

Week of May 9



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for May 9, 2012, is Thomas L. “Tom” Sodergren. A charter member since the Club’s founding in June of 1989, Tom served as Club president in 1995-1996. “I believe that the first member I sponsored was Norb Plassmeyer,” Tom said.

Born in Salinas, CA, Tom moved with his family to Jefferson City when he was in the 4th grade at West School. He graduated from Jefferson City Public High School in 1971, where he played football on an undefeated team. He went to undergraduate college (where he also played football as a reserve) and law school at the University of Missouri-Columbia, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in English Education in 1975 and his J.D. Degree in 1978.

Tom said, “After I met my wife Janet, who is from Marshal, MO, at Mizzou, my grade point average improved considerably; and we were married in 1977.” Janet earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Mizzou and now is a speech pathologist at East School.

Janet and Tom have two children. Susannah Sodergren earned a bachelor’s degree at Mizzou and headed off to New York, despite her parents’ request to earn a master’s degree first. She now works for Mother New York advertising agency, which does work for such companies as Target, Dell Computers, and Burger King. Thomas Samuel “Sam” Sodergren is a student at Lincoln University. He has been on our successful Club trivia teams in past years to bring much needed knowledge from the younger generation to our older Club members.

After law school Tom moved to Jefferson City joining a fraternity brother also named Tom—Tom Hearne—to practice law with established attorney John Hearne. After sixteen years of private practice, our Tom Sodergren ran for and was elected to be a circuit judge in 1994, one of the few judges elected with a private civil practice perspective rather than being from the prosecutor’s office. Now having the most seniority of our four Cole County judges, he presides over criminal, traffic, and civil dockets and performs civil marriages.

“I like our breakfast meeting times because noon meetings would interfere with my lunch plans,” said Tom. “I’m up most mornings anyway. Our Club format works well for me without singing, and I think it was a good move for our first president James Riner to announce that we were a ‘non-singing club.’”

“When attending other groups’ meeting, it seems that I am an outsider not well informed about the various Club clans and cliques,” said Tom. “Not so in our Club. Although we have a lot of members leaving and joining, we seem to replace the departing members with good new members and welcome everyone. The oldest and well organized service club, I enjoy reading the Rotarian magazine to find out about how we are changing to stay relevant.”

“I read a lot—both fiction and non-fiction. I loan books that I read out to my friends, and at any time, I have about 30 books in circulation,” Tom added as to his hobbies. “I have also maintained contact with my high school friends as we have gone trout fishing at Montauk State Park and played in Jay Golf tournaments every year for the past thirty years. Finally, I enjoy going to Cardinals, Mizzou, and Jay games.”

Week of May 2



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for May 2, 2012, is Helen Rigdon. Sponsored by Don Alberti, she has been a Club member only since August 10, 2011. She is the Director of the Missouri River Regional Library.

Born in Coffeyville, KS, Helen graduated from Field Kindley High School in Coffeyville in 1977. She went to Coffeyville Community College earning an Associate Arts degree in 1979. Helen then married and had two sons. Adam graduated in 2011 from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and now is a driver for a home health care company in Coffeyville. Alec has just graduated from Avila University in Kansas City with a Bachelor's Degree in Theater, and worked as an intern for Hangar Theater Company in Ithaca, NY. Neither is married yet.

After earning her AA degree, Helen worked for Kansas Farm Bureau including being an office manager, until 1985. From 1985 until 2001, Helen worked as an administrative assistant and secretary at Coffeyville Junior College working last in the athletic department. She was working full time, raising her sons as a single parent after a divorce in 1997 and going to school at Friends University in Wichita, KS, where she received her bachelor's degree in computer information systems in 1999. Her first non-clerical job was working in 2001 for almost a year as Director of Communications and Fund Raising for the Blue Stem Girl Scout Council in Bartlesville, OK.

Helen then took a job as a graduate assistant at Emporia Kansas State University while earning her Masters in Library Science in 2003. She then worked a series of library jobs in two year stints – from 2002 to 2004, as Director of Library Services at Coffeyville Community College; from 2004-2006, as Director of Libraries at Wichita Area Technical College; and from 2006-2008, again as Director of Library Services at Coffeyville, where she also helped care for her Mother who had lung cancer.

Helen left academic libraries and served as a Branch Manager, interim assistant Library System Director, and then Assistant Library System Director for the Kansas City, KS, Public Library until 2011 when she was hired to serve as MRRL's Director. "I went from downtown Kansas City, KS, where it was not unusual to hear several sirens a day to Jefferson City where I did not hear a single siren for two weeks," Helen said. "I really like Jefferson City because it is much larger than my home town of Coffeyville but not as big as Kansas City, KS, or Wichita."

"As to our Club's morning meeting time, it first reminded me of growing up on a dairy farm when I would get up to handle various chores before school, and I wasn't sure whether I would like it," said Helen. "Now it helps not only to get my day started but also to get me started earlier than I would have otherwise."

"I enjoy our Rotary Club and its members," said Helen. "Through Rotary I get to meet a lot of different people while giving back to the community. If it weren't for Rotary and my Leadership Jefferson City Class, I would probably only get to know our library staff. The networking has been very beneficial for me."

Helen's says, "My hobbies include (not surprisingly) reading, rooting for K-State University and against its arch-rival KU, cooking for my sons and my Father, and playing outside with my dog in Coffeyville (because my condo in Jefferson City does not have a yard)."

Week of April 18



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for April 18, 2012, is Eric Struempfler. A Club member for over two years since January 13, 2010, Eric is sponsored by Larry Vincent.

Born in Jefferson City in 1967, Eric graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1986. While in high school, he announced on radio station KJMO. He attended Lincoln University and Columbia College for about a year and continued his radio announcing. “Unfortunately, I did not get much out of the educational process back then but was more interested later.”

