



ECHOES

Clancy awarded Hixson

Robert "Bob"

Clancy has become just the second member of the Westlake Kiwanis Club to be honored as a Fellow in the George F. Hixson Fellowship. The Fellowship was created in 1983 to honor the first Kiwanis International President. Our House Committee Chairman and Past Lieutenant Governor **William S. Sifritt** became a Hixson Fellow in September, 1998.

At the presentation ceremony held during our regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, **Dennis Clough** announced his proclamation that that day had been designated "Robert Clancy Day" in Westlake. **Craig Baker**, representing his wife **Nan**, a state representative, read a proclamation from the state legislature. Westlake Police Chief **Richard Wallings** praised Bob's work for the force.

An individual, recommended by his or her club with a \$1,000 contribution to the Fellowship, must have



Robert "Bob" Clancy receives Hixson Medal and Plaque from Westlake Kiwanis Club President Bruce "Chip" Zyrkowski.

exhibited unusual dedication and leadership to the youth of the club's community. The \$1,000 contribution will help establish a \$1.75 million annual fund for grants and aid to children and youth throughout the world.

Bob has served as president of the club in 1991, just three years after he joined in 1988 and currently serves on the Board of Directors. Long-time member **Al Smith**

sponsored Bob for membership. **Smith**, who was unable to attend the meeting, sent a letter of congratulations.

Bob also served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 14 in 2003-2004. **Sifritt** proudly recommended Bob for the position.

But Bob's greatest contribution to the club has been his service to the community and especially his

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Chip sees bright future for Westlake Kiwanis, credits members' hard work

As I compose this message, I can't help thinking about the ceremony honoring **Bob Clancy** with a Hixon award. It's hard to believe that we managed to pull off surprising Bob. I want to thank **Norm Resko, Bill Siftritt** and **Russ Milan** for planning the evening; **Joanne Clancy** for planning and getting Bob dressed up; **Vic Rutkoski** for taking pictures; and **Norm, Dennis Clough** and **Craig Baker** (representing Nan) for taking part in the ceremony. A special thanks to **John Sweany** for getting it all started. Great job everyone!

Our future looks bright and busy. We have a new member. We have Easter baskets to buy and Meals on Wheels to give out. We will be combining our breakfast with Emily's Rainbow Run. Our Salute to Excellence is fast approaching and there will be scholarships to award. The Memorial Day parade in May and a second breakfast at the Relay for Life in June are also coming fast. This is a great time to be a Westlake Kiwanian.

Thanks,
Chip

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Wife Joanne congratulates Bob on receiving the coveted Hixson Award.

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service to the youth of the community. Bob is the Kiwanis advisor to the Westlake High School Key Club and is active in all the activities of the club, not to mention being the chief pancake mixer at our biannual breakfasts.

Law enforcement has been Bob's dedication. He joined the Westlake Police Force in 1974 and was in charge of the motor pool for some time. He retired in 2002, but couldn't stay away, rejoining the force as Community Service Officer in 2006.

Bob has always been a motorcycle enthusiast and is a member of the Blue Knights.

Bob and his lovely wife, Joanne, a member of the Elyria Kiwanis Club, live in North Ridgeville. Bob has become expert in "signing" because one of his daughters is hearing impaired. This ability has helped him greatly in his law enforcement work and in his work with youth.

Fall Pancake Breakfast to combine with Emily's Rainbow Run

The club's spring pancake breakfast fundraiser takes on a special importance this year on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Westlake High School cafeteria.

The breakfast will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and be an added attraction to the Emily's Rainbow Run.

Emily's Rainbow Fund is a Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Circle of Friends project to raise funds to support pediatric cancer research. The fund is named in honor of 12-year-old Emily Lewis, a Westlake resident, Emily has Wilms tumor, a pediatric kidney cancer. She is currently participating in a trial of new drugs.

COINS, COINS, COINS

Recently, the Club became benefactor of the coins recovered from fountains and other locations at Crocker Park. We received seven five-gallon buckets full of coins, dirt, sand and other debris. Our Treasurer, **Ray Budo**, has taken on the heroic job of cleaning, sorting and counting the coins for deposit. As of this date, over \$2,200 has been recovered.



Jennifer Rutkoski and Robert Grant

Westlake Aktion Club members win awards at state convention

Two individuals from the Westlake Aktion Club, both receiving community employment services from the Cuyahoga County Board of MR/DD, recently won awards at the organization's state conference.

Robert Grant, who is employed by the Rocky River Brewing Company, won first place in the speech contest, which had a theme of "What skills have you learned through participating in Aktion Club and how will these skills help you be successful in life?"

Jennifer Rutkoski, who works at Oatey Manufacturing, took second place in the poster contest, which was designed to "demonstrate how one Aktion Club member can make a difference by helping others."

Sunshine Corner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 16 **Jake Rosenheim**

May 4 **Mark Miller**

May 5 **Ray Budo**

May 14 **Chip Zrykowski**

June 4 **Derek Fess**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 27 **Derek & Tatiana Fess**

Jake & Ginny Rosenheim

April 29 **John & Lois Sweany**

Welcome!

New Member

Bob Root—Graduate of CSU. Designer of dockside cranes

Mark your calendars!

- April 8**.....Food basket distribution—Community Center
- April 12**.....Happy Easter! Meals on Wheels—St. John Westshore
- April 26**.....Pancake Breakfast and Emily’s Rainbow Run
Westlake High School Cafeteria, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- April 30**.....Salute to Excellence, **Nan Baker**, Keynote speaker
Westlake Center for Performing Arts

- May 9**.....Westlake Relays—Westlake Athletic Field
- May 25**.....Memorial Day Parade and Clague Park Ceremony
Lt. Col. Larry Cullens, speaker
- June 25-29**.....International Convention, Nashville, TN

- July TBA**.....State Kiwanis Golf Outing, Canton
- August TBA**.....Club Golf Outing, Vermilion

Upcoming Speakers

- April 14**.....Anna Bacho, Young Children Priority One Projects
- April 21**.....Board Meeting
- April 28**.....Bob Reusser, Membership

A Reminder

This is a gentle reminder that we have an obligation to Saucy Bistro of a minimum of 15 dinners per meeting to assure our cost (a remarkably low \$12 including tax and gratuity), comfort and administrative fiscal responsibility.

Therefore, because our House Account is frightenly low, it is essential that all regular diners notify **Bill Siffritt** by Sunday evening if you will not be attending or will not be dining on Tuesday evening. Bill’s number is 440-871-6692.

By the same token, those of us who are not regular diners, but wish to join us occasionally for dinner, should call Bill by Sunday evening to make a reservation.

Should these simple requirements be disregarded, the member will be assumed to be obligated to the club for the \$12 dinner charge.

Kiwanis Policy Bylaws

It has been brought to the administration’s attention that the Ohio District Policy Item D, section 1 states:

“Alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed at any official function* or meeting of Kiwanis.

*A function begins when the presiding officer calls the meeting to order (the traditional opening) and concludes when the presiding officer closes the meeting.

*A big thanks to **Vic Rutkoski** for all the photos appearing in this edition of Echoes*

The Westlake Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and programs at Saucy Bistro, 24481 Detroit Road. Visitors and guests are always welcome.