



Rotary Club of Fremont, Ohio, USA \* Chartered April 28, 1926 \* Club No. 2332 \* District 6600

**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*

**Birthdays &  
Wedding  
Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

- Rtn Cindy Abdoo (22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Rtn Doug Beck (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Rtn Holly Stacy (24<sup>th</sup>)

**Spouse's Birthdays**

- Candyce 15<sup>th</sup> (PP Bill Wingard)
- Sue 21<sup>st</sup> (PP Denny Newman)
- Sandy 25<sup>th</sup> (PP Ken Berlekamp)
- Carole 28<sup>th</sup> (Rtn Jim Banks)

**Anniversaries**

- Rtn Lloyd & Donna Bischoff (27<sup>th</sup>)
- Rtn Dave & Emily Wadsworth (27<sup>th</sup>)
- PP Bob & Ann Woolf (29<sup>th</sup>)

**PROGRAM FOR TODAY**

**Speaker: Rotarian Kevin Joyce**

**Topic: "Black Swamp Conservancy"**

*Rtn-in-charge: Rtn Jim Ellis*

**Program for  
December 17, 2007**

**ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY  
RECEPTION**

**PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY – December 3, 2007**

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
Rtn Elaine Blackmore	Sandusky

**CLUB GUESTS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Guest of</u>
Ms. Chasity O'Neal	PP Al Gorman

***STRIVE Students from Fremont Ross High***

Ms. Jamie Parlow  
Ms. Angelita Zavala

**CLUB PROCEEDINGS**

President Helene called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. She 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 Bill Goad paid \$5 – thanked members who volunteered as Bell Ringers for Salvation

Army at Wal Mart last Friday, and the Club would have raised more money if some of the bell ringers quit singing.

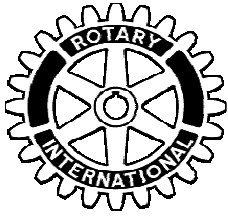
PP Tom Hoffman paid \$5 – announced that Rtn Traci McCaudy is no longer a Rookie as she has completed her intensive training as a Singing Bell Ringer by him and PP Ken Berlekamp.

Rtn Jim Banks congratulated Rtn Angelica Rinehart on her "soon new arrival".

Rtn Angelica Rinehart paid \$5 – "confirmed" that she was "pregnant" for 2 hours last Friday and it was a blast to be a bell ringer.

PP Bob Woolf attended and enjoyed the Christmas Concert organized by Terra Community College; he is looking forward to the upcoming wedding of Rtn Dave Fahrback next June.

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***Forthcoming Events...***

**DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, (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](mailto: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?**

**HAPPY BUCKS ...cont. from Page 1...**

Rtn Marsha Bordner was happy to announce that the Christmas Concert was a big success and attended approximately by 1,000 people.

PP Dan W Lease happy that OSU football team is going to the National Championship Bowl game.

Rtn Tim Piercefield paid \$5 for his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec 3.

President Helene showed the handsome pictures of some members when they were "younger" and collected some money from them ....

Davis Sunderland, Willson Baker, PP Al Gorman, Dick Binau, Jim Yeager, PP Ralph Oxley, PP Dan W Lease (twice), Mary Anne, Bob Moyer, PP Denny Newman, Jerry Clark, Dave Fahrback, PP Barry Luse, and PP Charlotte Urban.

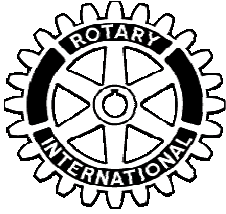
**Lottery Winner**

There was no lottery at this lunch meeting!

**Secret Hand Shaker**

PE Rob Lytle was the Secret Hand Shaker at this meeting.

He picked the person next to his right – Rtn Mary Anne Culbertson.



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**Feedback E-Mail:**  
[fooster@woh.rr.com](mailto:fooster@woh.rr.com)  
Rtn Angelica Rinehart

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Helene made the following announcements:

- 1) Thanked PE Rob Lytle for standing in at the weekly luncheon meeting and Board meeting last week.
- 2) Annual Holiday Reception –Members were reminded to 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 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Holiday Reception being held that evening.
- 4) Membership Committee Status Report – This year's goal is to induct 15-18 new members to the Club. Rtn Lee Bowden will

be presenting a potential new members list at next week's luncheon meeting for the general membership to get involved.

5) Paul Harris Fellow ceremony – on behalf of IPP Kay Reiter, Rtn Lee Bowden, Rtn Jerry Clark, Rtn Jim Yeager, and Rtn Jim Toews were formally presented with their respective PHF certificate, pin and medallion. This is the follow up presentation from this past July when the above package did not arrive timely.

