

## 2003-2004 DUES INVOICE IS ENCLOSED.

### **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Dear Akron Rotarians:

Our Club has a goal of continually expanding our membership. We always need more members who are interested in getting involved in our service and humanitarian projects. Why not make a point of inviting someone new to join you for a Rotary meeting? This is a first step in building membership, which is vital to our ongoing operations and community service activities.

Even though this year's tough economy has made it difficult for many in our business community to take on new responsibilities, our wonderful Membership Committee has helped us achieve growth in membership. We must continue to keep our focus on this goal.

Rotary membership brings countless advantages and opportunities. Just as a reminder, here are some of the membership benefits:

- Become connected to your community
- Work with others in addressing community needs
- Interact with other professionals, here and internationally
- Develop leadership skills

In our Club, members can stretch their wings and work with others to make a difference. I look forward to meeting your guests each week and hope to see them return as members of our fabulous Club!

Sincerely, Cheryl A. Warren

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### **MAY 6, 2003**

**Dan Reynolds, Camp Director, The Akron Rotary Camp for Special Children**

*"Rotary Camp Update: Stepping Into Our Future"*

Introduced by Nick George

### **MAY 13, 2003**

**Modibo Ocran, Professor of Law, The University of Akron AND recently named Justice of the Supreme Court, Ghana**

*"Nation Building, Civil Wars & Conflict Resolution in Africa"*

Introduced by Mark Auburn

**MAY 20, 2003**

**Dan Sveda, Chair, Akron Rotary Youth Committee, will present Vocational Scholarships to 20+ outstanding Akron area vocational students.**

*"Outstanding Vocational Students"*

**MAY 27, 2003**

**Five Visiting Egyptians Participating in Rotary's Group Study Business Exchange, Rotary International**

*"Learning and Sharing Our Cultures"*

Introduced by Jack Harig

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**>>>May 8 – 10, 2003**

**2003 DISTRICT 6630 CONFERENCE OF CLUBS**

*Quail Hollow Resort, Kirkland, OH*

*Contact Thomas Ellis 440-352-9562*

**>>>MAY 30, 2003**

*Golf Outing with Tallmadge Rotary (deadline is May 23)*

*Paradise Lake Country Club, 11 a.m. registration (&75 per person), 11:30 a.m. lunch, noon tee off begins, 5 p.m. dinner & awards.*

*Contact Jim Redmond at 330-864-1144*

**>>>June 19, 2003**

*President's Gala*

*Akron Women's City Club, 5:45 p.m. cocktails and hors d'oeuvres*

*An exciting Wine Auction will be the feature of the evening followed by a roast and tribute to out-going President Cheryl.*

## **MEMBERS' CORNER**

### **WELCOME NEW INDUCTEES**

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL**

The following proposed new Honorary member was approved at the April 8, 2003, board meeting:

The current Director of The Rotary Camp for Special Children, Dan Reynolds.

## **CAMP CORNER**

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings from the Akron Rotary Camp! Well, the sun is shining, the bugs are out and camper registrations are going through the roof – it must be spring!

In this issue, I would like to thank the foundations that have been supporting us. Below is a list foundations that donated to camp this year. If you know of any other foundations or individuals who would like to donate, please contact me and we will get them on the list.

Special Thanks to:

- The Fuller Foundation
- Showers Family Foundation
- Lisle M. Buckingham Foundation
- Northeast Ohio Golf Charities Foundation

And of course we can't forget the Akron Rotary Foundation. Thanks to everyone who looks out for the camp and helps our children.

In the Spirit of Camping, Dan Reynolds, CTRS

## **FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**MARY A. WEAVER**

### **ROTARY ROSTER**

The new Rotary roster has been printed and is ready for distribution. Please pick up your copy at Rotary on Tuesday. If you would like to have your roster mailed, please forward a contribution of \$10 payable to The Rotary Club of Akron.

