



2007-08 RI Theme

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

Birthdays

Spouse's Birthdays

-Douglas 7th (Rtn Holly Stacy)

Anniversaries

-Rtn Tim & Debbie Piercefield (3rd)
-Rtn Steve & Tammy Steinle (3rd)

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DECEMBER IS R.I. DESIGNATED "FAMILY MONTH"

*when clubs work to assist of Rotary,
which encompasses spouses and children of Rotarians,
participants in RI programs,
and others in the community with strong ties to Rotary*

PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Speaker: Rtn Davis Sunderland

Topic: "Fremont Floodwall"

Rtn-in-charge: President Helene

Program for December 10, 2007

Speaker- Kevin Joyce

Topic- "Black Swamp Conservancy"

Rtn-in-charge-Rtn Jim Toews

PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY – November 26, 2007

VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
Rtn Elaine Blackmore	Sandusky
Rtn Michael Strong	Guest Speaker /Tiffin

CLUB GUESTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Guest of</u>
Ms. Chastity O'Neal	PP Al Gorman
Mr. Sam Berlekamp	PP Ken Berlekamp

CLUB PROCEEDINGS

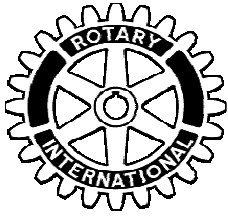
In the absence of President Helene, President Elect (PE) Rob Lytle called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. He led members in the Rotary Prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sgt-at-arms (SAA) Rtn Jim Yeager welcomed all Visiting Rotarian and Guests.

HAPPY BUCKS

SAA Rtn Jim collected money from the following members:

PP Charlotte Urban left meeting early.
PP Tom Hoffman requested members to take a good look at Rtn Traci McCaudy because there is a possibility she will be a "changed" person after ringing bell with him and PP Ken Berlekamp for Salvation Army this coming Friday.
Rtn Angelica Rinehart requested PE Rob Lytle, PP Al Gorman and Rtn Linda Havens to pay for their pictures in the newspaper. Also she had a proper Thanksgiving dinner for the first time and her husband prepared the dinner.
Rtn Steve Gruner was happy that his three kids came home for Thanksgiving ... and finally left.
PP Del Schultz was very happy to have his whole family home for Thanksgiving.
PE Rob Lytle also paid for his appearance on the HBO special "OSU vs Michigan : The Rivalry" on Nov 13.



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Forthcoming Events...

DECEMBER 14TH

**S.T.R.I.V.E. Monthly Meeting at
Fremont Ross High School's Library, at
11:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

DECEMBER 17TH

**Please block this date for
Fremont Rotary Club's Holiday
Party. Details see below.**

DECEMBER 17TH, (MONDAY)

**FREMONT ROTARY CLUB'S
ANNUAL HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

Come one ! Come all !!!

The date is set, The party is on, So be nice and do come
By the way, it's the LAST get-together for Fremont Rotarians before being
ushered into the new year of 2008.

Venue : Fremont Country Club

Program :

6:30 pm – Cash Bar with Hors D' Oeuvres

7:00 pm – Dinner

*Choice of one of the following :

Prime Rib (10oz) with Redskin Parsley Buttered Potatoes & Buttered Broccoli

OR Chicken Oscar with Rice Pilaf & Green Beans with Almonds

**Dessert: Peppermint Ice Cream

Entertainment will be provided by Musical Group from Terra Community College
(more info later)

R.S.V.P. ONLINE by December 10, 2007

For further information,

please call PP Ken Berlekamp (419) 334 4481 or email him at berlekamp@woh.rr.com

**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?**

Special Draw Winner

This week the Club had a special draw – 2 tickets to Tommy James & the Shondells on Jan 26, 2008 at The Ritz Theatre. These tickets were given to the Club courtesy of our guest speaker, Rtn Michael Strong.

The winner was Rtn Angelica Rinehart!!!!!!

