



## Louisville Rotary Meetings 2015



### 2nd Quarter

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#### Louisville Rotary District 6650 Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 1st, 2015

1. Happy Dollars - President Wood is happy that Krisz Toth is here today and that he is finally getting the opportunity to play baseball. In fact, he had an RBI single in his first at-bat yesterday versus Marlinton. The Leopards lost the game and play Marlinton again this very afternoon. Go Leps and go KT!
  2. Pledge of Allegiance, Four Way Test, prayer led by Ted Burwell, no song, no visitors. Twenty two members in attendance.
  3. President Wood stated that Louisville YMCA Interim Director Craig Greenlee sent us a letter of thanks for the \$1,000.00 donation to their Annual Fund (previously Strong Kids) Campaign.
  4. President Wood reported that the Rotary Board voted to donate \$500.00 to a joint Rotary campaign to support an ongoing therapy initiative at the Solid Rock Riding Center. The Riding Center uses horses for therapy for returning armed forces veterans. This grant is being coordinated by Rotary activist Nina Patel and includes a \$20,000 grant from donors in India.
  5. President Wood indicated that he plans to attend a Grant Anagement Seminar on Monday, April 6 in Salem Ohio.
  6. President Wood reminded everyone that the annual District 6650 conference in Wooster on April 24 and 25. Blazers will be presented to four outbound students and Krisz Toth will be there to participate in the Rotary Exchange talent show.
  7. President Wood reminded everyone that our annual banquet and swearing in ceremony will be held at 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, June 24 Skyline Pines. Repository columnist Gary Brown will be our featured speaker.
  8. President Wood reported that he and Ken Willet, Mike Snyder, Krisz Toth walked the new Leopard Mile with Linda Brunk of Aultmann Hospital to commemorate the National Day of Walking. Volunteers will paint blue leopard paws along the one mile route. The big kick off for the walk will be on Saturday, June 6.
  9. Mike Snyder reported that Saturday, June 6 will be very busy.... YMCA Fun Run in the early morning, the Community Walk, the Farmers Market, and a repeat performance of the Community Theater's "Murder at the Irish Wake."
  11. Ken Smith reported that we will soon install flags behind the Field of Dreams.
  12. President Wood reported that there are some behind the scenes discussions regarding the proposed Dog Park facility at Metzger's Park.
  13. Jim Edwards reported that our club is donating two of three flags in memory of Bob Kroft who recently passed away. His wife will pay for a third flag.
- Respectfully submitted by acting, interim, temporary secretary Mike Snyder.

#### Louisville Rotary District 6650 Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 8th, 2015

Louisville Rotarians!! A message from the preident: Give to the Rotary Foundation! It is one of the requirements of being a Rotarian and the money comes back to the district in later years. None of the money we pay for Louisville Rotary dues actually comes back to the club so we need the money that comes back from the Foundation. Please make your gift today!

Members in attendance: Jim Edwards, Wendy Harlan, Cynthia Kerchner (welcome back!), Maranda Saling, Liz Hand, Bill Wood, Mike Snyder, Denny Valentine, David Yeagley, Mark Sigler, Thaine Boldon, Bob Hallier, Kenny Smith, Jared Shive, Jerry Dunbar, Betty Derry, Al Gress, Jason Buydos

Other guests include Rev Ray and Jason

**Minutes:**

The Louisville Rotary Club was excited to welcome SabreCat Bat Company, Rob Roberts and Eric Thorne, this week! SaberCat is a manufacturer of one piece ash and hard maple wood baseball bats for all levels of play here in Louisville! They specialize in commemorative trophy bats. In 2014, they become one of only 34 companies in the world to be an officially licenced Major League Baseball (MLB) bat supplier. In 2009 they made their first bat in a garage; after moving to Louisville they purchased a new CNC machine, gained some wood working education, got 24 professional bat models and have grown out of state and country! They are able to personalize bats- sounds like a great gift! Wood bats tend to make better hitters because they have a smaller "sweet spot", fine tuning players' skills. The sweet spot is denoted by a thicker, denser wood. The wood they use is from a mill in upstate New York. 2014 was the first year they were in the MLB and they have more than 10 MLB players and 40 MILB players use their bats. They believe their bats are better because of how dense and hard they are. Rob and Eric are excited to grow their MLB presence and partner with major travel ball organizations! For more information visit the SaberCat website: [sabrecatbats.com](http://sabrecatbats.com)

Maranda Saling

Rob Roberts and Eric Thorne and their computer activated lathe.



