Friday of the month from 11 in the morning till one.

Burk said we need to get started on a proper diet, a difficult step, and we need to maintain that first step.

She reminded everyone that flu season is upon us and that everyone should get a flu shot. She also cautioned us to pay attention to body pain, especially if it is above the belly button for it may be heart related. She called for a return to community gardens so that more food could be grown and distributed locally.

The meeting adjourned prompted at 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary with Mike Snyder ♦s able assistance.

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

October 23, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided. Dave Yeagley the Sergeant-at-Arms

Twenty-three members attended with one guest ♦ District 6650 Assistant Governor Kimberly Weiss who hails from the East Canton Rotary Club. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four-Way Test and a prayer by Liz Hand.

Worthy news items for this meeting ♦s **Happy Dollars** ♦ aptly referred to as the **Betty Bucks** portion of the meeting ♦ included:

♦ The Derry ♦s have a new daughter-in-law and welcome her into the Derry Clan. On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> the Historical Society is hosting a tour for 18 Cub Scouts along with 18 Cub adults. Also in the Old Post Office for a future tour is the high school History Club. Betty is accepting donations of white or clear Christmas blubs for the Downtown Light-up Ceremony planned for Dec. 1.

♦ Pat Richardson is has advertising flyers for the YMCA Snow Flake auction and said there was still an opportunity to donate items. She also welcomed Mike Snyder now an employee at the Y. It is not clear if Mike is a swimming or fitness instructor.

♦ Cynthia Kerchner thanked the club for their support for the Farmers Markets and hopes to keep them going and growing next summer and fall.

♦ Eva, in her motherly capacity, announced candles for sale ♦ a fundraiser for LHS cheerleaders.

#### Other items of club business:

n Flag Czar Smith reported Veteran ♦s Day flag posting for Nov. 7-8-9 and deposing Nov. 13-14-15.

n Kathy Fausnight reminded members of Pancake Day, 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Middle School. Tickets are ready for pick-up.

n Took no action on the resignation of 18-year-member Jay Barton. Jay has served the club well as treasurer over that period. His absence will be a great concern because he is the only one who knows the club ♦s special pancake batter recipe. Jim Edwards suggested the club NOT accept his resignation. Secretary ♦s minutes will still be sent to Jay as a reminder of all the fun he is missing.

n President Roshong reminded Rotarians to attend the Chamber of Commerce ♦s Business Showcase at Brookside Farms, Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30. She asked for volunteers to set up a Rotary table.

n The Prez reminded all of the District 6650 Grand Gala at KSU-Stark celebrating district clubs with 100 year anniversaries. Louisville has been in the Rotary business for 88 years. This is a black tie event, but you don ♦t have to wear a black tie according to Eva and there will be a contingent from our club attending without black ties. Information is available on District 6650 website.

n Jim Edwards reported at the next business meeting in November the club will vote on the nominees for Rotary grants.

### The Program

Our own Jason Buydos shared his experiences as a newcomer to the community, back to northeast Ohio from the land down under ♦ Cincinnati and Louisville, Kentucky. Members chuckled at his story about wife Jackie ♦s feelings that people in Louisville (Kentucky) were insincere by ending gossip with ♦bless his heart. ♦ (Jason was hired here by an extremely knowledgeable and competent library board composed of Greg Anderson, Ron Derry, Bob Hallier and Al Gress ♦ all humble men who know talent when they see it).

Jason said he found Louisvillians (Ohio) to have a niceness about them with a legitimate interest in people. ♦ There is a uniqueness here, ♦ he said making reference to Jim Edwards.

In summarizing his past achievements, Jason served as an academic librarian at UC and said things moved there at the rate of a glacier. ♦ My dream for the public library is it to be a place where people can go and pick themselves up by their bootstraps. Libraries are the great equalizer, ♦ he continued.

One of his goals is to move library services into the township. Concluding his message, he talked about the future for Louisville, including a new building in conjunction with a community center. ♦ The library is our local cultural repository, ♦ he said.

The meeting adjourned on time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, Secretary

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

October 30, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided. Dave Yeagley Sergeant-at-Arms.

Twenty-six members attended with one guest ♦ Yvette Blanford, a guest of Bill Wood.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary Four-Way Test and a prayer by Liz Hand. The tradition of singing a song appears to be gone by the wayside.