SPECIAL THANKS

***THIS WEEK'S MEETING
NOTE WAS PREPARED BY
RTN SARAH PIETRYKOWSKI
... MANY THANKS FOR HER
TIME & CONTRIBUTION.***

Lottery Winner

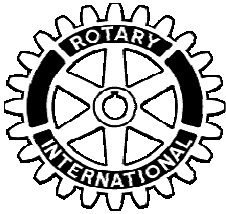
Payout was \$10.00
Winner – Rtn Hal Hawk

Good news – The Queen of Spades lives; it's worth \$63.00!

Secret Hand Shaker

Rtn Linda Havens was the Secret Hand Shaker at this meeting.

She picked the youngest greeter, Sam Berlekamp, PP Ken's son.



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www.fremontrotaryclub.org

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fooster@woh.rr.com
Rtn Angelica Rinehart

Fremont Rotary **PRAYER**

(written by
William B. Gavitt)

**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 club and our
program 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

PE Rob Lytle made the following announcements:

- 1) There will be a Board Meeting following today's lunch meeting.
- 2) Annual Holiday Reception – reported by PP Ken Berlekamp: Members were notified by email last week and they can sign up online. Sign up sheets are being passed around during meeting.
See Page 2 for event details.

3) There will be NO lunch meeting on Dec 17th due to the Holiday Reception being held that evening.

4) OSU vs Michigan Board – reported by Rtn Dick Binau: special thanks to PP Dan W Lease and PP Ken Berlekamp for their assistance. Total collection for this year was \$2,500. There were only 6 winners and total payout was \$1,250. The balance of \$1,250 goes directly to the Paul Harris Fellow Fund. Rtn Dick thanked all members for their continued support.

PROGRAM OF THE DAY

Speaker – Rotarian Michael Strong
Topic – “The Ritz Theatre, a non-profit performing arts center in Tiffin, Ohio”

not only in attracting civilians but also in attracting and having the means to pay higher prices for artists has also posed a challenge for the Ritz to overcome.

PE Rob Lytle invited PP Bob Woolf to introduce the guest speaker, Rotarian Michael Strong, Executive Director of the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin, OH.

Rtn Strong has spent the past 20 years working in various arts program and the past three years as the executive for the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin. Rtn Strong resides in Tiffin with his 7 years old son Zachary and wife Jody.

The Ritz Theatre was built in 1928 and was one of four theatres in the area. The original construction cost of the theatre was \$255,000. The Ritz became a movie theatre during the 1970's. In 1981, the Ritz was saved at a sheriff's auction for the price of \$35,000, and was converted into a non-profit community arts center. In 1995 the Ritz underwent a 6.6 million dollar renovation to restore the Ritz to its original grandeur.

Rtn Strong spoke of the many challenges the Ritz is currently facing. One of the big challenges is the debt load of approximately 1.4 million left from the 1995 renovation. Along with the debt load comes the ever-changing economy, which affects the Ritz in that the money earned by the typical blue-collar worker is not disposable and therefore does not trickle down to such places as the Ritz which relies on the members of the community's disposable income. Other challenges faced are those that come along with maintaining aspects of an old building such as the Ritz such as the plumbing, the masonry, and simply the structure itself. Casinos and the competition which they pose

As of recently, the Ritz has been able to increase their events schedules, which has allowed them to target a much wider spectrum of people. Along with increasing their schedule, they have been able to increase their sponsorship as well as their community involvement. The Ritz offers free tours, with a requested donation, which has earned more money than having paid tours. They now offer lower ticket prices as well as free tickets. Educational initiatives such as a dance program and theatre school are being started to benefit the community. The Ritz has significantly increased their presence in the community and surrounding communities through their increased visibility and willingness to participate in as many charitable events as possible. The Ritz is looking to acquire patronage from around the region, not just the Tiffin area. They are looking into real estate opportunities as well as a downtown revitalization to maintain the integrity of the building and its surrounding community.

The 2007/ 2008 season at the Ritz promises to be one full of interest and excitement through various programs such as their film series, emerging artists series, discovery serious, community theatre events, charitable events, and nationally recognized artists and shows.

For more info please visit
<http://www.ritztheatre.org/>

PE Rob thanked the guest speaker, Rtn Michael Strong and presented him a souvenir as a token of our appreciation.