

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

January 19, 2010

Dreary day, cold, no snow, but 76 of us showed up. 63 active, 12 seniors and our speaker. Jan Dabney's husband (don't they have any other members on that committee?) and Bonnie Perrino were our money greeters. Jim Egger was again at the piano. We sang the Star Spangled Banner and did the Pledge of Allegiance (right, not left hand, over our hearts). Invocation was given by Ken Leistler who put our thoughts to praying for the people of Haiti as well as blessing our meal. President Laureen was up front and tried to replace the bulletin writer (she didn't like those late night calls) with Mindy Sweeney who had her (no, not me) surprised look. Yours truly came to her aid and volunteered to handle the task, I did sign up for the month.

Announcements: Special events committee will meet after the meeting next week. International committee will meet next week after the meeting. Both plan to hold their meeting in the coat room. Anyone want to bet on who gets the room? The Kiwanis singles club will meet on February 14 in the sanctuary and Don Huhn (He's getting married in June to Marilyn Fogelman) will talk on how to win at love and get an economic uplift with unemployment at 10%.

Health & Cheer: Roger is still on the job and Don Flick is still his secretary, reading Roger's report. Jack and Dottie Butcher have a great daughter and son-in-law who came for a long weekend visit from Denver Colo. Does that mean that snow conditions were bad? Allen and Mary Brodt's daughter fell last week while walking her dog and split open her head. She was repaired in an emergency room and, now recovering, plans to look for a pet cat. In case you skipped the announcements, Don Huhn is getting married.

Gladhandler: Bonnie Perrino selected **Gerry Herrmann** as recipient of this award. Guess what, it was another calendar appointment book (left over from last week?) and a \$5.00 gift certificate from the Cone Zone (which is closed).

Future Programs:

Jan 26, 2010—Colleen O'Toole, President of Cincinnati Health Council "Health Care in Greater Cincinnati"

Today's Program: Reuben Nystrom introduced James A. Parrott, who is the executive director of MSD of greater Cincinnati. There are 800,000 people in the MSD service area. The number of users since 1986 is going down, and the usage per account is also going down, which means less revenue for the Sewer district. The courts have mandated MSD to clean up and stop putting sewage into the Ohio River. Our system was considered state of the art in 1830 when it was build. The sewage and rainwater are combined in one pipe and when it rains hard it overflows, floods basements, and pollutes. In the next 10 years MSD plans to spend 1.6 billion dollars to modernize the system. The spin is that every 1\$ spent on infrastructure improvements will lead to \$6.35 for the local economy and every job created in rebuilding the system will create over 3.6 additional jobs. The MSD bond rating has been upgraded to AA+. The property owners are the main source of paying for this. 11% increase 2009, 11% increase 2010, 11% increase 2011, and a lesser percent in the following years. If you are tapping in to the sewer for the 1st time, the most you will pay is \$12,000. Stock market thought of the day, we are only one of 8 sewer districts in Ohio facing the same problem with the same time limits.



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