In 1987 Eric was named entertainment director of Capitol Plaza Hotel where he worked full time handling all the hotel advertising and promotions. At a 1987 Halloween party he organized in 1987 at the hotel lounge, he noticed three women dressed as “Jane, Jane, and Jane” – from the “Tarzan and Jane” movies. One of the ladies won the best legs contest. He was smitten with her, started dating her, and later married the “Jane,” whose name was really Darla Brizendine. Eric and Darla have two daughters—Alyssa, age 16, and Alexa, age 12.

Eric worked as a salesman for Price Advertising from 1988 to 1994 selling billboard advertising. When business slowed down because government limited the numbers of signs, Darla pointed out a classified ad in the newspaper for a sales representative at CED/Phillips & Company, an electrical distributor. He applied for and took the job in 1994.

Eric joined the management team with Phillips in 1998 and was selected in 2000 as the manager of the Jefferson City and Osage Beach locations. During his years in sales and at Phillips, he went to evening classes earning his bachelor of business administration from William Woods University in 2001 and his MBA from WWU in 2005.

Eric now serves as an adjunct professor at WWU and was honored to deliver the graduation commencement address there in December 2011. He has been active in city government and served as a city councilman for the Fourth Ward from 2009-2011 and was elected as Jefferson City’s Mayor in February 2011.

As to his proudest accomplishment, Eric said, “I think that I have a gift for multitasking. As a late bloomer, it seems that I have been lucky to successfully 'juggle several things' at once with my job, family, city government, and civic activities.”

“Although I have had to miss some meetings because of conflicts,” said Eric, “the Club’s morning meeting time is fine for me. Also, I think that it would be a good idea for our club to charter a bus and go to a Cardinals game so that we could get to know each other better.”

“I like Rotary especially because of the 4-Way Test. It not only makes sense in business but also in government,” Eric added. “It also is a great service club.”

Eric is an avid hunter—mostly turkey and deer. He and his family spend time and run some cattle on their 98 acre farm near Iberia in Miller County—which has been dubbed as Jefferson City’s “Camp David,” a place where he relaxes away from his city demands.

Week of April 11



Larry Mertens is the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for April 11, 2012. A Club member for over 14 years since August 20, 1997, he worked with Lance Stegeman on this year's barbecue and has been counted upon for leadership and service on the Chicken Dinner and later barbecue since becoming a member—often with Bob Sfreddo.

Born in Jefferson City, Larry graduated from Helias High School in 1978. He then attended and graduated from University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, in 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration.

Larry worked in the family businesses in high school and during college and went to work as a full-time employee after graduation from college until 1989. Mertens Oil Company is a petroleum distributorship still in business with about 20 convenience stores also selling gasoline that the company now owns or supplies. Mertens Marine was a dealership selling Ranger boats, pontoons, jon boats, and other marine craft and motors, but it is no longer in business since 2008.

In 1989 Larry left working full-time in the family business and became a straight-commission salesman for John Hancock selling life insurance. He did that until 1997 when he worked a year as an account executive selling television advertising for KMIZ-TV. Then in 1998 Larry started as a straight-commission salesperson for Central Bank Insurance Agency, he recently celebrated 14 years tenure at the agency, and now serves as agency manager.

Although Larry is single, he has been dating Laurie Pleus for over 17 years. He does not have children. He has family obligations and responsibilities because he continues to serve as Trustee of his deceased parents' trust, of which he and six siblings are beneficiaries and co-owners of the Mertens Oil Company.

Larry said that he is most proud of his accomplishments as a successful straight-commission salesperson accomplishing sales goals while servicing clients and building up books of new business for John Hancock and later at Central Bank insurance agency. "Life insurance lines usually do not have the profitable residuals offered by other insurance lines; therefore, we have to prove ourselves by serving existing and new clients to offer new services to earn our commissions," he said.

"I like our morning meeting time best because my father would get us up at 5:30 a.m. to go work in our family businesses," said Larry. "I go to a lot of meetings at other times but they are not as easy to get there in the middle of busy days."

"Our Club is a good group of people. I enjoy meeting them and getting to know them better at our club meetings, events and service projects," Larry continued. "Our community betterment service projects are topnotch with our fundraising, trash pickups, and Christmas baskets that we get directly involved in with great fellowship. After the death of my Mother, I have had more family demands and have not participated as much as I have in the past but hope to get more involved again soon."

Larry's hobbies include boating at the Lake of the Ozarks where his family has a cabin, barbecuing ("I cook more on an outside grill than on any inside stoves"), and watching and cheering local sports teams, Mizzou, the Chiefs, and the Cardinals.

Week of April 4



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for April 4, 2012, is Thomas W. "Tom" Quinn. A Club member for eight years since February 25, 2004, he formerly was a member of the Centralia Club since 1986 where he served as a president. For us he has served as Assistant District Governor for three years, has led student scholarship selections since 2005, and was recently named to our Exchange Student Committee.

Born in Hannibal in Northeast Missouri, Tom grew up on a farm and attended a country school between Paris and Monroe City. Education was very important to him. He graduated in 1966 in the last class to graduate from the Holy Rosary High School, Monroe City. From there he went to St. Benedict's College (now Benedictine College), Atchison, KS, where he earned a B. A. degree in sociology in 1970. He entered the Teacher Corp and taught 5th and 6th grade students in an inner city of Louisville while earning a Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1972 from Louisville University.

Tom then returned to Missouri to stay after one of his little league baseball coaches in Monroe City, who was superintendent of schools in Centralia, offered him a job teaching 5th graders. After teaching them for four years, he served as elementary school principal from 1976-1984 while completing his Educational Specialist Degree and most of the work towards a doctorate. He was too busy to complete his dissertation because he served for two years as high school principal and then was superintendent of Centralia schools from 1986 to 2000.

In 2001 Tom started working for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education where worked until 2010, including the last three years as assistant commissioner for career education. For a year he served as vice president of Sangari Global Education, which offers elementary schools science curricula. Now he works part time as a consultant for Sangari "to keep me free to visit with the grandchildren and indulge in my other activities," he said.

