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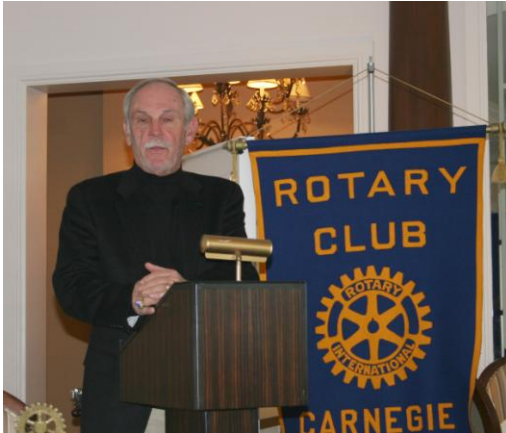
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James Richard Leland was born in Perrysburg Ohio on December 15, 1944. Thanks to being a good friend and golfing buddy of Bob Meyer, our Rich Meyer's brother, Jim was invited and was able to attend our meeting today to talk baseball!!! Having always wanting to be a baseball player, Jim's career started on September 21, 1963 when he signed as a catcher with the Detroit Tigers. He spent 6 years in the minor leagues before moving over into the management part of the game. In 1971 he got his first manager position with the Bristol Tigers and spent the next 11 seasons in the minor leagues in the Tiger organization with some success. He left the Tiger organization for the first time in 1982 when he became Tony La Russa's 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach with the Chicago White Sox (1982-85) On November 20, 1985 the Pirates signed Jim as their 33<sup>rd</sup> manager. He was with the Pirates from 1986 to 1996 and won 2 Manager of the Year

awards with them (1990 & 92). He also led them to 3 straight NL Championships (1990-92) which unfortunately they lost. He saw an ownership change with the Pirates followed by what is called a "fire sale" where all the high priced players are sold off. This change in commitment to winning drove Jim to leave the Pirates. In 1997 he was asked to manage the Florida Marlins and proceeded to direct them to their first Championship. The next year (1998) the owner of the Marlins had a "fire sale" and after a terrible season, Jim left that organization. He returned to Pittsburgh to become a Pittsburgh based scout for the St. Louis Cardinals. In 2005 he was asked to return to the Detroit Tigers where he has spent his first 18 years of his professional life. The second year as manager (2006) he took them to the AL pennant and the World Series (they lost to the Cardinals) and his 3<sup>rd</sup> Manager of the Year award. He is only the third manager to win this award in both leagues. He is currently manager of the Tigers through the 2009 season although 2008 was a bad year. While in Pittsburgh, Jim met his future wife and they live in the Pittsburgh area since they got married. They have two kids, a boy and a girl, who attend Bishop Canevin High School. Jim likes to golf and sing (I'm sure we didn't impress him today) and was very straightforward in answering our questions. He admitted that the 1990 Division title in his 5<sup>th</sup> year with the Pirates is his most favorite personal memory of his baseball career which is great for we who remember Jim as a Pirate managing a team that was committed to winning! Thank you Rich for getting Jim to speak to us today and "GO TIGERS!!!"

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING NORMALLY SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> HAS BEEN CANCELLED!!! THIS IS BECAUSE OUR USUAL GUESTS, MARY LEAR AND THE CARLYNTON BOYS AND GIRLS ENSEMBLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE THAT DATE. THE NEW SPECIAL DATE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 12 NOON. THIS WILL ALSO BE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE GREENTREE AND BRIDGEVILLE-SOUTH FAYETTE ROTARY CLUBS. BE SURE TO NOTE THE DATE CHANGE (THURSDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> TO TUESDAY THE 16<sup>TH</sup>)**

We welcomed another of our Charities today when Maureen Haggarty, VP of Development with the Family

Hospice and Palliative Care organization of Western PA visited the club to update us on their activities. Maureen said





November: Rotary Foundation Month



President David Brosky

**RI, 2008-2009 Theme**

that the Hospice is the largest not-for-profit hospice care organization in Western PA and in the last 15 months has served over 4,300 families in need of hospice care for terminally ill family members. One year ago they opened their new center on Bower Hill Road for in-patient hospice care for those who can no longer receive their care in their own home setting. **President Dave** presented Maureen our donation of \$400.00 towards their activities. Thanks for the update **Maureen**.

**Announcements:**

Sue Kelly was passing around a sign up sheet looking for volunteers to help the Club and the Salvation Army with their Kettle Drive. We are assigned the Wal-Mart at South Fayette (the Pointe location) on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 9 PM. Sue had it broken up into 2-hour shifts. The Interact Club is also helping us (or we are helping them) so if you are available please contact Sue and sign up.

I received an e-mail flyer today on Rotary District 7640's (New Jersey) is sponsoring a trip to India to co-inside with India's National Immunization Day on February 15, 2009. If you have an extra \$5,000.00 and can be away from February 6 – 18, 2009 and wish to participate in this very worthwhile international project, let me know if you didn't get the e-mail yourself! But the deadline is December 5<sup>th</sup>!!!

**Visiting Rotarians:**

PDG Dennis Crawford – McCandless  
Bob Brindley – Forest Hills

**Guests:**

Prospective New Member Gail Neustadt with Cindi Hewitt for her second visit.  
Joe Kaver with Ray Losego  
Bev Overand and Paul Collier with Bob Brindley

**You Were Missed:**

Mark Brilmyer, Eileen Dombrowski, Gordon Giffin, Ted Katz, Mary Ann Paff, Marci Petkovich, Kay Phanse, Bob Schuler, Adrian Van Balen, Scott Venetti, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Larry Wind  
**PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!**

**Make-Ups:**

None

**Birthdays in November:**

Ted Katz – 11/1/36 (72 years old)  
Mary Lou Kientz – 11/7/??  
Mark Brilmyer - 11/25/54 (54 years old)  
Jeff Tindall – 11/28/56 (52 years old)

**Rotary Anniversary in November:**

George Haudenshield – 11/25/48 (60 years)

Larry Wind – 11/25/80 (28 years)

**Wedding Anniversary in November:**

Mary Ann & Ray Paff – 11/11/78 (30 years)  
Adrienne & Jeff Jellison – 11/22/86 (22 years)

**Future Greeters -**

November 27 – No Meeting  
December 4 – Brilmyer, Dodd  
December 11 – Dombrowski, Ellis  
December 16 – Giffin, Guthrie  
December 25 – No Meeting  
January 1, 2009 – No Meeting

**The 50-50 Raffle:**

**WEEK 19: John Mendenhall won and pulled an EIGHT winning \$8.00. The Kitty got \$26.00. The Pot is \$296.00 with 29 cards left plus the Joker!**

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**No Meeting**

**Calendar of Events -**

December 12 – Holiday Party at Nevillewood  
December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting with Carlynton Singers and Joint Holiday Meeting with Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree Rotary Clubs at Nevillewood  
December 25, January 1 – NO MEETINGS  
January 8, 15, 22, & 29 – Nevillewood Closed – Check For New Locations as we know them  
April 29, 2009 - Ethics Symposium  
May 14-17, 2009 – District Conference, Erie Area  
May 30-31, 2009 – Relay For Life, Carlynton High School  
June 21-24, 2009 – RI Convention, Birmingham, England

**Future Programs -**

November 27 – Thanksgiving – NO MEETING  
December 4 - John Mendenhall – Some Scotland Highlights  
December 11 – Club Assembly, Board Meeting after Regular Meeting  
December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting with Mary Lear and Carlynton Singers also with Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree members  
December 25 – Christmas – NO MEETING  
January 1, 2009 – New Year's Day – NO MEETING