



Louisville Rotary Meetings 2014



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Due to the Holiday, there was no meeting on July 2nd

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

July 9, 2014

Bill Wood presided over his first meeting as the club's new president gathering for lunch at the Paradise UCC Church with 24 members and three guests in attendance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Song Master Mark Sigler led, with gusto, the singing of *You're a Grand Old Flag* keeping us in tune with the July 4th holiday and the de-posting of our 1,200 flags. Guests included Ralph Reese, a Rotarian who lives in Cuyahoga Falls; Marcie Blandford, home from a year in France as a Rotary exchange student; and out-going exchange student Fiorella Pilonetto.

You're a grand old flag, you're a highflying flag. And forever in peace may you wave.

You're the emblem of the land I love. The home of the free and the brave.

Every heart beats true beneath the red, white and blue, where there's never a boast of brag.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, keep your eye on the Grand Old Flag!

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

- * Cynthia Kershner thanked everyone who attended and helped at the July Farmer's Market.
- * Mark Sigler is thankful his son living in California recently earned his doctorate degree.
- * Eva Roshong is thankful for her daughter's awesome wedding.
- * Marcie Blandford is glad to be home and thanks the club for the experience.
- * Tim Blandford is thankful to have Marcie home again.
- * Chuck McLaughlin said the Canfield Rotary event he attended was great and he was thankful the Indians won last night.
- * Betty Derry passed out pamphlets and discussed the upcoming Changing America display scheduled to open July 12 at the Constitution Center.
- * Ken Smith, then Veronica Violand both said they are just happy.

CLUB BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding funeral arrangements for Mitch Ramsey and the club's assistance.

The club is happy Catherine Adolph has a promotion to administrator, but is sad she will be leaving to take over the leadership of the Navarre Care Center.

Members are advised to meet at our regular time next Wednesday to firm-up assignments for Taste of Louisville. Otherwise, show up at 4 -4:30 wearing your Rotary shirt. Eva passed out envelopes containing 10 tickets for members to sell.

President Wood addressed the group with the unveiling of a new flag with this year's club motto **Lighting up Rotary. It's better to light up a single candle than curse the darkness!** taken from a message given by this year's Rotary International president.

Wood read correspondence from the Constitution Committee (\$2,000) and the Louisville Scholarship Committee (\$1,000) for their grants.

Discussion was held over the next budget with questions regarding Taste of Louisville proceeds. Approval of the budget was tabled until the next meeting on July 16.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Gress

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

July 16, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with 18 members and one guest attending the planning meeting for the evening's 2nd annual Taste of Louisville. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Liz Hand gave the dinner prayer. Our Argentinian exchange student Fiorella Pillionetto said good-bye and thanks for the memories as she leaves for her home this coming week.

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

* Liz Hand is thankful she has completed course requirements for her master's degree in Health & Human Services (Not sure of the exact title). Her university work puts her in the company of Greg Anderson, both graduates of Montana State University, both now Bobcats, she said.

* Ken Smith is happy because it's still six weeks before flags have to go back out. He announced that Ron Derry is scheduled for knee surgery in August.

* Jerry Dunbar is happy because it's Wednesday. And Catherine Cattlett is happy for cooler temperatures.

CLUB BUSINESS

Two items of business:

1. The club's 2015 fiscal year budget was presented and passed unanimously. Jim Edwards reminded everyone that the club's pledge for the new library-community center project is two \$5,000 payments behind. The budget shows anticipated income of \$38,285 with expenses of \$37,120.

Expenses include: \$850 for operation expenses; \$300 each for the club's 6 standing committees; \$1,000 for Rotary International's EREY project; \$2,500 for inbound exchange student expenses; \$650 for Hall of Achievement Awards; \$1,000 for Community Cupboard; \$5,000 for Community Grants; \$2,150 for Constitution Week programs; \$150 for Four Way Speech Contest; \$5,000 for Louisville Library-Community Center; \$1,000 for Polio Plus; \$2,000 for Warm Coats project; and \$1,000 for a water project.

2. The second item of business was to make job assignments for the Taste of Louisville.

Mark Sigler is in charge of the parking crew.

