

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 7, 2003 **MARK ALBRECHT**
PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE CITY OF AKRON
"Planning Akron's Future from an Historical Perspective"

Introduced by Ellen Otto

OCTOBER 14, 2003 **NAN MCCLENAGHAN**
PRESIDENT, GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AKRON
"Good News About Goodwill"

Introduced by Brit Killinger

>>>MARK YOUR CALENDARS>>> TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003
 6 to 9 p.m., CAMP COOK-OUT AT THE ROTARY CAMP OF SPECIAL CHILDREN,
 6 PM COCKTAILS, 7 PM DINNER, MUSIC BY GENE FIOCCA
 Thank you to committee chair, Frank Horn

OCTOBER 21, 2003 **VINCENT KING**
FIRST TEE

"Building Kids Character Through Golf"

Introduction by Ellen Otto

OCTOBER 28, 2003 **DAN REYNOLDS**
DIRECTOR, ROTARY CAMP FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN
"Reflecting on Another Great Year at Camp"

Introduced by Nick George

>>>MARK YOUR CALENDARS>>> THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003
 5 p.m., Rotary Orientation, "Getting to Know Rotary," Akron City Club
 Thank you to hostess Virginia Wojno-Forney

No matter how long one has been a Rotarian, there is something new to learn. Rotary updates its regulations to keep abreast of current conditions. Therefore, we are having a "Getting to Know Rotary" orientation on Thursday, October 30, at the Akron City Club at 5 p.m. Brand new Rotarians or one with lengthy service, we promise you an interesting event. Speakers and MC and events are being planned.

>>>MARK YOUR CALENDARS>>> SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2003
 SUNDAY BRUNCH BUNCH WILL DINE AT NOON AT THE HILTON FAIRLAWN THEN TOUR
 THE VINTAGE CAR MUSEUM AT BIE
 Thank you to Ellen Otto

A SINGING EVENT HELD AT ROTARY IN SEPTEMBER

Thank you goes to Fred Jennings for sponsoring the singing Divas, who entertained Rotary during September with custom-written songs.



Rotarian sponsor Fred Jennings, the Divas, Rotarian GinaKaye Maddox

M E M B E R S

C O R N E R

During September 2003, Marcia Holcomb was inducted into Akron Rotary. An excerpt of what she said to Akron Rotarians at her induction follows:

"I am honored to be inducted into the Akron Rotary today, and I want to extend a personal thank you to Jim Merklin for introducing me to Rotary and for proposing and sponsoring me for membership. I am truly in awe of the depth and extent of community service that this organization has contributed to the Akron area, and I look forward to joining with all of you in continuing that tradition."

I credit the Rotary's 4-way test for convincing me that Rotary is an organization I would be proud to be aligned with. As a fan of Robert Fulghum's Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, which touts many of the same tenets, I embrace the elements of the 4-way test: TRUTH, FAIRNESS, GOOD WILL & FRIENDSHIP, and BENEFIT TO ALL. If only the peoples of all communities and nations would subscribe to these principles, wouldn't the world be a better place to live?"

I thank you."

It was heart warming to hear Marcia's proud words of admiration.

Membership in our fine organization needs to be offered to other community-minded Akronites. Why not share the opportunity to make Akron and the world a better place. Propose a personal friend or colleague. Help grow Akron Rotary.



ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER ~ MARY A. WEAVER

Wanted! Rotary news!

If there is Rotary news about any Rotary Committee activity, please email it to the Rotary office via e-mail address rcoa@lek.net. We want to hear what your Committee is doing.

As a quick up date, the International Committee is busy with three new exchange students who arrived this past month. Three inbound students have been introduced to Rotary and will be attending Rotary lunches on a regular basis. These three delightful students from Columbia, Norway and Germany would welcome the opportunity to join you and your family for an outing.



(Left to right)

Lily Amundsen from Arendal, Norway, will reside with Ronald and Deborah Johnson of west Akron and attend Firestone High School.

Christine Peters from Paderborn, Germany, will reside with Bruce and Libbie Barnes of west Akron.

Natalia Gill from Antioquia, Columbia, will reside with host family Bobby and Cindy Fisher of Cuyahoga Falls and attend Woodridge High School.

The Youth Committee has begun the involved process of selecting scholarship recipients for the 2003-2004 year. Interviews have been scheduled at the 11 Akron high schools and the various vocational schools.