During the year, many of you requested that specific information be included in the roster. I believe all of the requests have been met. Here is a Table of Contents:

District - Governors

Officers and Directors -

Club 2002-2003 & 2003-2004

Foundation 2002 & 2003

Camp 2002 & 2003

Chili Open 2002 & 2003

Introduction to Rotary International and Rotary Foundation

Introduction to The Rotary Club of Akron – Founding Fathers & History

Introduction to The Akron Rotary Foundation – Vision and Mission

Introduction to The Rotary Camp for Special Children

Introduction to The Wayne Homes Chili Open

Membership – Requirements & Proposal form  
Committees – Chairmen and descriptions  
Local meetings for make up  
Roster of Akron Rotarians  
Roster of e-mail addresses  
Occupations  
Businesses  
Honorary Akron Rotarians  
Past Presidents of The Rotary Club of Akron  
2003 Bylaws

### **GOAL OF A WEBSITE GETTING CLOSER**

The Rotary Club of Akron is well on its way to debuting a website. All seem to agree that Club members would be better served if Akron had a web presence. Earlier this year, President Warren took the idea to the membership for guidance. During a special round-table style luncheon, member gave great direction about the website's content.

Next, the Website Committee consisting of Mark Krohn, Ellen Otto, Bill Manby, Jr., Joe Edminister, Jack Harig and I developed a Request for Proposal that was offered to five companies. At the meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the committee reviewed three quotes. Their recommendation for a designer and cost was passed on to President Warren. The Board of Directors will make a decision at the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Once it is determined that the Akron Rotary Club wants to invest in a website and a web designer is selected, off we go to develop our site. Barring any delays, a site would be debuted in August. Then, Akron Rotarians will use the website to recruit new members, promote our charitable efforts, recognize our community partners, register for events, and so much more! We'll keep you posted. Sandy Naragon, Website Chair

### **OUT TROOPS**

It has been suggested by Pam Kiltau that those Rotarians who would like to work together in support of family or friends serving our country in this time of war contact her with the names and addressed of the service person. Interested parties will determine how they can best support our troops.

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MAY BIRTHDAYITES**

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To join, please send your contribution of \$25 for a one-year sponsorship; you will receive recognition in the *Akrotarian*. Checks should be payable to and mailed to the Rotary Club of Akron, 263 Millcreek Dr., Akron, OH 44307-2217.

RON ALLAN  
TED ALEXANDER  
MARILYN BUCKEY  
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FRANK FIELD  
GENE FIOCCA  
CHRISTINE FREITAG  
MARK KROHN  
BILL LAUB  
JIM MERKLIN  
BOB MEYERS  
DAN O'CONNELL  
DAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER  
BUD ROGERS  
SCOTT STUTLER  
FRED SWARTZ

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**Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is mystery.  
Today is a gift.**

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**A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE IRS.**

Certain in Life

After April 15, you may feel like the man who died and left instructions for his remains to be cremated. He went on to specify, "Put them in an envelope and mail them to the Internal Revenue Service. Write on the envelope, 'Now you have everything'." Apparently he was well aware of the old adage that only two things in life are certain - death and taxes.

Not many subjects will generate more discussion or disagreement than death and taxes. Albert Einstein once said, "The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax."

A Choice

There is one major difference between death and taxes. It is possible to avoid paying taxes, either by legal loopholes or by fraud. But death cannot be evaded. Each of us will fall prey to its certain arrival. The good news is that we do not have live in fear. We can choose our destiny. Learn more about how to be ready for the certainty of death at <http://www.gospelcom.net/rbc/ds/q1202/point1.html>. Learn more about the history of the Income Tax in the United States at <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0005921.html>.

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**Last year was 2002 -- What a difference a century can make on our lives. Here are the US statistics for 1902:**

The average life expectancy in the US was forty-seven (47).

Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the US took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the US were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There were no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

One in ten US adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drug stores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

Eighteen percent of households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

So, here we are in 2003. Wonder what it will be like 100 year and one year from now. I