Worthy news items for this meeting ♦s **Happy Dollars** included:

- ♦ According to Betty Derry, the Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society has now raised \$1,400 toward its goal of \$2,000 to help fund some problems in the Old Post Office, which from this moment may be referred to as the Olga T. Weber Building. (Anyone got a better name? The name Olde Post Office doesn ♦t cut it any more.)
- ♦ B. D. also worked on a joint Light-up Louisville project in conjunction with the Juilliard Center for the Arts. Dec. 1. Come and join the Christmas spirit with fellow Rotarians and the community.
- ♦ Greg Anderson reminded all of a Trick or Treat night at the library Wednesday and one at the YMCA on Thursday evening after supper.
- ♦ Jim Edwards reminded everyone the next business meeting Nov. 6 there would be a vote on the Rotary ♦s 2014 grant winners. The envelope, please.

### Other items of club business:

n President Roshong proudly announced the Board of Directors had voted unanimously for the appointment of Jared Shive to be the club ♦s treasurer. With his usual gracefulness, Jared accepted the challenge. Veteran Rotarian Ken Smith and relative newcomer Liz Hand have been appointed to the Board of Directors effective today. Welcome aboard!

n Flag Czar Smith reported Veteran ♦s Day flag posting for Nov. 7-8-9 and de-posting Nov. 13-14-15. He also requested help in hanging 25 flags in the Paradise Church sanctuary Saturday evening Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in preparation for the Veteran ♦s Day program set for Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month ♦ a day when peace ending World War I began at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

n Kathy Fausnight reminded members of Pancake Day, 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Middle School. Tickets are ready for pick-up. Mike Snyder and Al Gress will pick up the food supplies Friday afternoon and leave them at the middle school after 3 p.m. She said we were in need of four carafes for coffee and it was suggested by Jim Edwards the club purchase four and keep them for future needs. Ken Smith made the motion to purchase four; Edwards seconded it and volunteered to check on pricing. The motion passed unanimously. Kathy said there would be 160 vendors at the craft show and Rotarians who do not wear their blue Rotary shirts will be assigned to wash pots and pans. Greg Anderson said he knows where the pancake batter recipe can be found (With thanks to Mrs. Butterworth).

n President Roshong informed the club that 55 people showed up for the dinner for parents who lost a son or daughter in Afghanistan; a program partially funded by Rotary Clubs in our District.

n President Roshong reminded Rotarians to attend the Chamber of Commerce's Business Showcase at Brookside Farms, Nov. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30. She asked for volunteers to set up a Rotary table.

### **The Program**

Terry Shue, the former Pastor of the Kidron Mennonite Church and now one of the six Directors of Leadership for the national Mennonite Church, spoke about the Mennonite Church and their missions. Their passion for community missions is based on three principles: Jesus is the center of their faith; the community is the center of their homes; and service is the center of their commitment. ♦ We take Jesus ♦ teaching seriously, ♦ he said. He cited the Book of Matthew, chapter 25 as how the Bible commands them to help the poor and those who suffer from misfortune. Shue said the Mennonite ♦s commitment to service began in 1920 following WWI when immigrants from the Ukraine found their family members back there were starving. In the process of sending them food, it was discovered that many were starving and their basic needs were great. After WWII, with migrations of nationalities who had been left homeless, the Mennonite mission became worldwide.

The Kidron Thrift Shop is a local church mission to help support the Mennonite Disaster Services program. The Kidron Auction held the first Saturday of August annually raises money for Disaster relief. Recently, the Mennonites have been looking at the root causes of poverty and have become advocates for the poor.

The church has established two peace centers for the training of leaders to go into the world and helps find peaceful solutions to conflict. The church is also into home building and spent five years helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. ♦ This is what following Jesus means to me, ♦ he concluded.

Liz Hand is a graduate of Kidron Central Christian High School and is a personal friend of Terry Shue.

The meeting adjourned on time.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary

Liz with our speaker, Terry Shue





## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

November 6, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided. Dave Yeagley Sergeant-at-Arms.

Twenty-four members were present as the meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary Four-Way Test and a prayer by Liz Hand. Liz has done such an inspiring job it was moved by Ken Smith that she be appointed the club's chaplain. Ken's motion was accepted by acclaim.