Tom met his wife Mary when he was a freshman and she was a sophomore at Holy Rosary High School. He tried to keep her attention because he was resolved not to date until he could drive. Asking her out after turning age 16 with his driver's license, they dated as "steadies." She went to nursing school at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, and he went to college in Atchison. They married in 1968 after she graduated from the 3-year program to work as an RN and he completed his sophomore year at St. Benedict's.

Tom's is most proud of his family. Tom and Mary have four children and nine grandchildren. David Quinn earned a Ph. D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia; lives in Gainesville, FL; works as a vice president of Sangari; and has two girls. Angela Whitehair earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Mizzou, lives in Las Vegas, and is raising two sons and a daughter. Amy Cecil earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mizzou, works now as a message therapist, lives in West Plains, and has two girls. Doug Quinn has a bachelor's degree from Mizzou, works as a claims operations supervisor for State Farm Insurance in Phoenix, and has two sons.

"Our morning meeting time fit in perfectly with my schedule when I worked for the state," said Tom. "I like it now with more free time and especially enjoy the camaraderie of our Club members at our morning meetings to start my Wednesdays."

"I was in the Jaycees when I was younger, and after aging out, I found the Rotary local community service projects to be very important in both Centralia and Jefferson City," added Tom. "Rotary's emphases on youth development with our student exchange, scholarships, and the Interact Club sponsorship as well as Rotary International projects have also proven to have been very attractive to me."

Besides Rotary, Tom said that his hobbies are gardening (interest from growing up on a row-cropping farm), playing some golf, biking with Mary on the KATY trail, teaching complicated computer technology to make it user-friendly, and working on community activities in his church.

Week of Mar 21



Carrie Carroll is the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for March 21, 2012. A member for 7 years since February 9, 2005, she runs Carrie's Hallmark store downtown and serves on the City Council. She said, "Unfortunately, I regret having to miss more Club meetings than I want because of my retail business and being active in city government and other civic activities."

Carrie was born in Jefferson City to a Jefferson City native Father and Greek immigrant Mother. She graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1990. She went to Missouri State University, Springfield and graduated there in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in business management.

While at the University, she met Tim Carroll, a Missouri State student from Marshall, MO. They married in 1997.

Tim is the Chief Financial Officer of the Jefferson City YMCA. They do not have children.

The oldest of three children, Carrie was four years old when her family named their Hallmark downtown franchise store "Carrie's Hallmark." She said, "My brother and sister were a bit jealous, but I think that they go over it to be successful in their own careers. My sister, Helen Tergin (married to an "Anderson"), went on to medical school and is a successful dermatologist in Minneapolis, MN. My brother George Tergin, has a son named Parker James Tergin, is very entrepreneurial, and has been involved in several businesses locally."

Carrie said, "I am most proud to have returned to Jefferson City to carry on the family's retail business tradition when I could have gone anywhere else and done many other things. I chose to come back and make a difference in my hometown. I was also proud to have defeated a two-term incumbent in my first city council election race."

As to the Club's morning meeting time, Carrie said, "It works well for me to meet early in the morning; however, I have some meeting conflicts on Wednesday mornings, including the Council administration committee meeting and the Old Town Commission— each meeting once per month on Wednesday mornings. The time does not interfere with my business, but they conflict with my other required meetings."

"Our Breakfast Rotary Club members seem to be understanding of the other demands on my time and I appreciate that they welcome me to the meetings that I do make," said Carrie. "I really like the fellowship and networking that being a member of club offers to me. Because of my retail schedule, I do not work as much as I'd like on service projects, but I tell people who come in the store about our fundraising dinners and boost Rotary anytime that I can. Club members provide feedback that permits me to find out what is going on in the community and better serve on the Council."

"I am most passionate about my art, said Carrie. "I love to draw and paint. I feel that this passion enables me to be creative in my business and otherwise in life."

"In my precious little free time available (our store is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday hours), I find Yoga to be relaxing," Carrie said. I also travel to Greece for a couple of weeks each year to visit with my Mother's family. Finally, I am a Rod Stewart fan and travel to his concerts all over the world."

Week of Mar 7



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for March 7, 2012, is John J. ("Jay") Jordan. He has been a member of our club for over sixteen years since November 1, 1995.

Born and raised in Newark, N.J., Jay started high school at St. Peters in Jersey City and graduated from Red Bank, N.J., Catholic High School in 1954. He went to the University of Maine, Orono, ME, and graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1958.

Jay went to work for what was then the Federal Bureau of Public Roads for about a year before serving two years in the Army. He returned to the Bureau completing a total of 25 years in civil service in what became known as the Federal Highways Administration. The Interstate Highway System was being built in the 1960's, and Jay worked on highways in Washington, D.C.; Virginia; Alabama; Missouri (on I-44 near Joplin); and Mississippi (Natchez Trace).

In 1966 he was given the choice of working in Lincoln, NE, or Jefferson City. "Of course I chose Jefferson City, met my wife Kathy and settled here to raise my family," said Jay.

Since retiring from the Federal Highways Administration in 1983, Jay has been self-employed in real estate development locally and travels all over the country as a training consultant on street and highway maintenance and development.

Jay said, "I'll never win the lottery, but I am very fortunate to have found two women who have been just 'right' for me. I married Kathy in 1968 and was married to her for 32 years before she died in 2000 of cancer. Now I have been married for 7 years to Carolyn since 2005. These have been two very good partnerships, and I am very proud of my children, stepchildren, and grandchildren and step grandchildren."

Jay and Kathy had two children. Jason Jordan operates Mortimer Kegley's in downtown Jefferson City. Laura Jordan lives in Peoria, IL, and has a 22-year old daughter.

"I love our Club's morning meeting time," said Jay. "Especially when I was working, the early morning was the only time that I had for myself and could be a member of the Club."