The 'well-oiled-machine' called the Wayne Homes Chili Open Committee, under the direction of Mark Krohn,



From left to right - Dale Mulger, Tom Gedelian, Lily Amundsen, Christine Peters, Natalia Gill, Stew Buchanan

has established date, location, and most of the corporate partners. The committee is busy working on filling all committee openings --- IF YOU ARE INTERESETED IN WORKING ON THE 2004 WAYNE HOMES CHILI OPEN, LET MARK KNOW. Another important item is filling all 63 Campership Sponsorship. If you know of a potential Campership sponsor, please let us know.

Website Committee under the leadership of Sandy Naragon has completed its task. Visit our website and check out the abundant information that this committee has made available.

The Akron Rotary Foundation continues to invest and manage the funds of the Foundation.

In November, all three Rotary Boards will be discussing nominations for their respective boards. A ballot will be mailed to members with a December return date. Past President Cheryl Warren facilitate the nominations for the Club Board along with the 4 previous past presidents Rebecca Killinger, Jim Eden, Tom Fox and Mark Auburn. Ron Allan will head the nominations for the Foundation Board. Nick George will handle the nominations for the Camp Board.

The new 2003-2004 Rotary Roster was printed and passed out at Rotary meetings this summer. If you have not picked up your new roster, please contact Mary Weaver. Arrangements can be made if you prefer to have your new Rotary Roster mailed.

Membership in Akron Rotary at this time is 146 active members. Members are encouraged to propose community-minded citizens

ROTARY BOOSTERS

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.

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| GENE FIOCCA | DAN RIEMENSCHNEIDER |

ROTARY vs POLIO

"Rotary vs. Polio" ran in Fortune's May 12 issue featuring Rotary's role in polio eradication. The article quotes International Polio Plus Committee Chairman Bill Sergeant and interviews the president of the Rotary club of Sedalia, Mo. on the club's fundraising efforts. Go to the following website see the article.
<http://www.fortune.com/fortune/articles/0.15114.448245.00.html>

ROTARY RADIO

Rotary Radio wants to share your Rotary story! Hosted by Rotarian and professional broadcaster Dr. Dennis Fetko, the show airs live every Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. Pacific time. The radio program is broadcast from San Diego, but can be heard around the globe via the Internet. Guests of the show can be interviewed over the phone or in person if they are in the San Diego area. Contact Tony Amato, executive producer, for story ideas and guest interviews. Click below to get to the Rotary Radio link and contact information for Tony Amato.
<http://www.wsradio.com/RotaryRadio/>

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

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Camp Corner

Greetings from the Akron Rotary Camp!

The summer is quickly fading away from us. The air is cooler, the leaves are changing colors, the days are definitely shorter and the kids are all back to their school routine. Now that I've had a chance to reflect, recoup and regroup, I'd like to take a few moments to recap the summer of 2003 at Rotary Camp.

This past summer was a terrific one, full of new programs and activities for our campers. We served 337 children with disabilities through the 7 one-week sessions of overnight camp. This includes 28 teenage campers who participated in the first-ever Teen Camp. This program was designed for the kids who have been attending Rotary Camp year after year, and who wanted to try some new activities. These pioneer

campers participated in all of the traditional activities, as well as making a quilt for camp (to be displayed at the Camp), taking a field trip to Camp Y-Noah to use the Alpine Tower and spending a day at the state park. The kids and staff had a great time, despite all of the rain, and learned many new skills and activities.

This summer we also served 58 day campers throughout the summer. Each day from 9am 4pm, these campers would arrive to participate in the traditional camp activities. The program proved to be a perfect option for new campers, who were not ready for the overnight experience, or as an alternative to day care, which is hard for parents to find when they have children with disabilities.

- Here are some more interesting facts from the summer of 2003:
- 337 resident campers in our seven-week summer camp program were served.
 - 54 campers were served in the new day-camp program.
 - 28 teenage campers were served in the new teen-

camp program during 2 one-week sessions.

- 27 staff members represented countries including the United States, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Wales, France and Russia. 40% of these staff members were returning from previous summers.
- Nearly 70% of the campers were returning from previous summers or returned for a second week of camp.
- 30 volunteers helped during the summer and complete over 1,800 hours of volunteer service.
- Over 40% of the campers served were from the Akron area.

The largest number of kids that were served have ADHD, learning disabilities and behavior disorders. Many of the other campers had autism, developmental delays and physical disabilities.

Next summer will be the 80th anniversary of Rotary Camp. Many special events will take place to honor our past and our future. If you would like to be a part of the special events, please feel free to contact me at 330-644-4512.

In the Spirit of Camping,
Dan Reynolds,
 CTRS, Camp Director

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