6) Induction of New Member – Chasity O'Neal. Chasity was introduced by her sponsor, PP Al Gorman. *Chasity's short intro & picture will be published at a later date.*

## PROGRAM OF THE DAY

Speaker – Rtn Davis Sunderland  
Topic – "Fremont Floodwall"

President Helene invited Rtn Jim Ellis to introduce the guest speaker, our very own fellow Rotarian Davis Sunderland.

Davis "Dave" Sunderland was born in 1918 in Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri and served 3 ½ proud years in the US Air Force. In 1954, after living in Colorado, Rtn Davis moved to Fremont, where he worked for the Great Western Sugar Company/ Great Lake Sugar. During Rtn Davis' employment in Fremont, he experienced several floods, which were damaging to the factory and threatened the future of the factory as well as the employment of those who worked there, leading up to the flood in January of 1959, which lead him to work diligently to prevent this type of catastrophe from happening in the future. In January of 1959, in the wee hours of the morning, Rtn Davis received a phone call with the news that a flood was imminent. He rallied fellow employees to head to the factory to prepare for the approaching flood. Although they worked diligently, it was no match for the 6-6 1/2 inches of rain over the watershed of the Sandusky River.

As a result of this flood, Rtn Davis, Lou Danzinger, various other figures around the community, and their congressman at the

time, Dave Baumhart rallied their efforts to get the appropriation for a flood wall to be put up along the Sandusky river, which would protect the community which they loved so much, from future flooding. In 1962, after long hours, many meetings at the Fremont Hotel, three trips to Washington D.C., and several trips to Buffalo to meet with the Core of Engineers, Rtn Davis and his cohorts, received the appropriation for the flood wall.

The flood wall which Rtn Davis worked so hard to make happen is marked by a large boulder which he named the "first scoop" that took place in the construction of the wall. Mosser Construction was contracted to build the wall. In 1970, the wall was to cost \$8.3 million dollars to complete the 3500 feet of flood wall, 18,300 feet of levy, 3 pumping stations, 10,500 cubic yards of concrete, and \$780,000 in land acquisition.

Rtn Davis' hard work is still benefiting the community today, not only through his work on the floodwall but also through his 51 years of service in Rotary. We are so proud and honored to have such a hard working, admirable member within our Rotary club!

President Helene thanked the guest speaker, Rtn Davis Sunderland and presented him a souvenir as a token of our appreciation.

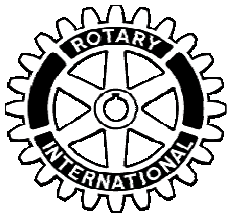
### Fremont Rotary PRAYER

*(written by*  
*William B. Gavitt)*

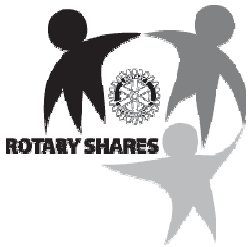
**Almighty Father,  
whose bounteous love  
has brought us to this  
time and place,  
Grant that we may  
serve Thee by service  
to others,  
Bless this food,  
our club and our  
program to this end  
Amen**

### 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**



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MESSAGE FROM RTN STEVE GRUNER, CHAIRPERSON  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS/IMPROVEMENTS

### PROJECT: FIRST CALL FOR HELP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2007

Rotary will once again adopt three local families through the First Call For Help Community Christmas Program this year. Our Club has budgeted \$800 to be divided equally between the families. The committee is looking for Rotarians (3 Volunteers only) who would be willing to take A FAMILY for shopping and allowing them to choose the items that best meet their needs.

The 3 volunteers are Rtn MJ Michael, Rtn Tim Piercefield and yours truly. Full report will be provided upon the completion of this project.

THANK YOU!

## SPECIAL REPORT

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING on Nov 30, 2007 at Wal Mart, Fremont

#### Feedback from Bell Ringers

##### FROM PP DENNY NEWMAN (10 am to Noon)

This was my first time to be a bell ringer. The response was great with many persons, old and young, were happy to contribute. We rang our bells, and said Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays to each person as they approached. When they did contribute, we thanked them, and again wished them a Merry Christmas. We wore Santa hats, and smiled a lot, despite the wind and cold.

We enjoyed the time with the other Rotarians. Got to talk a lot and get to know more about each other.

Would I do it again next year? I would IF I could be sure that the next group of Rotarians would show up to relieve us at the agreed upon time. Only one of the three Rotarians showed by the time I left, fifteen minutes after the end of my shift. During a working day I planned to give two hours, and scheduled appointments accordingly.

Special Moment: One lady gave us a giant bell, rather than money. The giant bell turned out to be a liquor flask.