"Kathy got me interested in Rotary. She was a charter member of our Club and its president during the Club's third year in 1991-1992," said Jay. "We hosted Pierre Rautenbach, the Club's first exchange student from South Africa, in 1992-1993. We have stayed in contact with Pierre and his family. Pierre is now a physician in England. Kathy led a Group Study Exchange to Brazil and was the group study exchange district person in charge for the District when Stephen Stark went to Japan."

"I've belonged to a lot of different organizations, but I have not stayed very long in any other than Rotary," said Jay. "I think that Rotary has done more good in the world than any other organization on projects such as working to end Polio, bringing clean water to various remote locations, and providing school desks to a school in Africa."

"We regularly receive holiday cards and correspondence from five or six friends that we have met in foreign countries in various exchanges sponsored by Rotary—youth exchange students, group study exchange professionals, and friendship exchange (to Australia)," said Jay. "In addition to the fellowship with Club members, these international contacts have enriched my life."

"My hobbies are playing golf, traveling with Carolyn, and staying out of trouble," reported Jay.

Week of Feb 29



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for February 29, 2012, is Edmund A. Martin. He has been a member of our club for sixteen years since March 1, 1996. His job in the Club for about the last 8 to 10 years is to serve as coordinator of our offsite club meetings.

Born and raised in Rugby, N.D., Ed graduated from high school there in 1955. He went to the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's of science degree in business and public administration. He was in ROTC and completed six months active training before serving for 25 years in the Army Reserve and National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He has taught Jefferson City classes of the Command General Staff College for Missouri National Guard officers.

After working a couple of years for Commercial Credit Corporation in Kansas City, Ed served in several management positions for Montgomery Ward with stints in Kansas City, Jefferson City (for eight years), and Des Moines, IA. He then took a job for the Department of Economic Development doing business development, marketing, and recruitment. He retired from state government in 1990 and went into business for himself doing workforce and economic development, d/b/a, Growth Services, where he says that he is mostly part time now with a couple of part-time employees.

"In our work, we survey employers and householders for primary research for our clients and correlate that data with census and demographic data as secondary research," said Ed. "About 15-20 years ago, we would have had to have 10-12 employees working full time. With computers and other technological innovations, we are able to put out the same amount of work just working part time."

Ed met his wife Barb while working for Montgomery Ward in Jefferson City. They married and moved back to Jefferson City from Des Moines, IA, when he went to work in state economic development. They have three children who, in turn, each have two children. Daughter Mary Nickolaus is a housewife (husband is Nathan, the city administrator) living in Jefferson City. Son Les Martin is the school resource police officer at Jefferson City High School. Son Stephen Martin is the Sr. Vice President and General Counsel for Accuride Corporation, Evansville, IN.

"I am proud of my family, kids, and all of my grandchildren. Each of my kids is very involved in his or her chosen career and in community activities and doing well," reported Ed.

"Our morning meeting time fits in well with my work and schedule," said Ed. "It has been important for me to belong to Rotary because it is a way for me to be connected with the community. We do service projects and meet other people, and I particularly like Rotary's meaningful approach of doing both international and community service projects."

Ed and Barb like to visit with their kids and grandchildren and travel to see their family members who live in Indiana. They also have signed up for the upcoming Chamber of Commerce-sponsored tour in China.

"My only other hobby is reading mostly nonfiction books about economics. My special interest is in the cause of the depression in the 1930's and the actions taken then to recover," said Ed.

Week of Feb 22



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for February 22, 2012, is Greg Frank. A member only for 7 years since October of 2004, Greg was Club Rotarian of the Year in 2007-2008 and ascended through most of the officer positions to become President last year. This year he is our Club Trainer.

Born in Jefferson City, Greg's grew up in Rich Fountain. He graduated from Fatima High School in Westphalia in 1981. After attending a semester at Central Missouri University, he worked at Pla-Mor Trailers, Inc., for a while and then went to Lincoln University earning an Associate's Degree in Computer Science in 1984.

He started his first career in computer programming—first for state agencies from 1984-1990 with the Department of Revenue and the Missouri State Employees Retirement System, and later for state contractors while computerizing the state's Medicaid System until 2003 as a programmer, supervisor, manager and director. Greg went to night school at Columbia College while working full time and earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration in 1991.

In 2003 he began his new career as a broker and financial advisor with A.G. Edwards, which later became Wells Fargo. In 2009 he joined Smith, Moore & Co., where he presently works. He said, "I discovered that I liked assisting individual clients and couple with financial planning much more than programming and managing people programming computers."

Greg met his wife Cathy at Fatima High School where he was a freshman and she was a sophomore. They later married after he completed high school. She is the church administrator for the Grace Evangelical Free Church.

Greg and Cathy have three children. Elizabeth works at the Old Navy clothing store in Jefferson City. Rachel, an alumna of the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, is a hair stylist in Springfield. Harrison is a 12-year-old 6th Grader at Russellville (Greg was on his cell phone at a Boy Scout camp out with Harrison when being interviewed for this article)."

My marriage is my proudest accomplishment," said Greg. "We will celebrate our Thirtieth Anniversary in July."

"Our morning meeting time works well for my schedule," reported Greg. "Rotary enables me to learn about many facets of community and international life that I would not know about otherwise. It gets me out of my own little world. Of course I enjoy the friendships and camaraderie of our club."

Greg lives on 21 acres south of town near Brazito. "We have a Jefferson City mailing address, but our son's school is in Russellville," said Greg. "We spend as much time as we can outdoors where I cut wood, and we maintain a large garden in a former horse corral. My other hobbies include playing golf, following Cardinal baseball and Mizzou sports, and working out at the Firley YMCA to help me lose weight."

Week of Feb 15



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for February 15, 2012, is Dennis Redel. Dennis will have been a member of our club for two years on April 14, 2012. His job in the Club this year is to find volunteers for our weekly invocation and humor.

Born in central Missouri, Dennis grew up in the area graduating from Helias High School in 1967. He went to the University of Missouri-Columbia and earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1971 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1973. "I was in a special program to earn my bachelor's degree after my first year of law school," said Dennis.