Ken Smith the man with the 50/50 event. Ted Burwell will help.

Michelle Smith will keep an eye on the Silent Auction items.

Jared Shive is the moneyman and will take tickets with help from Fiorella.

Dave Yeagley is tending bar.

Jim Edwards will bring ice; Eva table covers.

As the meeting progressed, others volunteered and it appeared that all bases will be covered.

The meeting adjourned at 1. Respectfully submitted, Allen Gress, Acting Secretary

No minutes for the July 23rd were taken!

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

July 30, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with 22 members and four guests attending the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Liz Hand gave the dinner prayer. There was a noticeable void in the introductory part of the meeting as Songmaster Mark Sigler is on vacation and there was no one to pick up the musical slack. Visitors included Jennifer Kieffer, representing Congressman Bob Gibb's office; Bob Cameron, from St. Joseph's Care Center; Hal Hallier, Bob's visiting brother; and Lee Edison, the new administrator at Oakhill Manor Nursing Center.

CLUB BUSINESS

1. President Wood reminded Rotarians the August Farmer's Market is Saturday, Aug. 9, one week later due to the Hall of Fame festivities going on in Stark County. There will be a band this time along with more cars from Ted's Auto Sales and the baker will be back.

2. President Wood reminded everyone to submit nominations for Citizen of the Year.

3. Our inbound student is arriving next Wednesday at Akron-Canton Airport and is due in about 10 p.m. Wood encouraged all of us to show up and greet our new guest. He will be staying with Arden & Lisa Lingenhoel. Word is, the young man is a soccer player and wants to try out for the LHS team.
4. President Bill reminded us we need 3 convertibles for the Constitution parade. How about all of the Rotary members riding on a flat bed truck sporting our blue shirts? A trailer? A fire truck? Well, we could just walk the 3-mile route as a group. Unfortunately, we still do not have a queen candidate.

THE PROGRAM

Paradise Church Pastor Joyce Schroer presented the program and her topic was Rock the Park sponsored and organized by the Louisville Ministerial Association. The group kicked around the question back in 2011 ♦♦ How can we be proactive working for Jesus Christ? ♦ It was decided there needed to be a youth-oriented event, perhaps tied in to the Constitution Week activities. And so it began. The next decision was the activity should be music and held at Metzger Park. And it should be free to all. This should be a family event with the message about how the body of Christ works together.

The first one was a tremendous success. Pastor Joyce told the story of the 2012 event that was in the middle of the program when dark storm clouds moved in, the wind kicked-up and rain was imminent. The speaker on stage asked for everyone to pray the storm held off until after the concert. And there was prayer. Like the parting of the Red Sea allowing the Hebrews to escape their captivity in Egypt, the storm clouds parted and the concert continued with no rain. In 2013, former OSU football coach Jim Tressel was the featured speaker for the event.

Plans for this year's Rock the Park are progressing, she said. Although there is still a financial need and donations may be made. Pastor Joyce closed with the request to ♦ Pray for us, pray for good weather and pray for more helpers! ♦ The concert is Sunday, Aug. 17 beginning at 6. The main act will be on stage about 8:30. The meeting adjourned at 1.

Respectfully submitted, Allen Gress, Acting Secretary

COMING EVENTS

- Aug. 6 ♦ District 6650 Governor Phil Mariola (Remember to stand when he is introduced)
- Aug. 13 ♦ Vince Marion, City Planning Director.
- Aug. 20 ♦ Meeting at Bob Hallier's home.
- Aug. 27 ♦ Janet Creighton, County Commissioner. Bring spouses & friends



No minutes for the District Governor, Phil Mariola's speech were taken. Below is a picture of Phil



No minutes were taken for Aug 13th

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

August 20, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with 20 members and six guests attending the afternoon meeting held at the farm of Rotarian Bob Hallier. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test, Liz Hand gave the luncheon prayer. Song Master Mark Sigler led the singing of *America the Beautiful*. Visitors included Vivian Wood, Pat Smith and Celine Hallier. Also visiting were Camille Buisson, a young woman visiting from France, and Candy Blandford, the grandmother of Marcie Blandford, who presented our program. Jason Tucker, a college intern studying nursing home administration, also attended the meeting as a visitor.

