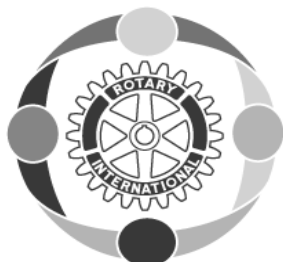




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RCF WEEKLY BRIEF

FOR MEMBERS ONLY - Rotary Club of Fremont, Ohio, USA * Chartered April 28, 1926 * Club No. 2332 * District 6600



JUNE IS RI DESIGNATED “ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH”

*“A time to increase interest and membership
in one of the dozens of Rotary Fellowships and celebrate
the ideal of service through common hobbies and professions”*

PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Speaker: Joe Liszak

**Topic: “Wilson Forney Community
Health ”**

Rtn-in-charge: Rtn John Lauer

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays– PP Dave Peterson (19th)

Spouse’s Birthdays– Pegi 23rd (PP Tom Hoffman)

Anniversaries– Rtn Al & Karen O’Neal (22nd);
PP Dave & Alyce Peterson (23rd); Rtn Bill & Janis Goad
(24th)

Program for June 25, 2007

Speaker– Tom Bowlus

Topic– “Environmental Law”

Rtn-in-charge – PP Lee Koenig

Your JUN & JUL ‘07 Diary

Jun 18 – Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC
Jun 25 – Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC
Jul 2 – Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC
Jul 9 – INSTALLATION DINNER
Jul 16 - Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC
Jul 23 – Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC
Jul 30 – Weekly Lunch Meeting @ FCC

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY, June 11, 2007

VISITING ROTARIANS - NIL

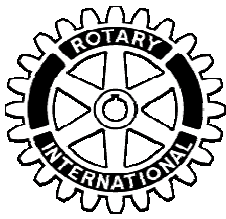
CLUB GUESTS - NIL

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

Pres Kay called the meeting to order and led the Rotary Prayer, and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

HAPPY BUCKS Sgt-at-arms Rtn Jim Yeager collected money from the following members:
Rtn Steve Gruner for his birthday;

Rtn Julie Kreilick for Downtown Fremont hosting Farmers Market and Classic Cars on June 16;
PP Tom Hoffman for running into Christy Brothers’ sister, Patricia, recently and found all to be well;
Rtn MJ Michael thankful that her grandchild does not need to have surgery;
PP Dan Lease for having a winning ticket at the Bellmont Stakes;
PP Lee Koenig for reminding BG alumni and friends on the buffet at Fremont Country Club on June 18;
PP Ralph Oxley for his son, the youngest principal of middle school in San Antonio and its school district;
Rtn Bill Goad for beating PP Tom Hoffman’s team in the hospital golf event.



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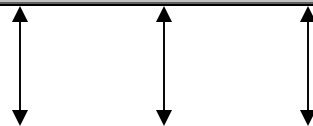
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Rtn Angelica Rinehart

ROTARY PRAYER

Almighty Father
whose bounteous Love
has brought us to
this time and place

Grant that we may
serve Thee by service to
others

Bless this food,
our program and our
club to this end
Amen



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to
the Flag of the United
States of America
and to the Republic for
which it stands
one Nation under God,
indivisible
with Liberty and
Justice for all

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres Kay made the following announcements:

1) Membership Satisfaction Questionnaire – Members are reminded to complete and return questionnaires to Incoming Club Secretary Rtn Becky Shaffer as soon as possible. The questionnaire provides the incoming board with members' views.

2) Installation Dinner – on July 9, Monday evening at Schedel's Arboretum, Elmore. Invitation cards will be sent to the homes of members. Please confirm your attendance with Rtn Becky, or sign up any meeting from now until the event date.

3) The Knothole Rotary Baseball team's updated schedule is available; please pick up a copy from the table.

4) 6 Rotarians will be receiving Paul Harris Fellow Pins and 4 members receiving Paul Harris Sapphire Pins.

5) Rotary Bike Tour for M.E.S.A. by PE Helene, who will be joining this year's tour to raise funds. She has received a few donation pledges and continue to approach members for more support.