##### FROM RTN TROY WILDERMUTH (10 am to Noon)

I have done it once before and would do it again. I had fun and the response was good. We rang our bells and said happy holidays and ended with a big thank you.

##### FROM RTN HOLLY STACY (Noon to 2 pm)

I have been a bell ringer at least three years. Response was good. We simply smiled at people and wished them a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays.....and several times struck up brief conversations. We had fun and managed to stay warm. Yes, I would do it again.

##### FROM RTN CONNIE DURDEL (Noon to 2 pm)

I have done it once or twice before. We had fun- we greeted people. Rtn Jim Banks helped a lady with her groceries.

I would do it again. It is heartwarming to see parents teaching giving to their children by having the child drop the money in the kettle.

A couple of people who contributed stated that Salvation Army had helped them at some point in their lives.

#### Feedback from Bell Ringers

##### FROM RTN ANGELICA RINEHART (2pm to 4 pm)

This was my first time to be a bell ringer. The response was INCREDIBLY GREAT, we even had our own Rotarians come by to contribute their monies. Both Linda Havens and I dressed up as Santa's Helpers, WE DID ATTRACT A LOT OF ATTENTION!!!!

Most of the time we were laughing, ringing the bells and wishing everyone walking by a Merry Christmas.

I would do this again – I like the dress up part!

Special Moment: I had to run after money in the wind, it was quite a run with the belly I had on that day!

##### FROM PP TOM HOFFMAN (4pm to 6 pm)

I've done it every year.....5-6 years. The response was FANTASTIC AS ALWAYS.....even though we had to put up with a new rookie!!!

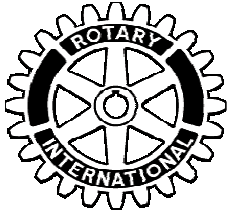
We sang.....of course.....you should've heard our last version of the 12 days of Christmas!!! Our group had A WONDERFUL TIME!!!

OF COURSE I would do it again.

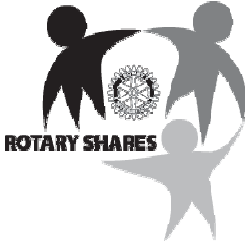
Special Moment: WE HAD A STRANGER DELIVER COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE!!! ALSO HAD A LADY THAT JUST GAVE AT THE KROGER'S STORE BUT THOUGHT WE WERE FANTASTIC!!!! AND GAVE AGAIN!!!!

##### FROM RTN JIM TOEWS (6 pm to 8 pm)

This is my 4th time ringing the bell. We were friendly and outgoing, the public contributed. We wished everyone a Merry Christmas and sang when necessary. My feet are still cold. It is the least we can do for the season.



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## NEWS FROM DISTRICT 6600

We have a new tool on the Rotary District Website I think you will find most helpful.

We have changed the format of the calendar so you can see upcoming events at a glance. You can view it by going to the District Website at <http://rotarydistrict6600.org/> and click on "Calendar" or you can go directly to <http://rotarydistrict6600.org/calendar/>

If you know of any Rotary event you would like added, just send me the details to be posted. We can also add attachments as flyers to the event.

Yours In Rotary,  
**PDG Jim Hunt**  
*Web-Site Administrator*  
*District 6600 Communication Team*

### ***Gates Foundation Grant to Rotary Garners Worldwide Publicity***

Rotary International News - 29 November 2007

Monday's announcement that Rotary accepted a US\$100 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will generate \$200 million for polio eradication continues to receive media attention around the globe.

Highlights include stories in the *Chicago Tribune*, *O Globo* (Brazil), *La Nacion* (Argentina), *El País* (Spain), *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, the *Herald* (Scotland), BBC Radio, National Public Radio, Agence France-Presse, Reuters, and Associated Press.

Monday's press conference, moderated by RI's PolioPlus Manager Carol Pandak, included remarks by Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Dr. Robert Scott in Evanston, Illinois, USA; Gates Foundation Co-chair William Gates Sr. in Seattle; and WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan in Geneva.

Media coverage continued Tuesday, with a press briefing convened by RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson in Kuala Lumpur, which was covered by 15 news organizations.

***Read the official press release -***

[http://rotarydistrict6600.org/newsletters/DG\\_Newsletter - Dec.pdf](http://rotarydistrict6600.org/newsletters/DG_Newsletter_-_Dec.pdf)

***Read the official press release -***

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/PressCenter/PressReleases/Pages/071120\\_or\\_gates.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/PressCenter/PressReleases/Pages/071120_or_gates.aspx)

***Read a joint letter from the RI President and The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair -***

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071113\\_news\\_jointletter.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/071113_news_jointletter.aspx)

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