CLUB BUSINESS

1. President Wood reminded Rotarians the September Farmer's Market is Saturday, Sept. 6.
2. Flag Czar Ken Smith reminded everyone of the flag work session for Thursday, Aug. 21 in the Flag Barn. Flags go out next week on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.
3. Jim Edwards discussed the method to return flags to their holding places in the Flag Barn necessary to house all 2,000 or so of our flags. Space is now at a premium. Don't roll them if the flag is bad.
4. Cynthia Kerchner suggested we contact the Hall of Fame leaders about volunteering for Hall of Fame activities. The Canton Rotary does and the Rotarians enjoy meeting the inductees and the NFL Big Shots.
5. President Wood read a thank-you from the Community Cupboard for our food contributions from the Taste of Louisville.

THE PROGRAM

LHS grad and the daughter of Rotarians Tim and Yvette Blandford, presented a program of her year as a Rotary exchange student in France. Marcie told stories punctuated with colorful slides of her year. She said France was her first choice and she was selected due to her outstanding interview and past school accomplishments. She lived with three families over her stay in Annecy, located about 30 minutes from Geneva, Switzerland. It was beautiful, she said. Her first subject was school in France, which required a 45-minute bus ride back and forth. French schools are different from American schools in many ways ♦ they are more college style. Students get 2 hours for lunch and the teachers lecture, there are no student reports or lab work. Everyone studies English, but Spanish, Italian, German and Chinese are options. There is no dress code and student bathrooms are co-ed. French students also must take college entrance exams, but college curriculums are more specific to the student ♦s career choice. College tuition is much cheaper there. There are no sports or clubs in French schools. Her parents visited her once.

The food. Not a lot different than America, she said. They have the best cheese and drink a lot more wine. She liked snails, but said caviar was terrible, but found goose liver tasty. Family life is much the same. She traveled around France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Austria by train or bus and visited many European cities. She visited Paris four times. She ran out of time to continue her adventures.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 27 ♦ Janet Creighton dinner, 6 o ♦clock at Paradise Church. Bring a guest.

Sept. 3 ♦ No meeting due to Labor Day week.

Sept. 8 ♦ Board meeting at 5:30

Sept. 10 ♦ Business meeting

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

August 27, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with 48 members, spouses and guests attending a special evening dinner meeting at Paradise Church. The evening meeting was scheduled because the club wished to share the program with others and use it as an opportunity to invite prospective members. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Club Spiritual Leader Liz Hand gave the prayer, the Rotary 4-Way Test was recited and Club Song Master Mark Sigler led the singing of My County ♦Tis of Thee.

HAPPY DOLLARS

President Wood was thankful for such a good turnout.

CLUB BUSINESS

1. Cynthia Kerschner reminded Rotarians the September Farmer ♦s Market is Saturday, Sept. 6.
2. Flag Czar Ken Smith reminded everyone that flags are to be posted today, Thursday or Friday.

THE PROGRAM

As far as most Rotarians are concerned, if Janet Weir Creighton ever leaves her political position as Stark County Commissioner, she has a second career as a professional entertainer. Janet ♦s (I will use her first name because her persona makes one feel she is a long time friend) . . . Janet ♦s topic is *Dinner at the White House*, a delightful narrative ♦ often humorous, but always informative ♦ of her year serving as President George Bush ♦s Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Janet is a perfect example of the old adage that when one door closes, another opens. She lost her bid for re-election as Canton ♦s mayor, but was appointed to this position in the White House. Canton ♦s loss was Washington ♦s gain!