Worthy news items for this meeting's **Happy Dollars** included:

- ◆ According to Betty Derry, the Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society's fundraising drive selling Elder-Berman discount books has been so successful the company has recognized their efforts by allowing them to sell in the store, something rarely allowed. Her second dollar was spent informing all that County Commissioner Janet Weir Creighton was speaking at the Historical Society's November meeting and all are invited.
- ◆ It was noted that Greg Parrish was featured in a story printed in Aultman Hospital's monthly newsletter. Greg had a successful artificial hip replacement.
- ◆ Ken Smith was honored for selling 100 tickets for the pancake breakfast. No other Rotarian is even close so Ken's work has earned him another nickname ◆ Ace Smith.
- ◆ Sergeant Yeagley, showing his surprise, announced that today there were 22 RSVPs with 24 attending.
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### Other items of club business:

- n The walking trail clean-up scheduled for today was cancelled due to thick leaves that covers any trash that may be hiding underneath. The fact the weather outside was rainy, windy and cold may have contributed to the decision.
- n Thane Bolden said the Warm Coats project was successful with 27 children on list to receive coats. The list of recipients came from the Y and Thane thanked Ron & Betty Derry and Ace Smith for \$50 donations. President Roshong told how Rotary District 6650 adopted this project and funded 40,000 coats! 40,000 is what she said. The District number exceeded the number of coats raised by the Chicago Rotary Clubs.
- n A complimentary letter from the Gold Star Mothers thanking our club for participation in the dinner for parents of fallen soldiers was read. We did good!
- n The Dennison Health Fair project was discussed and will be a topic for a future meeting.

### **The Program**

Jim Edwards took the floor and with the help of a power point and a two-page handout explained the club's financial picture of projected income and expenses for 2014. All club income is estimated at \$39,879. Club operating expenses are estimated to be \$8,412.

#### Highlights of club expenses include:

Foreign exchange students inbound	\$2,167
Foreign exchange students outbound	\$1,000
Club Misc. stamps, guest meals, Arion awards, etc.	\$3,045
Start up for Health Fair project	\$1,200
Rotary signs for entrance to city	\$1,000

<u>Money available for grants &amp; club projects</u>	\$31,467
Major project set-aside (new Library goal)	\$5,000
Constitution Committee	\$2,000
Rotary International Polio Plus	\$1,000
Club project match for EREY contributions	\$1,000
Local Grants	\$5,000
Discretionary grants for club's 6 committees	\$4,200
Flag replacement fund	\$2,000
Savings account passbook	\$2,000
Balance in reserve checking account	\$13,267

Next on the agenda was a vote for the five lucky grant recipients for 2014. A list of nine applications was presented with members voting for the final five. The envelope please. And the winners, not in order of number of votes, are: Friends of the Louisville Library, Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society, Louisville Scholarship Foundation, YMCA Strong Kids program and the Louisville Library consolidated #1 & #2 grant.

**It also needs to be noted a special thank-you should go to Jim for he put hours of effort into this budget, but most of all his caring, sincerity and good cheer is an example for all of us.**

Bill Wood made motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Greg Parrish. Motion passed and members went back to work flushed with good food and good fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Allen Gress, Secretary

## **Louisville Rotary Club**

### **Minutes**

November 13, 2013

Eva Roshong, President

David Yeagley, Sergeant-at-Arms

An encouraging 28 members attended the meeting and dined on roast pork, red skinned potatoes and candied carrots with chocolate-chip cookies for dessert. President Roshong led the members in the traditional opening Rotary ritual, but Chaplain Liz Hand's inspirational prayer was missed.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

\* Quietly and without fanfare, Catherine May announced that she was getting married Saturday. We wish you well, Catherine, and may all the happiness you ever imagined follow you and your husband. Of course, it is expected the wedding party will join us at our pancake breakfast where brides and grooms dine for free.



- \* Greg Anderson reminded members of the Y's Snowflake Auction and sadly reported the demise of Daisy, his daughter Annika's pet fish, a painful life lesson for a child.
- \* Bob Hallier told the dead battery story while posting flags, but it had a happy ending.
- \* Cynthia Kershner, always the cheerleader for downtown, passed out fliers urging people to Shop Small by supporting Small Business Saturday, Nov. 30.
- \* Betty Derry gave a report about the progress of several Historical Society initiatives and asked for volunteers to work the Light Up Louisville program. A sign-up sheet was passed around. She also mentioned the donation of a 1880s buggy seat for the Society's collection, a collection that is now overflowing their space. This report of Betty's message is cut short but is mindful of her sincere and energetic work on those projects.
- \* Jason Buydos thanked the club for the grants given the library and the Friends of the Library.