His first job after law school was as an assistant counsel for the Missouri Department of Transportation, and he represented the Department in litigation and real estate transactions for 15 years. "On Halloween in 1986, I was appointed assistant chief counsel," explained Dennis, "and my life changed from actively practicing law to managing the lawyers. At one time we had about 60 lawyers located in several locations throughout the state. Now I think that the Department only has about 35 lawyers."

Dennis retired from full-time work with MO DOT in 2001 after 38 years. He has continued to work part-time, now going in for a couple of mornings a week. He also volunteers every week for the Samaritan Center.

Dennis went to a picnic on a Sunday afternoon in Kansas City and met his wife, Karen, who was a student at Central Missouri University. He married Karen in 1974. Karen has worked as a pre-school teacher. In 1998 Karen was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and Dennis now helps care for her. She is better in the morning which gives him the opportunity to work part time and volunteer early each day.

Dennis and Karen have three children. Daughter Carrie Mermis is a bankruptcy lawyer in Kansas City and has a 20-month-old son. Daughter Ashley Atteberry is a high school teacher in California where she has also been the volleyball coach, and she has a child within three months of Carrie's. Son Bryan Redel is managing an Imo's Pizza store in Springfield after getting his degree in business and logistics.

"I would have to say that my proudest accomplishment is being married to Karen, fathering three fine children, and grand fathering two more, said Dennis. "I am most proud of my family."

As to our morning meeting time, Dennis said, "it works well for me because I go on to work on Wednesdays. I joined Rotary because I wanted another avenue to help out people. I enjoy the camaraderie and working on local and international service like our district Panama project."

"As to hobbies, I go to every Mizzou home football and basketball game. I also like to hike a lot, play tennis, and work out at the YMCA, where Karen and I log in our activities on the Fitlinxx program there," said Dennis. "We are also big Cardinals fans. Of course we cherish time with our two grandchildren and care for them whenever their busy parents give us the opportunity."

Week of Feb 8



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for February 8, 2012, is Steven Erickson. Steve will have been a member of our club for four years on February 27, 2012. He serves as the Club's Foundation Chair on our Board of Directors.

Born in Jamestown, N.Y., in the Western part of the state, Steve graduated from high school there in 1975. He earned a B.A. degree in psychology in 1979 from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. While at college, Steve was in the Army ROTC. After graduation, he went to flight school to become a helicopter pilot. He served for 11 years attaining the rank of Captain before leaving the Army after attending night school at Washington University and earning two Master's Degrees in 1989 at Webster University in St. Louis—in Business Administration and in Computer Resource Management.

After leaving the Army, Steve went to law school at the University of Missouri-Columbia, receiving his J.D. degree in 1993. He worked for Lincoln Financial Group for a year or so. Steve joined a partner to form Fee-Only Investment Advisors. In 2005 he earned his Certified Financial Planner designation and bought out his partner in 2006. Presently he has his Fee-Only Investment Advisors which manages investment portfolios and Erickson Financial Services which does financial planning.

While at law school, Steve noticed another older law student named Mary in his classes. They met each other socially at a class function, began dating, and married in 1996. Mary is a lawyer who litigates licensure actions on behalf of the Department of Insurance and Professional Registration.

Steve and Mary have two sons—Nathan, who is 12, and Nicholas, who is 10. The boys are active in sports and music activities—one in wrestling and the other in golf. One plays trumpet and the other plays the piano. One is taking up the cello.

"I am proud of several things in my life," said Steve. "Highlights include passing flight school and flying Huey helicopters, passing the bar exam, starting and building my own businesses, and being a husband and father to a great wife and sons."

As to our Club's early morning meeting time, Steve says, "the time is convenient to me as it frees up the rest of the day for my appointments and business or family time. One of my sons plays in golf tournaments, and I can take off one-half day and go to his tournaments as my own boss while also attending our meetings."

"Rotary is a wonderful way to aggregate little efforts into much bigger efforts to bring goodwill and help people in laudable projects near and far," said Steve. "Being a member of our Club enables me to make social contacts and gain exposure outside of my normal world with our fellowship and becoming better acquainted with our members."

Attaining the Life Master rank, Steve's main hobby is bridge. "I play regularly once per week and in tournaments when I find time. I also enjoy golf and ferrying my kids to their school and extracurricular activities," said Steve. Finally, although not retired himself, he is local director of SCORE, which has retired business people assist those starting businesses or needing business advice.

Week of Feb 1



Randy J. Scherr is the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for February 1, 2012. The first new member in August 1989 after the Club was chartered, he serves perennially in representing our Club in Rotary Student Government Day and has led several special Club fund drives for the Rape Abuse and Crisis Services and other local agencies.

Born in Jefferson City, Randy graduated high school at Helias in 1970. He attended Lincoln University for a year and transferred and earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1974 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He farmed full time before taking a job with MFA as a lobbyist in 1977. In 1981 he started his own lobbying and association management business which continues to this day—R.J. Scherr and Associates. In 2006 he joined to form Scherr Winter, LLC, which is another lobbying firm.

While attending Helias Randy remembered an attractive student named Phyllis Willibrand, and later at a Chamber of Commerce Barbecue in 1992, they ran into each other again. They married in 1996 on a “prearranged elopement and planned vacation” in front of a few family and friends in Chico Hot Springs, MT.

Although he and Phyllis have no children, Randy said, “I am proud and blessed to have fabulous family members and lots of nieces and nephews in both of Phyllis and my families Phyllis. I’m also proud of our work representing clients and becoming good personal friends with many of them.”

As to our morning meeting time, Randy said, “It is the best opportunity for me to participate because it usually fits into my schedule although one client wants to have a phone call at 7 a.m. four times a year. I have a high attendance rate that I would not have if the meeting time were different.”

“I enjoy our Rotary Club the most for our ability to provide services to agencies that need help in town such as Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan Center, and RACS,” Randy continued. “I love the fellowship offered by our projects. I think that PolioPlus is very worthwhile, and I really loved being able to provide student desks in another country and working on other similar projects that I know make a difference.”

