

# Quarter Century Wireless Association Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

## Feb / Mar 2015

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Regular Meetings are on the SECOND Tuesday with Lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering

SK: Jack Ohmart, K8CUA (97) Jan 5-2015

**Meetings: Feb. 10 Video about the Peace Corps**

**Mar. 10 TBD**

*Happy Birthday to the following:*

2/5/35 K8JE	2/22/54	NY1A	4/7/38	W8LLY
2/14/31 WB8IFM	3/11/27	K8PKL	4/9/31	WT8W
2/14/38 W4MWZ	4-1- ?	KD8LCB	4/12/24	W8GFA
			4/24/37	W8ILC

### President's Column

I hope you made it ok through the holidays. The days are getting longer and soon we will see the first signs of spring. We had one silent key: Jack Ohmart, K8CUA (97) on 5 Jan.

Here is a thought that was going through my mind lately:

Probably all of us had some older hams that helped us along in the art of Ham Radio and I had this idea: wouldn't it be nice to have some experienced older, but not real old men occasionally to be a reversed Elmer to help of our old or real old men, who might have trouble to even use a screwdriver.

If you look at the life expectancy there is a bubble at the top, showing that old people now are in their 90s. The QCWA just issued another 80 year award, when up to now the highest was 75 years. A few years back we had 3 hams with 75 years of service.

Also the many changes in technology create all kinds of problems for the older hams. So having a younger ham stopping by maybe once a month to inquire if he or she could be of any help, would be really great. Even if he himself cannot help, he sure would know friends, who might. The last time I needed help, it was just to have a second person present to stand by and hold the ladder, the xyl helped out. I will try and present this idea at the next DARA meeting and leave leaflets there for interested and qualified hams to pick up.

The annual Techfest at Sinclair is held next week Feb 14/15. As before DARA is represented there and has a few tables with brochures demos etc. Ed Garner (SK) used to be there and demonstrate static electricity. Now the main attraction is the building of a FM receiver. It gives kids ages 8-10 a feel for working with small electronic parts and thin wires. They do not get much practice nowadays where most of the gadgets just require their thumbs.

From reading chapter reports I get the impression that almost everywhere attendance to meetings is waning, so we are not alone. But we are still looking for the cause. Especially the older Oms need to get out and meet with other humans. Some of us have lost their spouse and live withdrawn, others are handicapped or maybe can no longer drive!

During my years I have picked up several hams and taken them to meetings. That would be another service some of the younger club members could take on.

I've been following Garrison Keillor's Almanac and this time i'd like to conclude the way he does:

**“Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.”®**

Vy73, Gerd

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