



# The Rotary Oracle

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## UN Secretary-General opens 100th RI convention

At a special appearance at the opening plenary session of the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, on June 21, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Rotarians for their work in advancing social justice.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Speaking to a packed hall, Ban called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort and pledged the UN's continued cooperation and support.

"Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is in sharp focus," the secretary-general said. "I am with you in this campaign. Now is the time to finish the job. I call on global governments all around the world to help us. Together, we can fulfill Rotary's vision and give future generations a polio-free world."



Shapiro



Roam

More than 14,900 attendees from 154 countries and geographical areas are convening in Birmingham for the 100th RI Convention, including the Olentangy Rotary's own Nancy Shapiro and Pat Roam.

Ban's appearance demonstrates the close ties maintained by Rotary and the UN, which date back to 1945, when Rotarians helped draft the UN Charter. Ban said his appreciation for Rotary has deepened since he became secretary-general.

Ban also asked Rotarians for their help in addressing other global challenges, including climate change, hunger and a lack of access to energy.

## Olentangy Rotary mourns passing of Jeff Swanagan

The Olentangy Rotary Club mourns the loss of one of its newest members, Columbus Zoo Director Jeff Swanagan.

Jeff died June 28 after suffering a heart attack while mowing the lawn at his Muirfield Village home. He was 51.

Though he hadn't been a member of Olentangy Rotary for long, Jeff had already taken an active role in club activities. The photo to the right shows Jeff helping at the Olentangy Rotary booth during the Powell Festival on June 27, proof that, up until his untimely death, Jeff Swanagan put service above self.

Our condolences go out to the entire Swanagan family; he will be missed.



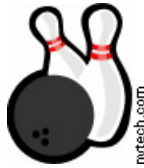
## Bowling to roll in August

The annual gutter event ... wait, make that the *bowling* event .. will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Colony Lanes in Delaware.

All members, families and friends are invited. Children also are welcome, as bumper bowling will be available.

Cost is \$12 per person (our cost) for two games, pizza, drink and shoes.

Mark your calendars now!



**Don't Forget!**

### Transition Dinner

6 p.m. Friday, July 10

Bridgewater

RSVP: Tom Kleven

*There will be no regular club meeting on July 9.*

## July Speakers

### July 2

*Steve Hayden*

Report on joint Rotary/Kiwanis clubs from Myrtle Beach trip to Haiti to provide eye care and dental care, and to dedicate a new water cistern funded by RII and the Haiti local Rotary Club.

### July 9

No meeting; transition dinner on July 10

### July 16

*Lt. Dave Church*

Post Commander, Delaware Highway Patrol

### July 23

*Coach Steve Hale*

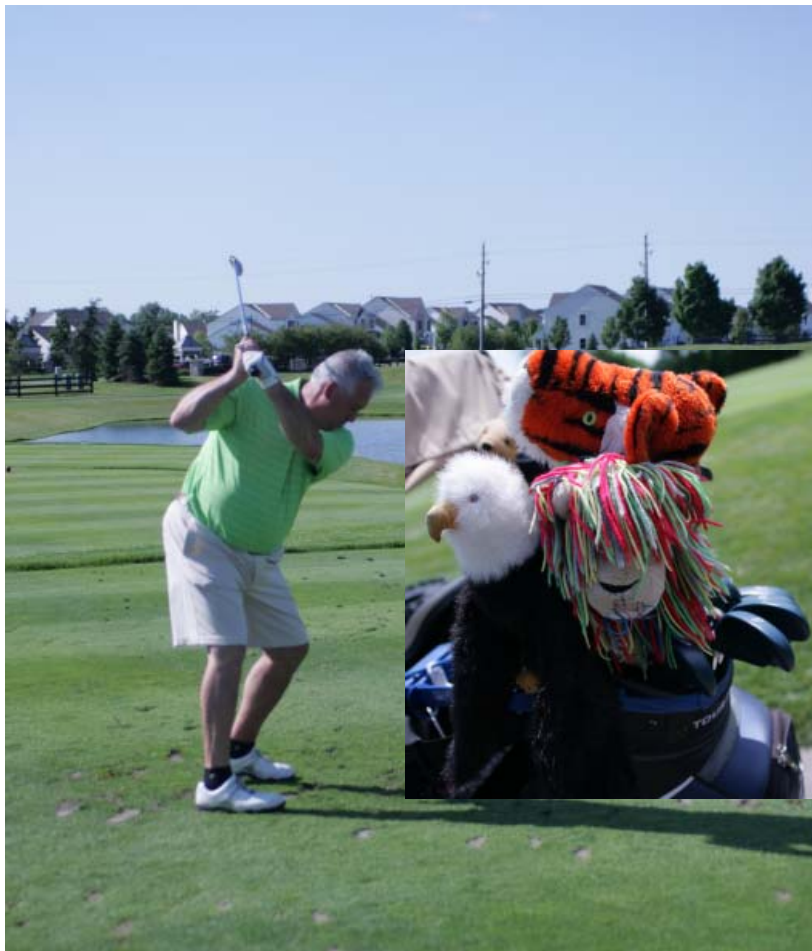
Olentangy Liberty High School Football

### July 30

*Larry James*

Crabbe, Brown and James

## Annual golf tournament soars at Scioto Reserve



Gorgeous weather and a fun-loving crowd helped raise more than \$10,000 for the Olentangy Rotary Club's charities at this year's Olentangy Rotary Golf Outing.

A total of 123 golfers hit the links at Scioto Reserve Golf and Swim Club on June 12 for a day of fun on the fairway. Twenty-three others signed up for a day of pampering at the spa at Kinsale Golf and Fitness Club. The entire group convened for a steak dinner at the end of the day, and the event concluded with a live auction and dancing, with music provided by Bent to the Left.

"We were very pleased with the turnout and with the amount of money we ended up raising, especially during a tough economy" said Dr. Jason Miller, a member of the Rotary Club golf outing committee that organized the event. "We had great weather and everyone had a wonderful time."

The winning score for the day was 15 under par, and the winning team donated its prize back to the Rotary Club as a means of raising additional funds.



## Meet New Member

*Jim Leonette*

**Chiropractic  
Physician**



**Residence:** 325 Holly Grove Rd., Lewis Center

**Family:** My wife, Natalie and I have been married for six years. We have a son, Caden, and a daughter, Laken. Caden will be starting first grade this year and Laken is entering kindergarten.

**Business/Occupation:** I am a chiropractic physician at Premier Chiropractic Center. I opened

a new clinic at Polaris. This is my second career as I was drawn to chiropractic during my career as an investigator with U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Birthplace:** Bridgeport, W.Va.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy reading articles about nutrition, pediatrics and sport injuries. I go to the gym frequently and spend a lot of hours at the soccer and football fields with the kids. My family and I make frequent visits to the zoo and local playgrounds.

**Have you ever been a member of Rotary before?** No

**What do you hope to learn/achieve through Rotary?**

I am new to the area and wanted to join an organization where I could meet many interesting, fun and civic-minded individuals. I was intimately involved in community activities and school government while in professional school, and want to continue being involved.



## **Powell Festival 2009**

Olentangy Rotarian Jerry Douglas gets a glow stick ready for sale while two Interact students prepare prizes for the Rotary prize wheel during the Powell Festival on June 27.

The two-day annual festival is a traditional site for Olentangy Rotary members to get some visibility for the club and its service activities.

**Please note:** There will not be an "Olentangy Oracle" printed for August. It will return in September with coverage of Rotary activities during July and August.