**Louisville Rotary  
District 6650  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, April 8th, 2015**

Register for the district conference April 24-25 in Wooster!

Wednesday, April 15th, was the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death at the Ford Theater while watching 'Our American Cousin'. Mike Snyder recruited fellow Rotarians for multiple dramatic, Civil War related readings! Mark Twain's 'The War Prayer', shared by David Yeagley wasn't published until after his death; written in the 1880s, the war was still very much remembered. Mark Sigler, lead the singing of 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' by Julia Ward Howe and read the Gettysburg Address originally read on November 19, 1863. The Battle at Gettysburg is considered the most important engagement of the Civil War because it was the farthest North battle and was the turning point in the war. General Lee had planned to bypass Washington to divide the southern part of the Northern states. Eva Roshong shared about Harriett Beecher Stowe, the teacher who authored Uncle Tom's Cabin in 185. It is rumored that when President Lincoln met Beecher Stowe he said, "So you're the little lady who started the big war". President Bill Wood wrapped up the presentation by sharing Robert E. Lee's Farewell to the Army of Northern Virginia, his surrender letter. It was a very informative and inspiring meeting!

-Maranda Saling

**Louisville Rotary  
District 6650  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015**  
President Bill Wood presided.

Meeting for lunch at Paradise UCC Church, 19 Rotarians in attendance enjoyed BBQ pork sandwiches, salad and fruit cup. No song today, but Liz Hand aptly provided the invocation.

During the Happy Dollars portion of the meeting:

\* Bob Hallier offered free library levy signs for the taking.

\* Mike Snyder proudly announced that Maranda has been selected as one of the top 20 Cantonites under age 40 and will be featured in a coming news article, and with a picture.

\* Cynthia Kerchner offered suggestions for people to see the **◆**ole Blue Eyes program put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Also, she urged Rotarians to encourage residents to shop or at least visit the Farmer**◆**s Market.

\* Bill Wood said he was the first person to vote for the library issue. (Possibly, but I voted absentee over a week ago, Bill.)

### **Rotarians at Work**

Both before the meeting and following the program, most of the Rotarians in attendance worked under the thumb of Jim Edwards who sheperded the stamping, sealing and insertion of 800 invoices to mail for our flag program. The job was completed by 1:20 and Jim took the five completed boxes to the post office. The money should start flowing in next week! Thanks be to Jim.

### **Program**

Bill Smith, a former Rotarian, presented a program about ballooning. The East Canton resident has been ballooning for over 28 years and is a FAA certified for hot air ballooning with a commercial and instructor rating. Getting certified requires both a written and an oral exam and a **◆**check ride**◆** with an instructor. He has been involved for over 25 years with the Hall of Fame Life-off festivities. Bill has over 350 flights recorded. He is a Canton Township trustee for the past 13 years and owns Smith**◆**s Waco Market. His balloon, named IGA, stands eight stories high inflated and is 105,000 cubic feet.

Bill said the meteorologist is very important at ballooning events and the wind cannot be more than 19 mph. Smith shared several stories of balloon mishaps due to high winds. He said he would rather disappoint the crowd that those up in the air.

An new balloon will set you back about \$200,000, not counting equipment and the chase vehicle. Custom balloons could cost more. The insurance runs about \$800-900 a year. Egg shaped balloons are favored for competition, but they tend to twist on the decent. Balloons can go up in winter weather. **◆**It is very peaceful in the winter and is not any colder up than on the ground,**◆** he said.

Two of his stories involved a landing in a drive-in movie and a landing in the Timken plant compound. **◆**You can take them up and take them down,**◆** he said, **◆**But you can**◆**t take them sideways.**◆** Bill Wood seemed to understand that better than the rest of us.