6) M.E.S.A. updates by Rtn Jim Toews

INSTALLATION DINNER

Date : July 9th, 2007 (Monday)
Venue : Schedel's Arboretum in Elmore, OH
Time : 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm – Social Hour; 6:15 pm – Dinner / Ceremony
Dress Code : Smart Casual

NO LUNCH MEETING on July 9

ROTARY TOUR FOR M.E.S.A. Donation Pledges

from PE Helene Horvath Zielinski
She will be biking at least 3 out of 6 days /400 mile tour this year.
Members who would like to sponsor her participation, should contact PE Helene directly!

IMPORTANT DATE

Wed, Aug 22, 2007
District 6600 will be hosting RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson's Visit from 5:30pm-9pm at John C Myers Convocation Center, Ashland University. Event Cost is \$35 per person. It is expected to leave Fremont by 3:30 pm and return around midnight.

Members who are interested please sign up early with President Kay ASAP.

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

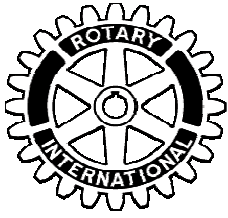
Currently Fremont Rotary Club has 59 Paul Harris Fellows (PHF)! Our Club's total giving is \$88,773 with 15,000 Club Points.
The Board recently approved a Club Match for members who wish to make a donation to Rotary Foundation. This is a great opportunity for members working to achieve their \$1,000 PHF goal.
The Club Match deadline is JUNE 22nd. Please see Rtn Jim Toews for details.

Lottery Winner

Payout was \$14.00
Winner – Rtn Lee Bowden. He donated his winning to PE Helene as a M.E.S.A. donation pledge!
Good news – The Queen of Spades lives!

Secret Hand Shaker

PP Charlotte Ubran was the Secret Hand Shaker at this meeting.
Rtn Bill Goad got his wish to be the CHOSEN ONE again!



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WHAT IS M.E.S.A.?

M.E.S.A. stands for Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad. MESA is a special project of Rotary District 6600. The program began in 1981 when Rotarians from Ohio met Rotarians from impoverished third world countries who described the desperate need for medical equipment and supplies.

Realizing that much of what American facilities discard as obsolete may be fully usable in other countries, Ohio Rotary clubs began collecting and shipping millions of dollars worth of equipment - from wheelchairs to operating tables, x-ray machines and ambulances - to places such as Guatemala, Zambia, and Romania. Donated supplies also include infant care items and school materials.

MESA has also come to the aid of catastrophe victims in our own country.

How You Can Help

MESA (Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad) urges all hospitals, doctors, medical groups, clinics, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health agencies medical equipment manufactures, medical suppliers, teaching institutions and related institutions and businesses to "partner" in the efforts to meet the urgent needs in the less developed parts of the world. To that end MESA receives, stores and ships medical and humanitarian equipment and supplies.

We do not handle prescription pharmaceuticals due to high risk and strict regulation, nor out of date or non-functional equipment.

IMPACT: WE DELIVER

Since 2002, each year, MESA has shipped an average of twenty 40-foot cargo containers of donated medical equipment and supplies to Central America, Europe and Africa. It has also shipped a yearly average of 7 emergency vehicles {ambulances, fire trucks, wheelchair ready vans) to Central America.

How can we maintain this level of activity?

Identifying needs. Through contacts with Rotary organizations, health and educational institutions and attending conferences, such as Uniendo, strategic planning and coordination is conducted so that the identified need is fulfilled by placing the requested medical and humanitarian aide in the correct hands.

Evaluating requests. This is accomplished through a Project Application form. Upon receipt the application is evaluated by the MESA Board for action.

Procuring and shipping. All medical equipment and supplies that are donated are inventoried and stored in our warehouse facility. They are subsequently shipped in 40-foot cargo containers to consignees certified to receive duty free items. In order to insure proper distribution to the end user, all projects are Rotary to Rotary.

How does your contribution help MESA?

While MESA does collect equipment and supplies and it is a volunteer-run project, there are costs that need cash. Your contribution will help to pay for the shipping of goods and to purchase large lots of obsolete items that can be put to good use along with equipment and supplies.

FOUR-WAY TEST

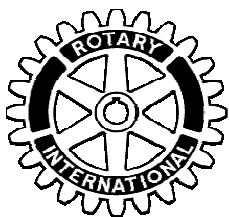
**Of the things we
think, say or do:**

Is it the TRUTH?