Both a multi-level Paul Harris Society member and a Bequest Society member, Randy purchases at least \$10.00 worth of our 50-50 drawing tickets every week. “I get a kick out of watching Margaux (Jon Browning’s daughter) draw a card,” he said.

Randy said that his favorite hobby is woodworking, and each year he contributes a very classy cutting board for our Mid-Winter Barbecue raffle. “This year I made it from black walnut and maple,” he said. “I get some nice wood from people scrapping out their moldings remodeling. I also cut a lot of my own stock for wood working where I can find it at various places in Mid-Missouri.”

Randy also is a philatelist—collecting stamps and accumulating first-day issues. “I also like to ski, hunt, and work on our family farms when I find time,” he continued. “Finally, Phyllis and I are blessed to be able to travel all over the world. In fact during one recent trip, we met a Rotary International president from another continent. We often meet and greet Rotarians wearing their pins wherever we go.”

Week of Jan 25



Our Club Rotarian of the Week for January 25, 2012, is Stanley ("Stan") Hutson, Ph.D. Stan is one of our five remaining charter members our Club's as a member since May 14, 1989. He was Club Rotarian of the Year in 1997-1998 and Club President in 1996-1997 and now serves both as Exchange Student Counselor for Giovanni Galli and also as sponsor of the Interact Club for high school students. He said that he has recruited several members including sponsoring Joan Kramer, our Club President.

Born in Baytown, TX, Stan graduated from high school in Odessa, TX, in 1966. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Phillips University in Enid, OK, in 1970; his master's degree from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, in 1974, and his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1977. He works a psychological consultant for the Disability Determination Services of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He also works part time doing psychotherapy and employment psychological evaluations.

He moved a lot when he was younger. Stan said that he was pleased to settle and live in Jefferson City after being introduced to his wife Martha by her brother and marrying when he worked in the counseling department at Westminster College, Fulton. Shortly thereafter, he took a position here.

Stan and Martha have two sons. Jim is a commercial pilot for GoJet, a regional carrier in St. Louis, after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in aviation at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. John has completed his bachelor's degree in psychology at Knox College, Galesburg, IL, and is biding his time working at Callaway Bank in Columbia while applying to get into a Ph.D. program to pursue his interest in cognitive psychology and psycholinguistics.

Stan has been active in the Rotary Youth Exchange program as a parent, host family, and counselor. His son John was an outbound student who went to Sweden in 2005-2006. Stan's family hosted three students—Etienne Cassin from France, here in 2004-2005; Johny Moracho Andrade from Ecuador, 2007-2008; and Bertrand Winnen, 2009-2010. Stan said, "I enjoy staying in touch with all of them. Etienne is an auditor in Paris while Johny and Bertrand are going to college."

"Our Club's morning meeting time was initially a challenge for me, said Stan; "I can understand how that might be an impediment to get new members, but I ended up liking it."

"Being a Rotary Club member is the best way that I have found to be involved in the community as well as work for peace and understanding," said Stan. "I think that the Youth Exchange Program has done a lot for our international relations. Through our club fellowship working on activities such as the Mid-Winter Barbecue, we do things that are visible and worthwhile."

"I work out regularly at the YMCA. I also enjoy socializing while playing golf with certain understanding people," Stan said. "I like watching occasional high school and college games to see extraordinary athletes. Finally, Martha and I like to go to interesting movies at the Rag-Tag Cinema in Columbia and to concerts of our favorite artists locally, in Columbia, and St. Louis or Kansas City."

Week of Jan 18



Nancy Gratz is our Rotarian of the Week for January 18, 2012. Nancy joined our club in 1992 and has served in several Club leadership positions including Club President in 2008-2009.

Born in Jefferson City, Nancy graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1969. She started working at Capital Savings and Loan (now a branch of Regions Bank) after high school intending to work a year before going to college. Bill Gratz, whom she had been dating since meeting him at a wedding in Taos when she was 15, asked her to marry him; therefore, college was then out of the question although she did successively complete several financial, lending, and management courses. She is licensed both as a real estate broker and as an insurance salesperson (all lines).

Nancy's career has been devoted to banking and she rose from bookkeeper to controller to vice president during her 20 years at Capital Savings and Loan she left there in 1989. "I wanted to leave the back office and work with people—customers and staff—and took the opportunity to be the downtown JC branch manager of Home Savings and Loan."

In all of her positions she developed a reputation for putting "people first" with her very personable style. After managing the Home Savings & Loan branch for four years until 2002, Nancy went to Exchange Bank (now Hawthorn Bank) as Vice President for Residential Lending before taking a position ten years later in 2002 at Premiere Bank (now Providence Bank) where she was again a branch manager at Wildwood Crossings. Now she is a senior vice president and a commercial and residential loan officer at Providence.

Nancy and Bill have three children. Craig is a journeyman electrician, lives in Wardsville, and has 2 sons. Kim Gratz Sandbothe is a Lincoln University college graduate, works in Human Resources for the state, and has a son and daughter. Kristi Gratz also is a Lincoln University graduate, works as the sales director for KRCG TV, and has 2 dogs.

The year 2011 was trying for Nancy. First, she was diagnosed with cancer in January. Then just a week after successfully completing 6 weeks of radiation therapy to go into remission, her daughter Kristi was in a serious motorcycle accident and Nancy provided bedside care to her for 10 weeks. Then after Kristi recuperated, Nancy and her sister Brenda Roling have had to alternate staying overnight to care for her parents—father with a reoccurrence of cancer and Mother also in declining health.

"I'm most proud of raising my awesome family nearby in Jefferson City," Nancy responded. "With all I've been through recently, I realize how much that my family means. Of course I was proud to be honored by Zonta in 2002 as a Woman of Achievement. I am especially proud of the impact that both our Club and our family had on Club exchange student Juris Pupcenoks, in 1999-2000, from Latvia, who now teaches at a school in Baltimore after earning advanced college degrees."