### **Other items of club business:**

Greg Anderson is hosting the spring walking trail clean up, Saturday, May 16 at 9 in the morning. The fun begins at his house. Bring bags, children and spouses to help.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

### **Dates of importance**

April 24-25 District conference at Wooster

May 6 LHS choir

May 13 Business meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Gress, fill-in secretary

**Bill Smith, certified balloon pilot**



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**April 29, 2015**

President-Elect Mike Snyder presided in place of Bill Wood who was out of town. Meeting for lunch at Paradise UCC Church, 15 Rotarians and one guest in attendance enjoyed a full course swiss steak meal. Paradise Pastor Ray Deuring was the guest. Following the Pledge and the Four-Way Test, Liz Hand provided a timely prayer. Song master Mark Sigler led the Rotary singers in a rousing rendition of *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

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

- \* Bob Hallier offered an opportunity for a Rotarian to purchase a quarter beef that was raised mostly organic.
- \* Mark Sigler announced his daughter-in-law has been selected as the Outstanding Instructor at Ohio State University and will be honored during half time at one of OSU's football games this fall. Mark said he would be there for the presentation.
- \* Mike Snyder said he attended the District Conference in Wooster and was so impressed with the outbound-inbound students doing the annual talent show. David Yeagley, Maranda Saling, Bill Wood and Mike attended the District Conference.
- \* Jim Edwards read a touching letter accompanied with the flag payment. The letter thanked us for the flag program. Jim thanked everyone for the help in the invoice sending session last week and announced that he was getting 40-50 returns each day.

**Club Business**

The membership voted unanimously to provide a \$1,000 Shelter Box through Rotary International for the earthquake victims in Nepal. ♦ This is why we join Rotary, ♦ Snyder said.

The club decided to sponsor 18-year-old Greg Sprumont from Belgium as our inbound foreign exchange student for this coming school year.

Mike mentioned the Clearview Hope, a Rotary District 6650 golf fundraiser at the Clearview Golf Course set for June 20 for all serious golfers and not-so-serious duffers.

Mike suggested we have a future program regarding the Wounded Warrior project so we can determine if we wish to support one. The cost is \$250 a year.

**Program**

Douglas Miller, a local man who specializes in personality training, which he calls Interactive Concepts, gave a 20-minute demonstration to the membership regarding personality styles and differences among persons. We found out which of us thinks of himself as an introvert and who are the extraverts. Miller has been doing this around the country since 2008 and says his training will help people ♦ read ♦ others by watching non-verbal communication. ♦ You can build relations and develop leadership through his program, ♦ he said. Miller often speaks to sales teams and teaches how to read their customers. His program is available at [www.effective4life.com](http://www.effective4life.com).

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### Dates of importance

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May 13 Business meeting

May 16 Walking Path Clean-up. Meet at 9 am at Greg Anderson's home. Bring bags, children and spouses to help.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Gress, fill-in secretary  
Speaker Doug Miller



### Louisville Rotary Club Meeting minutes May 6, 2015

Varsity Singers sang wonderfully- check facebook for video! <https://www.facebook.com/LouisvilleRotary>

We sent Shelterbox to Nepal

Looking for a host family for our inbound!

We're busy May 16th! 9am at Greg's for the trail Clean-up and 10am at the AH Gallery for the Downtown Leopard Mile Painting Party

-Maranda Saling

Picture of Louisville High School Varsity Singers Directed by Alecia Ruth



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**May 13, 2015**

The Club is considering Marshalling the Constitution Parade  
 We are still looking for host families!!  
 Mike is looking into refurbish the War Memorial in town  
 1,000 flags paid for already this year  
 Jason and Ken will look further into the magnetic advertising campaign

Dates to remember:

Saturday May 16th 9am at Greg's for the trail clean-up and 10am at the AH Gallery (120 E. Main) for the path painting party  
 June 3rd meeting will take place outside of Paradise  
 June 6th is the first Farmers Market  
 June 24th Installation dinner at Skyland Pines

-Maranda Saling

**Louisville Rotary Club**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**May 20, 2015**

Mark your Calendars:

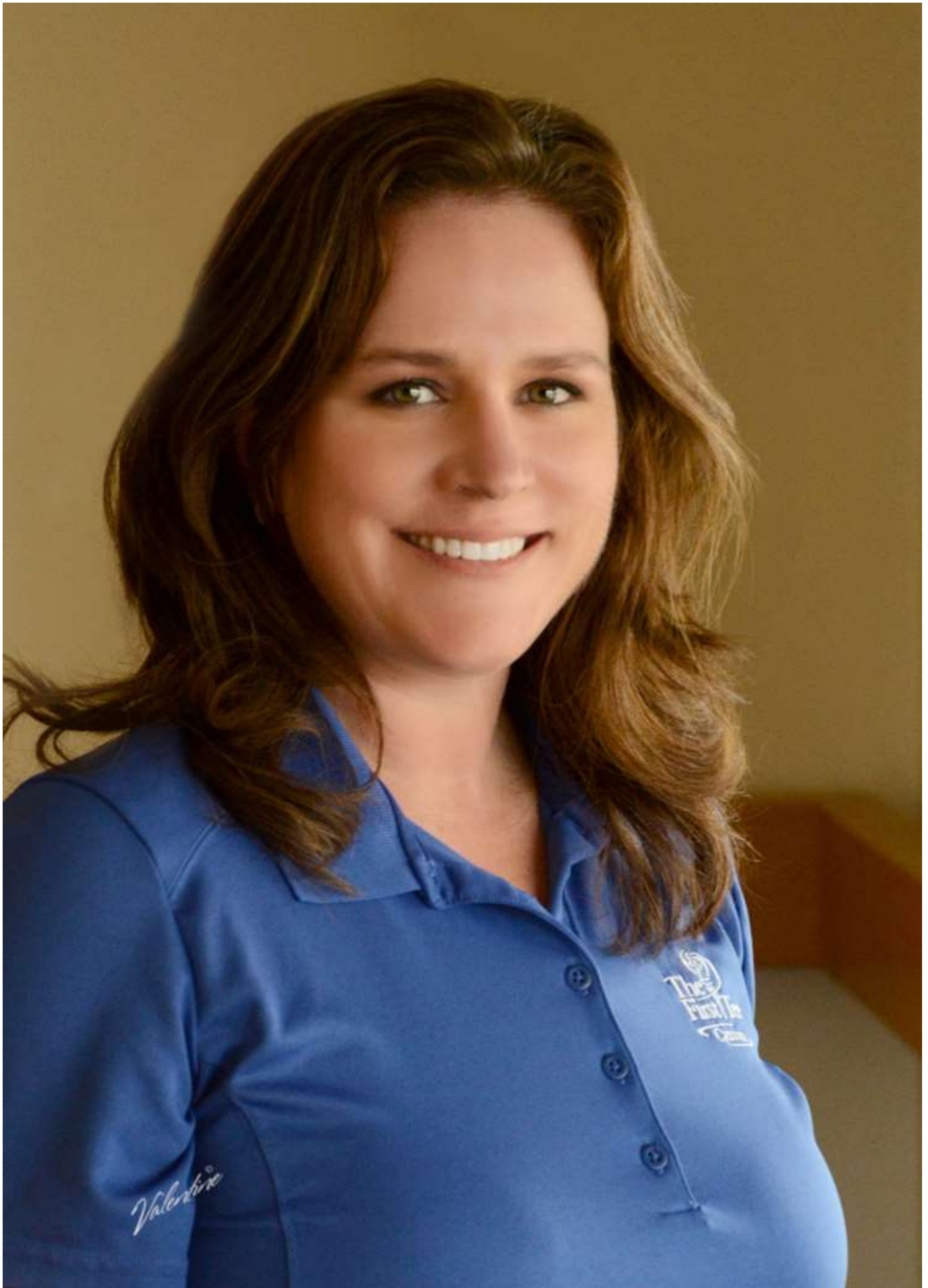
June 6- Farmers Market 9am-12pm and Leopard Mile Painting Party (10am @ AH Gallery)  
 June 24th- Annual Banquet

Angie Palomba, Executive Director of First Tee of Canton, '96 Louisville Grad and 00' Ohio University Grad. First Tee of Canton is first and foremost a youth development organization using golf as a tool to teach the kids life skills, core values and healthy habits such as hand shaking, eye contact, dress codes, etc. First Tee is a judgement free-zone with kids from all over Stark ages 5-18 years old. Kids develop an appreciation of diversity (behavioral, economic means, etc) and acceptance. Scholarships are available.

First Tee offers a 9 hole course (all Par 3) on 25th St NE that is central to the bus line and 62. The course is the old landfill, and they made a beautiful green space! The organization relies on volunteers, with only 2 full-time staff members; 35-40 volunteers. 340 children came through summer programming last year. Partnering with YMCA, schools and other organizations they reached 7,500 children through outreach. The summer program is 26 weeks and costs \$225.