#### **CLUB BUSINESS**

n Thane Bolden discussed the progress of the Winter Coats program and said it may need to be expanded next year and suggested raising the amount of money for the project to about \$1,500. Twenty-seven coats are now being distributed through the YMCA. Bob Hallier suggested that next year, we begin this project earlier in the year.

n Running short of time, it was discussed briefly about financing a shelter box for the Philippians disaster. Ken Smith moved we sent \$1,000, seconded by Greg Anderson and the motion passed unanimously. Greg will make the arrangements for the club.

n The annual Christmas caroling and party was discussed and it was decided to use the Louisville Recreation (the bowling alley) for Thursday, Dec. 19. More details later.

n Next week's program will feature Eric Akrin of NEFCO and a plan to clean-up Nimishillen Creek. This secretary does not know what NEFCO stands for.

#### **THE PROGRAM**

The information blackout for the program was settled as local resident Ed Ellis was introduced and proceeded to entertain the club with his slight of hand magic performed with a unique humor. Mark Sigler watched in amazement as the \$20 bill he volunteered was returned as a one-dollar bill. And those card tricks! Pick a card, any card, put it back in the deck, shuffle and wow! He always could find the picked card. Time for a smoking cigarette, zip up his nostrils. Then there was this business of moving a hard object through a stretched rubber band. How'd he do that? Smoking cigarette, back in coat pocket. He bent a silver spoon right there, said a few magic words, and the spoon was returned in its normal shape. He moves quickly from one trick to another, often diverting the audience attention from his hands to his face, voice and quirky movements. He is always the entertainer.

Ellis, a Canton South graduate, has performed in Las Vegas, on cruise ships, and has been on a number of television shows. He is also a professional musician with drums his specialty. He performed at last years District Rotary conference. Recently, he has been teaching magic and this summer returned from England where he conducted classes in the Black Science.

Upon completion of the program, he presented a CD of his magic course to Jason Buydos for the library. Ellis has been invited back anytime he is in the area and promised to return. The next time, Mark will keep his money in his pocket. For those interested in obtaining Ed's services for whatever, he can be reached at 330-316-1859.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, Secretary



**November 20th. - awaiting minutes from mike**



Nov 27, Thanksgiving week, no meeting.

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

December 4, 2013

President Eva Roshong presided.

Meeting for lunch at Paradise UCC Church, 24 Rotarians and two guests dined on chicken salad, red skinned potatoes and candy carrots with cake for dessert. Stark County Auditor Alan Harold and his grandfather, former Rotarian and local businessman Joe Zwick, were honored guests.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Chaplain Liz Hand aptly provided the invocation. Sadly, the habit of singing appears to have gone by the wayside.

During the Happy Dollars portion of the meeting:

- \* Betty Derry was exuberant with the success of last Sunday's Light up Louisville and announced plans to do it again next year.
- \* Bob Hallier announced he is a grandfather for the 7<sup>th</sup> time.
- \* Greg Anderson said he survived his first parachute jump. He did not mention plans for tattoos, ear piercings, stock car racing or other wild diversions.
- \* Maranda Ramsey told about an upcoming article in the Canton paper of her apartment located in the downtown Arts District. Maranda also discussed the need for new Rotary shirts designed for woman.
- \* Catherine May was congratulated for becoming Catherine May Rudolph.

### Program

Auditor Alan Harold discussed changes in the state Homestead Exemption law passed last July affecting all homeowners. He said savings for Nimishillen area homeowners is about \$400 a year. In a nutshell:

1. If the homeowner is over age 65 and already enrolled in Homestead Exemption, as long as the person lives in Ohio on a permanent basis, that person is grandfathered in and there will be no change.
2. If a person is approaching age 65, he may apply for Homestead Exemption, but it will be granted on the bases of income so the exemption is not automatic.
3. There will be further information about the changes in newspapers, radio announcements and the Internet.
4. Harold reminded all dog owners to get required dog licenses and dog owners can now obtain a lifetime license (dog's life) or 3-year licenses.
5. Veteran's and service lodges are now eligible for property tax exemptions.

### Club Business

The 2014 slate of officers was approved. Bill Wood, President, Mike Snyder, President-elect, Eva Roshong, Past President, Mark Sigler, Vice-President, Jared Shive, Treasurer, Maranda Ramsey, Secretary, and Dave Yeagley, sergeant-at-arms. Ken Smith and Liz Hand are Board members at-large. Bill Wood moved the slate be adopted and Maranda Ramsey seconded his motion. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations!

The second item of business was the adoption of bylaws for the club. Apparently, club bylaws were either never written or became lost in time. A committee chaired by Wendy Hardin presented the new, updated bylaws. The bylaws had been emailed to members earlier and were encouraged to read them prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the bylaws as written was made by Wendy and seconded by Maranda Ramsey.