"I love our morning meeting time, and my attendance will improve after these difficult time," added Nancy. "I belong to Rotary because I appreciate its community and international service projects. Our club accomplishes so much with fewer people than bigger clubs. Being a Rotarian is also a good way to network with community business and professional people in more depth than in other civic groups."

"When I am healthy enough and can find time for hobbies, I like to play golf, spend time with our grand kids, and travel (although we haven't taken a vacation for a couple of years)," Nancy said.

Week of Jan 11



Aaron Martin is our Club Rotarian for the Week of January 11, 2012. A member since February 22, 2006, when he was sponsored by his uncle Bob Asahl, he has assisted with the Mid-Winter Barbecue every year and will be one of the outside cooks again this year for the event.

One of our youngest members (just slightly older than Jon Browning), Aaron was born in Jefferson City and raised in Tipton, graduating from the high school there in 1995. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1999 at Culver-Stockton College, Canton, with a double-major in criminal justice and accounting and thought that he was on the way to a career in law enforcement. He changed his plans after applying for and being accepted to the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and graduated in 2002.

Besides his family, Aaron said, "I am most proud of starting my general litigation law practice business from scratch with partner Matthew Grayson first in Morgan County before moving to and continuing my practice here in Jefferson City. I like the flexibility and satisfaction of being a small businessman to assist clients whom I choose and tailor how I spend my time to meet their needs."

The son and nephew of Missouri Highway Patrol officers, Aaron has had lively discussions at family get togethers. He said, "My eyes were opened in law school and my practice to another perspective with a greater appreciation of our constitutional rights rather than just 'lock 'em up and throw away the key.'"

Aaron met his wife Kim at Culver-Stockton where she earned a degree in business administration. She is from Mountain Grove and now works for the Missouri Development Finance Board. Aaron and Kim have two daughters—Eleanor, now 4 years old and Caroline, age 2.

Because of his wife working with his young daughters, Aaron said, "Morning meetings for me are sometimes tough. I have to miss meetings when my wife Kim works out of town to get my girls up and to their day care. My girls do not seem to be as well behaved as Jon Browning's daughter, Margaux. I do not think I should bring them with me. On the other hand, the morning meetings are one of the few times that I can meet given my work schedule of being in court locally and in the surrounding counties."

Aaron was asked about Rotary's push to get more young members. "We younger members might need to do a better job convincing others to join Rotary. I try but have not had much success. It seems that younger people may not want to commit to a Club that meets weekly while they are coping with family and career demands."

"I like the camaraderie of being a member of our Club. Of course, I appreciate the opportunity the Club provides to become involved in and serve the community. Without belonging to Rotary, I probably would not be very involved in community activities."

Aaron's hobbies emphasize being outdoors as much as possible. "I like hunting (any kind), playing golf, camping with my family, spending any time whatsoever with my family, and fishing," Aaron said.

Honorary Rotarian of the Week of Jan 4



Almost an honorary member, James “Jimmy” Mazza has completed 17 years as our Club’s banquet server at Capitol Plaza Hotel. A server at the Hotel almost 20 years after starting in April 1992, “I think that I have the longest-continuous tenure as a server at the Hotel,” he said.

Now living in Westphalia, Jimmy was born in Dixon, MO. Jimmy was the fourth of six children. “My Mother had children in four decades—the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. My youngest sister is just going to be 30 this year,” he added.

After graduating from Dixon High School in 1984, Jimmy joined the Navy, where he served in an amphibious construction battalion for four years until 1989. He then earned a two-year associate’s degree in technology in heating and air conditioning from Linn Tech in 1991. After working for a short period in heating and air conditioning, he took what he considers a more exciting job with Capitol Plaza.

“I used to be shy and naive— very short-term, day-at-a time, in my thinking. As a banquet server, I have learned not only how to pour water and set tables with formal service but also how to work with people,” said Jimmy. “Also, now I am starting to think about the future and perhaps finding another career that might include benefits.”

“I have had many fine experiences. We have set tables for banquets at the Hotel and other sites such as the Governor’s Mansion, the Governor’s State Office Building, the State Capitol, and the YMCA. I think that the biggest function I have worked was serving 2,000 people in 1997 when the Most Reverend John Gaydos was ordained and installed as the Bishop of the Jefferson City Diocese. Although I have served numerous politicians, entertainers, and dignitaries, I’ll never forget that Edwina Sandys, Winston Churchill’s granddaughter, called me an ‘angel’ for bringing her a muffin.”

Jimmy was asked his preference for working a buffet- or a plated banquet. “I think that people are choosier today and prefer a buffet. Also we have had to prepare meals for more people on special diets,” he responded. He is a morning person. “I prefer getting up at 4 a.m. to work a breakfast rather than serving an evening function when I could be home reading or watching television.”

“The Breakfast Rotary Club is my favorite group although less than half of the members eat breakfast. The word among my fellow and lady banquet staff members is that only I know how to set it up and serve it with all of the banners and flags the Club uses,” Jimmy said. “The Club has interesting guys and gals from a NASA rocket engineer such as Norb Plassmeyer to lobbyists such as Randy Scherr, physicians such as David Linsenhardt, foresters, business leaders, and numerous engineers, and lawyers. I like the club’s programs and have gotten introduced to international subjects with the club’s exchange students, group study exchanges, and reports about the Club’s international projects. “

“In the hotel business, there are many peaks and valleys. We have most of our banquet business in the winter, spring, and fall,” commented Jimmy. “When there are no banquets, I don’t work. The Club’s generous Christmas gift is appreciated and enables me to indulge my hobby of reading histories (especially ancient histories) and fantasies.”

Week of Dec 28



Norb Plassmeyer is our Club Rotarian of the Week for December 28, 2011. Norb belonged to what we call the “downtown” Club before transferring to our club on July 1, 1992. He served as Club president in 1998-1999.