They never turn a child away. Kids can play in tournaments and get scholarship dollars. 10% of their students are from Louisville!  
 Classes this year start June 1st and are offered 6 days a week!

-Maranda Saling  
 Angela Palomba



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**May 20, 2015**

Dear Rotarians: Here is a brief summary of the main points from today's meeting.

1. Meeting called to order by President Bill Wood, with 20 members, Pastor Ron, and five guests present.
2. Jim Edwards reported that there have only been four miscues out of a total of almost 1,100 flags placed throughout the community. Way to go, everyone!
3. President Wood reminded the Board that we will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3 at Mike's Milann's. The main topic of discussion will be the 2015-2016 operating budget.
4. Cynthia Kerchner reminded everyone to get the word out regarding the first Farmers Market of the season on Saturday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m. Show up early and be willing to help with set up! P.S. That is the same day as the printing of the Louisville Paw Prints, by the way.
5. President Wood reminded everyone to pencil in the annual installation dinner at Skyland Pines on Wednesday, June 24. Our featured speaker will be Gary Brown and more information will be forthcoming.
6. President Wood introduced current inbound exchange student Krisz Toth (applause) as well as the four outbound exchange students, all of whom just graduated from the Louisville High School! Each student gave us a brief summary of who they are and what they expect to learn and experience during their year abroad.

Hannah Yeagley will travel to the French speaking sector of Switzerland.

Jake Davis will travel to Japan.

Dylan Cozwarza (spelling?) will travel to Brazil.

Tanner Thomas will travel to Brazil.

President Wood presented each of the four outbound students with a check for \$1,000 that will be deposited in their name as part of the financial requirements of the program.

Denny Valentine, who has been involved in the Rotary Exchange Program for almost 25 years, stated that up to this outbound class of four students we had sent a mere three students during that entire period.

Minutes taken and submitted by interim secretary Mike Snyder.

Stalwarts, Dave, Bill, Ken, Mike and Denny retiring our 50 flag display on Main Street.





**Louisville Rotary Club  
Meeting minutes  
May 20, 2015**

**Business Meeting**

We NEED a host family or we won't be able to get our inbound  
Putting flags out June 10, 11, 12th and leaving them up until July 4th  
Budget approved- thank you Jared!

THIS Saturday June 6th Farmers Market at 8am downtown and Leopard Mile painting at the AH Gallery at 10am  
Checks made out to Louisville Rotary Club to Mike Snyder by June 17th for the Annual Dinner at Skyland Pines on June 24th

-Maranda Saling

Nay 27 no minutes received

**Louisville Rotary Club  
Meeting minutes  
June 10, 2015**

Louisville Police Chief and Louisville Rotarian Andy Turowski gave the club an annual report as well as spoke on police relations with their community. Louisville statistics are consistent with the national trend of decreasing crime. Andy is happy with our crime numbers in comparison to other communities of similar size. Because of human nature, there will always be mistakes but many police departments are taking steps in selection, training and continued education of police officers to cut down on these mistakes. Andy shared why Louisville doesn't have the issues other cities see. Most of the officers here in Louisville are from here which allows the force to be representative of the city. Recommendations made by the Ohio Attorney General have been made; thank goodness considering Ohio is one of 3 states in which a police officer isn't even required to have a high school diploma. They must first determine eligibility, and then vet the candidate. First they must pass a polygraph examine related to their conduct, behavior, etc. Second is a background check and psychological exam paid for by the city followed with a physical exam and drug test. Following would be 3-4 months of field training with daily examining. At that point they feel confident that there is a safe and qualified officer for our city. Louisville officers average 40 hours of training a year and have a strong internal review process sometimes resulting in discipline and potentially termination. Also with us on Wednesday were Kelly Crowl, Louisville School Resources Officer as well as the Juvenal Officer and bike patrol and Cory Kidwell in the Detective Bureau.

-Maranda Saling



**Louisville Rotary Club**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**June 17, 2015**

No official minutes were received. Rev Ray Deuring, spoke about his bicycle trip from San Francisco to Jacksonville Florida about 8 years ago.



**Louisville Rotary Club  
Meeting minutes  
June 24, 2015**

**No official minutes were received. We had our installation Banquet at Skyland Pines. Mike Snyder was installed as our new President. The speaker was Gary Brown, a reporter with the Repository.**