Before the vote, Jim Edwards stood and proposed an amendment for Article 8, sec. 3 that listed the order of business for club meetings. In the first bylaws, there was no mention of an invocation and Jim questioned that. His amendment added the invocation to the list for the club's order of business.

Allen Gress questioned why the invocation was dropped and Wendy responded said that Rotary International did not recommend an invocation in the club order of business due to the number of international Rotary Clubs, many of which are in located in non-Christian countries.

A secret ballot was taken and the final tally was 19-5 in favor of the Edwards Amendment keeping the invocation in our local club's order of business.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

n The club needs a new Membership Committee leader as Jared, who served in that position so well, is now preoccupied with the club treasurer's duties. He said there would be a new financial report format ready for the next meeting. Jared also mention the club's new picture directory is now ready.

n Greg Anderson announced the campaign for the new library/community center was picking-up steam and the club's pledge of \$50,000 will be needed soon. The question of the naming rights for a room in the community center is still up in the air.

n Ken Smith suggested inviting all 20 of our volunteer flag put-er-outers be invited to our annual banquet. His suggestion was accepted.

### Upcoming Meetings

Dec. 11 ♦ Joel Soza speaker.

Dec. 18 ♦ Jason Buydos speaks on the future of the Louisville Public Library.

Dec. 19 ♦ Caroling and Christmas fun at the Louisville Recreation. Bring the family.

Dec. 25 ♦ Santa Claus comes. No club meeting.

Jan. 1 ♦ New Year's Day. No club meeting. Members may still be recovering from last night's celebrations and good cheer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Allen Gress

## Louisville Rotary Club

### Meeting minutes

December 11, 2013

President Eva Roshong was absent attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting. President-Elect Bill Wood had the gavel. Perhaps it was the 19-degree temperature outside that keep some members from today's meeting. Fourteen Rotarians and two guests dined on ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and applesauce with mint ice cream for dessert. Our two guests were the program.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Sergeant-at-arms Dave Yeagley gave the invocation. No singing today.

### Happy Dollars

Ron & Betty Derry weren't present so Happy Dollars was a fizzle.

\* Bill Wood did chip in a buck to say he was glad to be in the leadership saddle and stand in for Eva.

### Program

Malone University Professor Joel Soza and his wife Dalia brought with them the St. John's Bible and a collection of related materials. The Professor is a noted expert on the Bible and teaches theology at Malone.

The St. John's Bible is the first hand written and illustrated Bible in more than 500 years. It is considered a masterpiece of calligraphy and art. It is part of a current display at the Canton Museum of Art that runs through March 2. There are only 360 editions of the St. John's Bible and Malone has one of them.

The text of the New Revised Standard version, completed in 1990-91, is used because it is the most literal of the various translations. Donald Jackson, the person in England who is the official scribe for Queen Elizabeth, was the Official Scribe and artistic director for the St. John's Bible. He had 23 calligraphers working with him on the project. Work on the 1,127-page, 7-volume work with 160 color illustrations was begun in 1998 and completed in 2002. The Bible, of course, begins with Genesis and concludes with Revelation. Malone's edition is number 64 of the 360 editions. The ink used for the illustrations was made 19<sup>th</sup> century products and the calligraphy was done with quills. The paper on the original is animal skin. The work was commissioned and completed at St. John's University, a Roman Catholic University in Minnesota.

Professor Soza said one of the purposes of doing the handwritten Bible was to give voice to the sacred scripture and to foster the arts and to glorify God's word in picture form.

A more complete report on the project can be found on page 10 of the Dec. 5 *Canton Repository Ticket* titled

*Illuminating the Word* written by Repository Fine Arts reporter Dan Kane. From a fellow journalist Kane did a remarkable job and his work is worth reading. The St. John's display is worth seeing.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

n There will be no luncheon meeting next week as members will be attending the Christmas party Thursday evening at the bowling alley. Cost is \$10, but you can bowl for free. The bar will be open for business, but it is not free. Caroling begins at 6 at Altercare where we were last year. (The Boy Scouts jumped in and took St. Joseph's from us!) President Roshong is to bring song sheets for those who have not memorized the lyrics. We need a song leader to avoid last year's performance of the Rotary Off-key Singers attempting *God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman* that confused some residents into thinking the fire alarm was going off. Children are invited. Fun activities begin at 7. Attendees should bring a covered dish or a goodie such as a large pep & cheese pizza, a box of hot Buffalo wings or both. Spouses, family, friends and lovers are invited.

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Jan. 2 Most New Year's resolutions are broken.

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