White House tradition is important and many of the details, events and activities are bound by long standing traditions. Janet shared how many of those traditions were begun, how they have changed over the various administrations and how she carried them forward. Speaking of great respect for George Washington, Janet tells how John and Abigail Adams began many of the White House traditions because they were the first presidential family to live in the newly constructed White House. By the way, The First Lady is the person who organizes and plans state dinners and that includes the menu, the flowers, dishes, flatware, entertainment and the guest list. The White House banquet hall can accommodate about 200, but the Clintons expanded the guests by using a tent erected on the lawn. Protocol has it the president always enters the room after everyone is seated. He walks to his place at the center of the table and proposes a toast. Guests do not sit with their spouses and people are intermingled as man, woman, man, woman. Another tradition is to pass around the table ♦s menu card and everyone autographs it ♦ for a keepsake. Dinner attire is black tie for men, fancy dresses for

women. Janet told the story of Sarah Palin before she was Alaska's governor visit when she wore riding boots and a short skirt. Every guest will have a picture taken, but only one, like it or not. (The White House has four full time photographers on staff who take four million pictures each year.) Following the meal, guests adjourn to the East Room for entertainment. About 9:30, the President and First Lady bid adieu, leave for their quarters and guests leave. No one can hang around talking or getting free drinks. President Ronald Reagan had the most state dinners. Janet was present for four during her tenure. We learned that the White House has its own flower shop and the Park Service takes care of the yard work. President Franklin Pierce started the custom of having fresh flowers around the White House all the time. The last of his three sons died while serving as president and he wanted to make his wife feel better. That tradition continues. Janet told of the trials of entering the White House ground and how she locked her keys in the car and called AAA for help. What an ordeal as the Triple A truck was not allowed on the grounds. Perhaps the most humorous story was while Janet was flying on Air Force One with the President traveling to a disaster scene, he was sitting next to her, got up and removed his shirt. She said she checked to see if his undershirt had spots, remembering what her mother had taught her to always wear clean underwear because you never know who will see it.

It was a memorable evening.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 3 No meeting due to Labor Day week.

Sept. 9 Board meeting at 5:30 at the library

Sept. 10 Business meeting

Sept. 17 No meeting attend the Constitution Banquet

Sept. 21 Constitution Day parade

There was no meeting due to Labor Day Weekend

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

September 10, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with only 15 members attending the first of the month business luncheon meeting at Paradise Church. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Club Spiritual Leader Liz Hand gave the prayer, the Rotary 4-Way Test was recited but Club Song Master Mark Sigler was missing and on vacation in Las Vegas. Rumor has it there was a Beatles pretend group singing at one of the casinos and Mark couldn't resist.

HAPPY DOLLARS

* Dave Yeagley was pleased Ron Derry's knee surgery went well and Ron is up and walking without pain.

* Mike Snyder was pleased with the turnout for his Abe Lincoln presentation for the Nimishillen-Louisville Historical Society. He mentioned he might be available if some club was desperate for a speaker.

* Eva Roshong wished husband Brad a happy birthday and sneaked in a commercial for a new product line Brad's Carpet is selling. An electric garage vacuum.

CLUB BUSINESS

President Wood is hawking tickets for the Constitution Banquet. Just \$15. Our check to the Community Cupboard will be presented that evening.

A large truck has been obtained to carry our Rotary inflatable in the parade. Members are to join up Sunday to walk the parade route and pass out candy.

The Louisville Schools have asked for teaching assistance for the Junior Achievement Program at the Middle School. There is a curriculum provided. We had two members who did this last year.

There is a World Affairs Program designed for high school students sponsored by Rotary International and held in Pittsburgh. The topic is Russia's Place in the World. It was decided to send two LHS students at a cost of \$75 each. The date for the Rotary Christmas Party is Dec. 10, but the location is still to be decided.

Thane Bolden reported that Kohl's Department Store has a plan to donate \$500 to any charity that includes four Kohl's employees. Let's get them involved in our Warm Coats program.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 17 No meeting attend the Constitution Banquet

Sept. 21 Constitution Day parade

Sept. 24 Stark County Alan Harold

There will be no Rotary Report in the Herald this week.

Sept. 17 - The Club attended the Constitution banquet at Paradise Church. The "Citizen of the Year" award went to Sally Samblanet for her work with the Louisville Community Cupboard. They are feeding 120 people

twice a month and giving them bags of groceries to take home.

Louisville Rotary Club

Meeting minutes

September 24, 2014

President Bill Wood presided with 23 members and five guests attending the luncheon meeting at Paradise Church. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary 4-Way Test was recited. Club Song Master Mark Sigler led the singing of the Louisville *alma mater*. Mark said the song was in honor of LHS grad and today's speaker Alan Harold, but truth be told besides Beatles songs, the *alma mater* is Mark's favorite music.

