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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

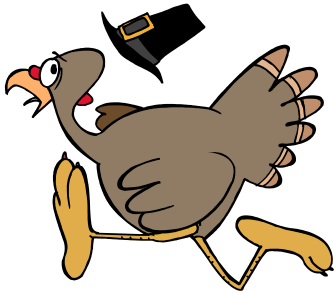
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**A**s we settle in to enjoy this Thanksgiving Holiday with friends and family, our thoughts naturally tend towards assessing our lives and giving thanks for the things that we truly enjoy. Hopefully one of those things is our Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club and our participation in Rotary International. We can all take pride in what we and our fellow Rotarians have achieved through Rotary International to bring peace and prosperity to the peoples of the world. We can also reflect on what our own Club has done now and in years past for the people in our area and around the world. The theme "Service Above Self" says it all!!! The local Rotary Club in the back bone of Rotary International and every year at this time, RI asks each Club to hold elections for next years Officers. Although it seems a long way from transition time to be electing officers, the need comes from the request from RI for the names and addresses of the incoming President and Secretary by January 1, 2009. RI publishes a Directory containing the names of all Rotary Clubs in the world, their meeting times and locations, and the names of the Presidents and Secretaries. The process of gathering the data and producing the Directory in a timely fashion requires the early election. In addition, the incoming District Governor must hold a President-Elect training seminar and District Assembly in the spring before they take over and who is to attend and how to contact them is an important part of the need for this election. In your Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club Directory are sections containing our Club Constitution and By-Laws which describe the process that we are required to undertake to elect Club officers and a Board of Directors for the upcoming Rotary Year that starts July 1, 2009. Our particular Club, for over 20 years, has believed that the 3 important officer position, Secretary, Vice President, and President should serve as a training process though which any member, by committing to the three year order of succession, will learn about the working and tradition of our Club and provide our members with the best trained President possible when he or she finally takes charge of the Club. Therefore, when a member is asked to consider the honor of serving as Club Secretary, they must understand that they are really signing up for a 3-year commitment culminating in being President of the Club in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Is this a lot to ask? It sure is!!! But the smooth year by year working of the Club, achieved by an understanding of the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club traditions, and a 2 year on-the-job training program goes a long way to assure that our Club works as well as it does, raises the funds that are necessary to achieve our charitable goals, and is well respected on a District level as a Club that is strong and confident in achieving it's Rotary goals. As a review, a brief description of the main jobs of each position is in order. The Secretary is one of two positions in the Club (the President being the other) that receive most of the communications between the District and RI. Most of the communications are about basic housekeeping chores that all clubs must do, membership lists, attendance records, etc. Most of the time these jobs are already being performed by other members of the Club and the Secretaries' main job is to pass on these communications to the appropriate club members. Besides being 3<sup>rd</sup> in line to run a weekly meeting (if the President and Vice President are absent) the biggest job for the Secretary is to attend Board meetings and to take notes at these monthly meetings and make available these notes for the next meeting. The Vice President is the back up to the President. This means he or she will be the first in line to run a weekly meeting if the President can't attend. They are also responsible for attending the President-elect training session in the late winter of their VP year. They must attend the District Assembly (a training session for Club officers and committee chairs) in April of their VP year and to have their key officers and committee heads attend this seminar. He or she should also understand that the Big Event held in the spring of their VP year is the source of the funds they will have to use for their charities during their presidency and therefore the success of that Big Event is key to the success of their year. But the biggest job of the Vice President is being chairperson of our Community Service Committee. They are responsible for contacting our various charities (either by themselves or by delegating it to other Club members) to make arrangements for them to visit the Club to give us an update on their activities and to receive our Club's donation. The Club feels that this connection with our



November: Rotary Foundation Month

President David Brosky

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charities can go a long way in helping shape a VP's list of charities for when they become President. The President has the biggest job of all for the Club. They must attend meetings regularly and are responsible for running each weekly meeting. They need to work with the Program chairman to understand our programs and their requirements. They need to work with the VP and the list of Charities to be sure our donations are handed out in a timely fashion. They also are a main communicator with the District and the District Governor. And finally their attendance at the District Conference as the representative of our Club at this year end celebration is vital. It is truly felt that the goal of all members of the Carnegie-Collier Rotary Club is to be a Past President. This status indicates that you truly have taken to heart the theme "Service Above Self" and have earned the privilege of this title. Currently VP Diane Karzc is in the process of looking for member of the Club to step forward and agree to have their name placed on the ballot for the position of Secretary for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year. In addition, we will be electing 3 Club members to serve a 2-year term on the Board of Directors. They would serve from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. We ask members to serve 2 years so that each year, half the Board will carry over to maintain some continuity. Board members are required to attend once-a-month Board meetings and help shape the direction of the Club. If asked, please say yes to having your name placed on the ballot for this important position.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING NORMALLY SCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> HAS BEEN MOVED TO 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.

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!

**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.

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)**  
**NEXT MEETING:**  
Mark Brilmyer  
Ray Dodd

**Visiting Rotarians:**

None

**Guests:**

None

**You Were Missed:**

None

**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)
- Adrianne & Jeff Jellison – 11/22/86 (22 years)

**Future Greeters -**

- December 4 – Brilmyer, Dodd
- December 11 – Dombrowski, Ellis
- December 16 – Giffin, Guthrie

**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 -**

- 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