**Is it FAIR
to all concerned?**

**Will it build
GOODWILL and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?**



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HISTORY - ROTARY TOUR FOR MESA

On to Chicago! In conjunction with the 100 Year Rotary Celebration, five Elyria Rotarians and one future Rotarian will be bicycling the 350 miles from their hometown of Elyria to the birthplace of Rotary, Chicago, Illinois. Leaving on June 12, the four-night, five-day trip will take them through 3 states. With each mile the cyclists will be raising money for District 6600's **MESA** program.

The '**Rotary Tour for MESA**' is the brainchild of bicycling enthusiast Ed Stewart, President Elect of the Elyria Noon Rotary. Getting together with fellow Noon Rotarian Tom Herberger, and three Elyria Sunrise Rotarians, Herb de la Porte, Rick Dakters, Kurt Anderson and his 13 year old son Kelton, a cycling plan was formulated. The adventure was designed not only to heighten awareness of the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self' but also to provide much needed funding for **MESA**, while involving other District Rotary Clubs in the effort.

Their plan to raise money is three fold. You can pledge money for each mile bicycled by the group. As little as a one-cent pledge per mile will mean a \$3.50 donation to MESA. Ten cents would be \$35.00, fifty cents \$175.00 etc. For each dollar pledged, the Elyria Noon and Elyria Sunrise Rotaries will donate an equal amount. Finally, all Rotary Clubs in District 6600 are invited to participate, through donations, or by bicycling a leg or part of a leg of the tour. Your help is needed to reach the goal of raising \$20,000 for **MESA**.

The first leg of the tour will take the cyclists to Fremont. Spending the evening there, they will be hosted by the Fremont Rotary. The second day sees them off to Bryan, where they will be welcome guests in the homes of Bryan Rotarians. Leaving Ohio for Indiana, they will spend the third night in Goshen, Indiana as guests of the Goshen Rotary. The last leg will have the cyclists spending the evening in Valparaiso before the final push to Chicago. So if your legs are in need of a workout, join the group somewhere along the bike path.

Ed and his Rotary Club are so excited about the '**Rotary Tour for MESA**' that they are planning to make this an annual event. If you would like to support the 'Tour', send your check to MESA, Post Office Box 867, Elyria, Ohio 44036

If you prefer, you can be billed in June for your donation. Questions? Call Ed Stewart at 440 365 9655, Fax 440 365 9657, or e-mail stewart514@alltel.net. All monies collected will be immediately sent to MESA as unrestricted funds.

Mel Honig, Editor / MESA Worldwide
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Some news from our neighbor ...

The Rotary Club of Bryan, Ohio : Rotary Tour for M.E.S.A.

- This year's bicycle tour for M.E.S.A., organized as a fundraiser by the Elyria Rotary Club, is scheduled for July 8-13, 2007. This year Bryan Rotary Club's very own "bicycle nut", Bill Pepple, will be riding in this event and taking pledges from Bryan Rotarians. Word has it that various other Bryan Rotarians have been seen around town on their bikes, training for a possible ride of one "leg" of the tour. Stay tuned for details! Actually, ANY and ALL Bryan Rotarians are invited to ride a "leg" of this year's bike tour for M.E.S.A. The group will be departing from their stop in Bowling Green, Ohio on the morning of Tuesday, July 10 and biking to Bryan, with a stop in Napoleon, Ohio on the way here. The Bryan Rotary Club will once again be hosting the bike group the evening of Tuesday, July 10, with a cookout at the Rotarian George Brown's home in Norlick Place (108 Brown Drive). ALL Bryan Rotarians are invited to join in on the fun and fellowship that evening. The cyclists will be staying overnight in Bryan, then after a hearty breakfast on Wednesday morning, July 11 at Lester's, they depart for their next stop in Findlay, Ohio. And, once again, the Bryan Rotary is financially supporting this event. The Elyria Rotary Club's goal this year is to raise \$50,000 - a 25% increase from last year. Your Bryan Rotary Club board approved a donation in the amount of \$1250 from our club for this fundraiser. Please support Bill Pepple and his ride through a pledge directly to Bill.