Guests included Joe Zwick, Alan Harold's grand-father, and Janet Harold, Alan's mother.

Joel Dunbar, visiting from Pensacola, Florida was also a guest as was Angie Blackney, Harold's assistant.

HAPPY DOLLARS

* Bill Wood pitched a dollar in the Happy Dollars pot for the good weather we had for the Constitution parade.

* Denny Valentine gave his buck in honor of Eva Roshong who climbed on the moving truck during the parade in front of the parade goers to steady the club's inflatable.

* Eva Roshong was glad for our today's visitors. Her response to Denny's story should have been something like "aw shucks, no big deal." Jumping on moving trucks is just another event in Eva's life.

* Bob Hallier was estatic about his return from the "old guys" fishing trip. He had pictures of his catch so no fish story exaggeration was needed.

* Greg Anderson announced that his son Beck had a blast riding on the golf cart in the parade and apologized from those who may have been hit with Beck's throwing candy to the crowd.

* Ron Derry thanked ArtsinStark for partnering with the Historical Society in the opening of a new art gallery in downtown Louisville. Ron also gave a pitch for the Blue Grass square dance at the Nimishillen Grange Hall Oct. 4.

*Mike Snyder announced that the downtown gallery featured the work of our own Denny Valentine.

* Catherine Catlett announced the upcoming Key to Women program to be held in the Green Meadows Party Center. Call Catherine for additional information.

*Maranda Ramsey announced two fundraisers for Mitch; one downtown Canton at the Grapes Restaurant-bar and one at the fairgrounds, Building 11. Check with Maranda for dates and times.

CLUB BUSINESS

Thane Bolden reported that Kohl's Department Store has a plan to donate \$500 to any charity that includes four Kohl's employees. Let's get them involved in our Warm Coats program. He passed out letters requesting financial donations. Last year, the club provided 40 coats for needy children. This is a program with support in cooperation with the YMCA and Louisville Elementary School.

Eva and Mike Snyder are chairs of this year's Pancake Breakfast and Mike reminded everyone to keep Saturday, Nov. 15 open.

THE PROGRAM

County Auditor Alan Harold spoke about the history of county auditors and how their responsibilities evolved. We also found out that Harold is a LHS graduate, has a bachelor's degree from Mount Union University and an MBA from THE Ohio State University. Rumors still persist that when he was a high school senior and president of the Student Council that he ran the high school. Mark Sigler swears this is true.

Harold began his talk telling how he never turns down a chance for a good meal.

Harold explained how the county auditor, a position began in 1810, is the holder of the county's records including maps, pictures and written accounts of meetings and court decisions. Harold brought with him documents from the early 1900s and it was interesting to find family names that are still prominent in the community today. By the 1820s, the auditor became an elected position part time and persons were elected for a one-year term of office. By the 1860s, the auditor's term was extended to two years and by the 1920s, the term was increased to four years where it remains today. Among his duties, the auditor reports county statistics such as births, deaths, marriages, and divorces and until the Civil War; those records were only for white persons. The office took on dog licensing in the 1920s and weights and measures in the 1860s. An interesting fact is that when circuses came to town, they needed a permit from the auditor. Harold quipped that no circus permit had been taken out for this meeting. During the years from 1910 through 1920, the Auditor's Office as we know it came into being. But prior to 1912, three prominent landowners conducted property assessment. There are now 195,000 parcels of property in Stark County. By 1995 most of the county records were

computerized and are available to the public at little or no cost. Some of these records, including old church records, can be accessed on line.

Like most politicians, Harold was still going strong at 1:10 when Bill recessed the meeting. Harold is up for re-election this fall and deserves our support at the polls.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 ♦ Board meeting in the library @ 5:30

Oct. 1 ♦ Business meeting

Oct. 4 ♦ Farmers ♦ Market 9 till noon. Last of the year. Nimishillen Creek clean up from 1 till 4. Mike Snyder said he scoped out the area to be worked and there was not a lot of trash to be picked-up.

Oct. 8 ♦ Program presented by Catholic Charities.


