



## Bill Shkurti

Ohio State University  
in the Sixties



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**Bill Hosket** introduced the speaker, **Bill Shkurti**. Bill and Bill were classmates at Ohio State in the late 60s. Mr. Shkurti was a 1968 graduate of Ohio State, went on to be an officer in the Army, and then returned to Ohio State where he received his masters degree in Public Administration in 1974. For 20 years he was Ohio State's Vice President for Business and Finance, retiring in 2010. He also served as Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and chief of staff to the chair of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee. He received the John Glenn College Outstanding Public Service Award in 2005. Bill lives in Upper Arlington with his wife Renee.

Mr. Shkurti is the author of a new book, "Ohio State University in the Sixties." The sixties were controversial times at OSU, and Bill's book offers different points of view. He notes the use of the student newspaper, the Lantern, to shed light on the student perspective. Shkurti's experiences as a student and administrator allow him to present a unique and balance perspective.

Bill talked about the Rose Bowl that never was. Ohio State was ranked first in the nation at the end of the

1961 regular season. However, the faculty council voted 28-25 to decline the invitation to the game because there was no contract with the Rose Bowl. As you might imagine the vote sparked quite an uproar amongst players, students, and alumni. The Columbus Dispatch printed the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Faculty members who voted against the trip to the 1962 Rose Bowl. The book details the power struggle between coach Woody Hayes and the Council President.

The book's publisher, The Ohio State University Press, notes that the book uses contemporary news stories, long overlooked archival materials, and first-person interviews, to explore how tensions built up during the sixties. The tensions boiled over on May 6, 1970 when President Fawcett closed the university. 1500 guardsmen and police officers couldn't control the growing student protests. All faculty were ordered to leave and all buildings were closed. The university was changed forever.

The book is available at the local Barnes and Noble or on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

## GREETERS

### February 14

Larry McVey  
Paul Berg

### February 21

Chris Taylor

### February 28

Don Leach  
Emilie Greenwald

## REGISTRATION DESK

### February 14

Keith Schneider  
Debbie Johnson

### February 21

John Hansel  
John Adams

### February 28

J.D. Dickerson  
Dave Dewey

## CALENDAR

### February 14

Dave McCurdy, Steve Sandbo,  
Chip Knoop, Price Finley,  
Greg Comfort - Guatemala  
Host: Dave McCurdy, Steve Sandbo,  
Chip Knoop, Price Finley, Greg Comfort

### February 21

Jeanette Bradley - The Love Truck  
Host: Knoop

### February 28

TBA

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### March 2, 2017

YWCA - 5:30-7:00pm  
Contact John Huneck  
for more information

Submit your volunteer opportunity  
to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for inclusion  
in the Rotaryview Newsletter.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Sunday, February 12th

Family Fun Day  
at Pins Mechanical Co.

### Thursday, March 2nd

Private Tour & Tasting  
at Middle West Spirits

### Thursday, April 6th

Kick-Off Social for our Annual  
Fundraiser at Grandview Cafe

### Saturday, May 6th

Annual Rotary Fundraiser  
at Huntington Park

Please submit your social event reminder  
to [herb@herbgillen.com](mailto:herb@herbgillen.com) for inclusion in  
the Rotaryview Newsletter.



## The Meeting

**Bill Greenlee** gave the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians: **John Jaynes** from the Dublin Worthington club.

Guests: **J.D. Dickerson** introduced **Brent Osborn**. **Debbie Johnson** introduced **Mary Beth Cowardin**

## Notes and Announcements

**President Knoop** announced the upcoming social committee gathering. On Sunday, February 12th from 1pm to 3pm, the social committee is hosting a Family Fun Day at Pins Mechanical Co. located at 141 N. Fourth Street. Learn more about Pins Mechanical at [www.pinsbar.com](http://www.pinsbar.com)

**Chris Widing** announced that **Drake Sneed** appeared to have borrowed his sport coat from Jimmy Crum.

Paul from the Westerville Sunrise club presented a check to our club to be donated to the Rotary Foundation. The check was the result of the proceeds from poinsettias our club members purchased from the Westerville club.

**Linda Cummins** thanked **Jamie Sisto** for organizing a great Rotary Roundtable earlier in the day.

District Rotary Foundation Chair **Price Finley** gave us an update on Foundation donation opportunities and asked all members to consider donating to the Foundation.

**Ted Schindler** has a new email address and phone number and would enjoy hearing from club members. Ted can be reached via email at [sched@aol.com](mailto:sched@aol.com) or via phone at 614-325-3365.

President Knoop presented **Anne Croskey**, **Bill Kraft**, and **John Cleland** with Paul Harris Fellowship pins.

**Bob Edler** conducted harassment with proceeds benefitting Polio Plus. He noted that parachutes are like guns. If you are ever in a situation in which you need one, you are unlikely to be in a similar situation ever again.