



# The Wheel



Rotary Club of Northwest Summit County

July 2003

## President's Message by Tom Kelley

Let's take this opportunity to recognize the great job that Richard Millisor did as president for the year 2002-2003. The club moved forward under his leadership. During his term, the club donated approximately \$25,000 to various charitable causes, most of which benefited the youth of our community. I hope that my term is as successful as Rich's.

The new board has already been working hard on the upcoming year. We are trying to bring a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm to the club. We are considering many different things, which include keeping things that have worked well in the past and implementing new programs and projects.

A brief outline of the things we are considering includes the following:

### Hands-on projects

We are considering whether or not the club would be willing to undertake some hands-on projects that would benefit the youth of our community or some other worthy cause.

### Budgeting and Grants

The board has already approved an operating budget and a charitable grant budget for the Rotary Year 2003-2004. We also plan to modify the grant process to make it more orderly and effective.

### Social Functions

We are planning more and different social functions. We hope to have at least one social function every quarter.

### Meeting Format

We are considering whether there should be any changes to our Wednesday morning meeting format. One thought was to have an evening social meeting once every four or six weeks in lieu of a breakfast meeting.

### Membership

We are developing new approaches to deal with our age-old problem of recruiting new members. Our goal is to increase our membership significantly over the next year. As a part of that, we want to attract more members from Richfield; recruit a member from each of the local governments in our geographic area; and we want to attract younger members.

At this time, I am asking every member of the club to look at these areas and contribute their thoughts and ideas on how we can make our club better. Change is only effective if it is both desired and relevant. I am looking forward to a great year filled with service to others and a great deal of fun and fellowship! Tom

## Notes from your Auction Chair...

Nancy Kropko



Just a short note to help build excitement and momentum for the next Annual Spring Gala - that's right, the auction. I will have donation forms in two weeks, so you can visit your favorite business, restaurant, watering hole, golf course (you get the picture) and seek prospective donations. Just remember, start early, ask often, and hit them hard! Looking forward to a spectacular event and thanks in advance for your efforts! Nancy

If you have any questions, call 330 668-2464 or e-mail [nancy.kropko@axa-advisors.com](mailto:nancy.kropko@axa-advisors.com)

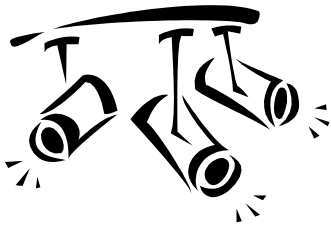
## July Schedule of Meetings/Events

- 2 Club Meeting
- 9 Speaker/Jim Shimko
- 14 Board Meeting
- 16 Project Presentations
- 23 Speaker/John Shulan
- 30 Presentation:  
"Healthy Communities Healthy Youth" Bath/Richfield

If you like getting *The Wheel*, tell Tom Kelley! For contributions, suggestions, or corrections, contact Mary Boesch.

Thanks, Mary

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New Member  
Spotlight  
on....  
*Ralph Waszak*

*I live in Richfield with my wife, Susan, and our three children: Trevor, age 10, David, age 4, and Allison, age 2. Even though she is only two, there is no doubt that Allison already rules the roost and has my wife and I dreading her teenage years. We moved to Richfield this past fall from North Canton. For me, it was a homecoming because I grew up in Richfield and am a 1986 graduate of Revere.*

*My undergraduate degree is in business administration from Bowling Green and I went to Case Western Reserve for law school. I have been an attorney since 1993, and have been with Stark & Knoll for the past four and one-half years where the primary focus of my practice is on corporate and real estate matters.*

*I grew up in a family with parents who were always involved in the community and I've tried to follow their lead. My volunteer efforts consist of serving as Chairman of the Properties Committee for the Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, Vice President of Weaver Industries, Inc. (which serves Summit County's developmentally disabled population) and working on the finance and admissions committees at the NEC Invitational golf tournament. When not working, I can usually be found chasing my kids around town and assisting with my oldest son's Cub Scout pack and baseball teams. When I have the chance, which admittedly is not all that often, I enjoy skiing, golfing (where I am a certified hacker) and spending time in the outdoors.*



**Reminder:**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> is our Akron Aeros game. This is a family event!**

***Treasurer's Corner*** by Bob Meyer

I'll be sending 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billings out next week. Thanks for trying to keep current with your payments – it makes the billing so much easier! If you have any questions about your billing, or about the finances of the club, please call, write, e-mail, or just catch me at a meeting.



Thanks, Bob  
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