

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

May 25, 2010

Attendance

48 Actives

10 Seniors

2 Prospects

1 Speaker

Grand Total of 67

Invocation was given by Al Rhein.

Announcements: Northside-College Hill Kiwanis will be holding a Memorial Day Celebration at the Wesleyan Cemetery on Monday, May 31st, beginning at 1:00 pm. A short history of Wesleyan Cemetery along with a MIA-POW Service and military speakers will be the program. Wesleyan Cemetery has veterans from virtually all the wars that the U.S. has been involved in buried there. This includes the Revolutionary War. Come and be a part of remembering all our fallen heroes who gave their all for our freedom. For more information you can call Don Beimesch (853-4865) or Jan Holland (681-5213).

Harvest Home Fair Committee will meet at 11:00 am next Tuesday, June 1st in the upstairs meeting room. A reminder that our Tuesday, July 6th meeting will be held at the Harvest Home Park. Be there!!!

Future Programs:

June 1: Ralph Burney, PhD, Economist presenting “Overview of the Middle East”

June 8: Lynda & Gordon Hone – “My Neighbor’s Place”

June 15: Jon Seymour – “Birdathon 2010 Celebrates 25 Years of Oxbow, Inc.”

June 22: Carin Hebenstriet, Cincinnati Artist on “Interesting Personalities sitting for Portraits”.

June 29: Aaron Besky, Executive Director, Cincinnati Art Museum on “Western Hamilton County”

Health & Cheer:

Don Huhn has invited everyone over to his house this coming Saturday, May 29th to celebrate his wedding day. All gifts will be greatly appreciated since this is a BYOB party. Let's help Don celebrate.

Bill Terasa informed us that his wife, Joy, is suffering advanced Alzheimer's. We need to pray for Joy.

Bill Terasa also announced that his brother Eddie, who is a much better golfer, recently played St. Andrews, and other famous courses equal to his skill level. Bill should take lessons from Eddie.

Members celebrating May birthdays today were Vic Johansen, Laureen Niehaus-Beckner, Ken Leistler, Bernie Small, Bill Teresa and Paul Weber. Average age 61.5. Thank goodness Jack Geiler didn't attend or this may have distorted that bell curve. Isn't it interesting that Paul Weber only show up for a free lunch!!!

Gladhander:

Ed Burke presented Ted Price with Girl Scout cookies. How appropriate since Ted is unable to reach down and accept them from the Girl Scouts himself. That's how attorneys treat each other.

Program:



Paul Weber, after enjoying his free lunch,



introduced our speaker Pat Homan, who is the newly elected President of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. Pat graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1958, received his Bachelor's degree in history from Xavier University and a Masters degree from Webster University. Pat is a retired Lt. Colonel United States Army. He served 15 years active duty in Vietnam, Germany and Greece and then 18 years reserve duty. He has been married for 46 years and they have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. Pat is a part time history teacher at St. Edmund Campion Academy in Oakley. The Academy, named for a Jesuit martyr, is a private, independent, coeducational preparatory school founded by Catholics in 1997. The school teaches grades 1 through 12, receives no public tax money and is

not associated with any parish or the archdiocese of Cincinnati. They provide a classical education teaching Greek and Latin starting in fourth grade.

Pat proceeded to portray the life of William Haines Lytle who was born on November 2, 1826 in Cincinnati and died September 20, 1863 in Chickamauga, Georgia. He was the scion of a leading area family, the Lytle family, after whom One Lytle Place and Lytle Park are named. He graduated from Cincinnati College and studied law. After passing the bar exam, he established a law firm in Cincinnati, but soon enlisted in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served as a captain in the Mexican-American War. After returning from Mexico, Lytle resumed and expanded his legal practice. He was elected to the Ohio state legislature as a Democrat. He unsuccessfully ran for Lieutenant Governor in 1857, losing the election by just a few hundred votes. He was a celebrated American poet before the civil War. Lytle's most famous poem, "Antony and Cleopatra" (published in 1857), was beloved by both North and South in antebellum America. Lytle was appointed as a major general in the Ohio state militia. In 1860, he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for his district's seat in the United States House of Representatives. He campaigned in Ohio for the candidacy of Stephen A. Douglas in the 1860 Presidential Election.

When the Civil War erupted in 1861, through his political and military connections, Lytle was commissioned as colonel of the 10th Ohio Infantry. He and his brigade were assigned to the western Virginia (now West Virginia), where they engaged in a series of small engagements in a campaign that led to the withdrawal of Confederate forces in that region, helping pave the way for statehood. Lytle was given command of a brigade of infantry. He was severely wounded in his left calf muscle in a fight at Carnifex Ferry on September 10, 1861, and was sent home to recover. After a four-month recuperation, Lytle was assigned commander of the Bardstown, Kentucky military training camp. Returning to field duty, he led a brigade in Maj. Gen. Ormsby Mitchel's division. He participated in Mitchel's operations along the Memphis and Chattanooga Railroad. Lytle was again wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Perryville in Kentucky on October 6, 1862. He was soon exchanged and rejoined the army. On November 29, Lytle was promoted to brigadier general of volunteers, and led his brigade in numerous engagements in the army of William Rosecrans. Admiring officers from his old 10th OVI presented him with a jeweled Maltese cross in September 1863, just eleven days before his death. Lytle was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga in Georgia while leading a counterattack on horseback. Once his

identity was known, respectful Confederates placed a guard around his body, and many recited his poetry over their evening campfires. The hill where he died is now known as “Lytle Hill” in the Chickamauga National Military Park. His funeral was held in the early afternoon at Christ Church on Fourth Street in Cincinnati. So many people lined the streets that the funeral cortege did not reach Spring Grove Cemetery until dusk. Lytle’s monument, one of the most impressive ones there, is near the entrance to the cemetery. He never married and left no direct descendants.



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