



SCIOTO BOAT CLUB

COLUMBUS, OHIO



SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2010

Board and Membership Meetings:

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2 – no dinner, 8pm member meeting and voting for new SBC Board

December 11 – Member Christmas Dinner

NOTE: Board meetings and membership meetings will be held together on the 1st Thursday of the month through December. Board meeting at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, membership meeting at 8pm unless otherwise indicated.

IMPORTANT DATES:

7/24 – Pirate's Ball and Chicken Roast – see calendar and/or flier for details

8/7-8 SBC Family Camp-out and Riverfest – see calendar and/or flier for details

8/20-22 Manhattan Harbor Rendezvous (Cincinnati) – see website for details

8/28 – Corn Roast

Keep in mind that if you do not log in on the SBC website you may not be able to view all events, info, documents, etc. You must log in to view information that has been posted to the website for member viewing only.

REMINDERS:

- We are a member-run club. Please trim your own area as needed and do whatever you see needs done. If needed, there is a mower located in the basement.
- Please observe the leash law, and most importantly pick up after your pet.

NEW MEMBERS:

John Smeltzer

OBITS:

June – Dave Constantanovich (see the following pages)

DONATIONS

The following members have made donations to the club. Thank you for your generosity!

Christopher Clark

Jim Fritter

Gerry Goldberg

Sarah Hall

Clarence McVay, Jr.

Bill Patton

Tom Phillips

Bradford Yates

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For those of you who have gotten to know Dave Constantanovich I thought you might like to read the beautiful eulogy and a recent message from the family which were posted on Riverside's Caringbridge website, a website used to make updates on patients conditions, etc.

Monday, June 28, 2010 10:38 AM, CDT

Per the request of family and friends Dave's eulogy is available below.

What will your legacy be?

My name is Brett Liston, I'm a coworker of Dave's and long time friend.

October 28, 1985 was my first day of employment at AEP. I had no professional experience, was nervous, and concerned about my abilities to fit into a professional work environment.

Looking back on it now, I realize that God had a plan to get me through and that plan was to put individuals around me that would help me through this transition period in my life. One individual in particular would become my teacher, a role model for my personal life, my mentor, my manager, an extension of my family, and most importantly a true friend.

That person was Dave and I thank God for his wisdom in providing me with such a tremendous individual that would help guide me through the next 25 years of my life.

For 25 years I had the good fortune to develop a true friendship to Dave, both professionally and personally. Dave helped me in my early years to learn the basics of telecommunications systems, guided me in the development of my professional skills, helped me grow as a person, and ultimately gave me a chance to advance my career in a direction that I thought wasn't possible.

Our relationship was far more than the normal co-worker relationship; we truly watched out for

each other and cared about each other. We spent a considerable amount of time together traveling for business. Time on airplanes, traveling in cars, and just working together provided the opportunity for us to get to know each other on a personal basis and not just a professional level. We laughed together countless times, cried together, ate together, and even prayed together. I have confided in my friend during some of the most difficult times of my life and I can honestly say that he was always there willing to help, comfort, and listen. Clearly when my sister passed away at the young age of 36, Dave was there to listen and comfort. When my oldest son was born early and spent a month in the hospital, Dave was there to listen and comfort. Dave and Rita celebrated with my wife and I at our wedding, 24 years ago. We looked out for each other and made sure each other was okay personally and professionally. Our telephone operator 'Sue Warner' use to say that when you would see one you would see the other... she always called us Yogi and BooBoo... I think you can guess who was Yogi.

Dave was a great leader. He had tremendous vision for his organizations. He had great passion about his work and the people that worked with him. His work ethic far exceeded the norm and his integrity was beyond measure... he would not compromise his values and beliefs. Dave was a tremendously successful leader and always very humble about his position. Dave was always extremely approachable, which is a trait of great leaders and a key distinction between average leaders and great leaders. On many of our trips, we would visit remote locations where our telecommunications technicians would report. I can tell you it was like the president visited that site. People were always excited he was there and he was just as excited to be there with them. The people that worked for Dave respected him, believed in his vision, would follow him regardless of the assignment, and cared about him deeply. The notes on his Caring Bridge site are a testament to this man and his ability to touch the lives of others. The notes are heartfelt and illustrate the caring Dave had for the people that were considered his coworkers and friends. I was touched on many occasions reading Dave's Caring Bridge guestbook and would often think to myself how amazing it was the amount of lives he has touched and the number of people that were concerned for him and his family. He truly had an Army of supporters!

