

Navy Hospital Ships

Les Mohler will tell about Navy Hospital Ships at the June 9th meeting beginning at 7:30p.m.

Navy Hospital Ships are floating hospitals. Duties include providing on-site care for U.S. combatants as well as humanitarian care throughout the world. They provide rapid, flexible, and mobile medical and surgical services as needed – ashore or afloat.

Les was born in North Canton, graduated from Capital University (where he met his future wife, Rosalind Volk who was studying nursing) and Ohio State Medical School. He did an internship in Santa Barbara, California then returned to Columbus as General Surgeon at Mt. Carmel. From there he went to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh to learn more about Plastic Surgery. In 1970, Les and two friends formed Ohio Plastic Surgery, Inc., in Columbus where he worked until retirement.

Les married Rosalind Volk, known as Rosie. Missions were a way of life for the couple. Rosie also shared her nursing skills and compassionate nature on many medical missions to the Dominican Republic and Honduras. Operation Smile formed in 1982 and Les joined the doctors on the ship in 1997.

The Mohler's housed 21 children from Ireland into their home under Children's Committee 10 which formed to try to help Irish teens learn they had more in common when housed one Catholic and one Non-Catholic in the same house and on Mohlers' houseboat.

Les and Rosie have 3 children and 11 grandchildren and have touched many more. Rosie served on the Big Walnut School Board, Meals on Wheels, and the Big Walnut Girl Scout Service Unit. Her father, Lloyd Volk was a Trustee for Community Library and shared rocks with any interested person.

Les and Rosie brought the Johnny Appleseed Statue to Sunbury.