I believe that great leaders are not measured or remembered by the accomplishments of their work, the processes they develop, the amount of money they save the company, but rather are remembered by the lives they touch, the relationships they build, and the people they develop and entrust confidence in on a daily basis. There are many individuals in this room that can thank Dave directly for the advancements in their careers and the opportunities to improve their lives and the lives of their family members. Dave believed in some people more than they believed in themselves. Some would look around and say under Dave's leadership we implemented great technological advancements.... And we did, but I look around and witness the success of individuals like Brad Holt, Eric Chorey, and Dave Rinehart and see examples of the real accomplishments and pride of Dave's work. I see the lives that were touched by Dave and the impact he made on individuals like Trish Snider, Misty Michael, Jill Mahoney, and Theresa Marks and realize the work of my true friend. Lives touched and forever changed by the work of one honorable and humble man.

Dave left a lasting impact on hundreds of AEP folks and I know all of us are saddened by the departure of our friend, but most impressive for me was the change in my work environment during his battle. I read and heard stories from people in this room that I thought I would never hear. People talked openly about God, the impact Dave had on them, and I heard on a number of occasion's people focusing on the good in life using Dave's battle as an example of why we should look to the positive things in life vs. the negative. I think the words that best describe this change are LOVE and a sense of compassion for one another.

Anyone who really knew Dave recognized that his real passion in life was for his family. Through the years I have had the privilege to get to know Dave's father and mother, Tom and Josephine. I have heard countless stories about Dave's childhood, his brother Tom and sisters, Diane and Karen. It was evident that he had fond memories of growing up and viewed his parents as the best mother and father he could ever have. Our fishing trips to Canada yielded

many fun stories surrounding his father Tom, pranks his father and uncles would play on one another, growing up in Youngstown, and his days working with his good friend Marty Boyle at Murphy Mart. It is amazing the amount of stories and memories that can be shared when you spend a full week with the same person in a 14' fishing boat. Those memories I will always cherish. .

Rita, Craig, Ryan, and Kevin were the center of Dave's life. Dave often shared with me that he was not concerned about his own condition and what it would do to his life, but he was more concerned with how it would affect Rita, his boys, and his family. It was obvious that Dave adored Rita and she felt the same for him. Dave expressed on his Caring Bridge site the devotion that Rita has shown throughout his battle and that she was by his side every step of the way. She was a tremendous source of strength to Dave and the love of his life. He even has coaster in his office that says 'you need a rita' meaning a margarita, but I believe everyone should have a Rita in their lives. A person who shares life's journey, is by your side in good times and bad, and loves you unconditionally.

Dave was the very proud father of three quality young men Craig, Ryan, and Kevin. To know Dave is to know his boys. He talked about them constantly, days spent on their boat, running to sporting events, school activities, and simple joys of just spending time at home. In the time Dave spent with his boys he has no doubt taught them a lifetime of lessons and they will have the love of their father with them always. I'm confident they will continue to make their parents very proud and will grow up to have the same qualities as their father.

The past 18 months or so have been difficult for all of us that knew and loved Dave, but I feel Dave's last lesson was to show us how to truly love each other and to live in the moment, even during difficult times in our lives. Over the past several months, I told Dave that I Loved Him and I truly meant that. He was like a big brother to me and for that I will always be grateful. Dave is one of those individuals that leave a lasting impact on your life and your heart.

I started off today with a question.... What will your legacy be?

Up until recently I haven't given this much thought, but as I've followed the last 18 months of Dave's journey I have come to realize that if I had an opportunity I would follow the same example that our friend Dave has set for all of us. I would want others to view me as...

A man of faith

A devoted family man

A loving husband, father, and son

A true and loyal friend

A man of integrity

A great leader

As we celebrate Dave's life, let us remember that Dave's legacy will live on in many of us, especially in Craig, Ryan, and Kevin. Let us remember the great memories and individual stories that have been shared about our friend. Let us remember Dave's smile, sense of humor, and big laugh that lifted the spirit of so many of us. Let us remember that we are better people for having known Dave. And let us remember what he taught us and may we teach the same traits of honesty, integrity, openness, love for each other, perseverance, and humbleness to one another.

To our friend we thank you for your legacy. I promise you will not be forgotten. We Love you and will miss you greatly!

Friday, July 9, 2010 4:45 PM, CDT

Final CaringBridge Update

"Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death."

At a time when we are all grieving the loss of Dave we are shown how many lives he had touched, how many people were pleased to have known him. We as a family are so grateful for all the love and support we have been given over the past 19 months. We are so thankful for all the calls, visits, meals, rides, cards, flowers, donations in Dave's memory and Caring Bridge entries. All of these uplifted Dave through his battle and continues to uplift us at this difficult time. Dave was fortunate enough to see how many lives he had an impact on and we are overwhelmed by the continued love and support. Thank you is not enough, but we thank everyone time and time again for aiding us in our time of need. We have been blessed by Dave and each and every one of you!

Love,

DCon's family