Born in Jefferson City, Norb grew up on his family farm near Westphalia and was in the first class finishing all 4 years at Fatima High School, graduating in 1956. He completed his bachelor’s degree in aeronautical engineering at Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology of St. Louis University in 1959. Married for 50 years since 1961, he met his wife Eileen in 1957 at a mixer in St. Louis, where she was a nursing student at St. John’s School of Nursing.

After working 11 years as an aeronautical engineer for such employers as McDonnell Douglas, NASA (working on the Saturn booster rocket), the U. S. Army (as a civilian), and Goodyear Aerospace in such places as Huntsville, AL; Akron, OH; and St. Louis, Norb returned to Westphalia to farm in partnership with his Father in 1971. Norb actively farmed for 20 years including a stint as a state representative in the Missouri House, 1976-1980. In 1991 he became a vice president of the Associated Industries of Missouri where he worked mostly on environmental regulatory issues until 2005. Since 2005 he has been a part-time independent lobbyist.

Norb and Eileen have 7 children. Susan Plassmeyer graduated first in her class at Truman State University, Kirksville, and is Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration and Development services for Alumni and Development Programs of Washington University, St. Louis. John Plassmeyer graduated with honors from Truman State, works as a registered nurse after changing careers from the mortgage banking business, and has 2 sons. Mary Corey graduated with honors from Truman State, works as a statistician for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City, and has 2 daughters. Ann Stratman graduated from Lincoln University, works for the City of Jefferson, and has 2 sons. Bill Plassmeyer is a Jefferson City police officer and has 3 sons and 2 daughters. Joe Plassmeyer is single and works as a carpenter in Westphalia. Andy Plassmeyer graduated from St. Louis University; works as civilian information systems employee for the Army Reserve in Vancouver, WA; and has 2 sons.

When asked about his proudest accomplishment, Norb didn’t hesitate in stating, “my marriage to Eileen and raising our seven children. Everything else follows those two.”

“Our breakfast meetings and local activities fit me very well,” said Norb. “I like that we are very active locally. I have made lifelong associations and friends through Rotary. We hosted the Club’s first Exchange Student, Pierre Rautenbach, from South Africa. Then when our daughter Mary was in the Peace Corp in Africa, our Club partnered with a South Africa Club on a Rotary service project to rebuild the schools where Mary worked. While visiting Mary and witnessing the project, we also met Pierre’s family and have stayed in contact. We have also been on a friendship exchange to Australia.”

In his spare time, Norb oversees his acreage, which he now mostly rents out. He has conducted river conservation improvement on his farm. He works on a family history/ genealogy project. Finally he enjoys visiting with his 13, soon to be 14, grandchildren (with Andy’s wife expecting this spring).

Week of Dec 21



Ron Lankford is our Rotarian of the Week for December 21, 2011. Ron has been a Rotarian, including a past club president, since joining the Webb City-Carl Junction Club in 1994 or 1995. He transferred his membership to our Club on September 29, 2010, shortly after taking a position in Jefferson City. He currently serves on our Board as Club Administration Chair.

No doubt that he has the longest work commute of any of our Club members because Ron drives 205 miles between his home in Joplin and his office in Jefferson City where he serves as the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administrative Services of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He was appointed to that job effective August 1, 2010, after retiring as Superintendent of the Webb City School District where he had served from 1998 until he retired on June 30, 2010.

Ron grew up in Seneca, MO, and graduated from Seneca High School. He received a bachelor's of science degree in education in 1971. Then he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he earned three degrees-- his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1973, his specialist degree in Secondary Education in 1976, and his Ed. D. in General School Administration in 1979. After teaching a few years, Ron was appointed as an assistant principal, then served in turn as a junior high principal and then high school principal from 1979 to 1998 (he was the youngest triple A high school principal in the state in 1979 when he was only thirty years old).

In 1970 Ron married Carolyn, his wife of over 40 years. They have two children. Their daughter Christina was a kindergarten teacher until she chose to stay at home and raise her four children including a set of twins. Son Craig is a pain management specialist in Dallas after receiving his M.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Craig has two sons.

esides being proud of his family, Ron says, "I am most proud of the satisfaction I feel that there are some people out there who have realized that they could do something positive for themselves and others because of what I have said or done. This is the educator's goal, and I think that I have done that for some people. Every child is different from a developmental point of view, and we educators want to influence and aid in the growth of each."

"Our Rotary Club is a lot fun," said Ron. "Although I have to leave early often to get to work some mornings, I enjoy our friendly bunch of members who frequently provide respite from our daily cares and duties. Of course Rotarian's serious purpose is to benefit others, but I particularly like the chance to see the personal and human side of each of our members during our meeting fellowship."

Ron serves as a deacon in the Church of Christ in his community. We can all attest that he is a gifted speaker who can give as fine an invocation as any of our other eloquent speaking members.

Ron speaks fondly of his 93-year-old Father when asked about hobbies and looking forward to retirement. "My Father had a plan of what he would do every day of his life. Like him I love what I do, and I do not look forward to a final day of work. I enjoy my job and do not tire of it," Ron added. "I play a little golf, work in the yard when I get a chance, and cherish time away with my wife or with my grandchildren."

Week of Dec 14



Our Rotarian of the Week for December 14, 2011, is Mark Mehmert. A member since December 23, 2008, Mark currently serves as Membership Chair on our Club's Board of Directors. Raised in the Chamois, MO, area, Mark earned his high school diploma from St. Thomas Seminary School in Hannibal before going to undergraduate school at Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus OH, where in 1984 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English with a minor in philosophy. Dropping out of training to become a priest, Mark changed directions and partnered with his brother, Michael, in running the family dairy farm near Chamois milking about 100 Holstein cows for five years.

Because of a bad experience with a woman named "Debbie," Mark reluctantly agreed to a blind date at a party at his brother's house "as long as her name won't be 'Debbie.'" Well he met another "Debbie" more to his liking and married her in 1987. They have three daughters. Megan is a senior at Truman State University, Kirksville, majoring in creative writing. Katie is a sophomore at University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, majoring in physical therapy. Alison is a sophomore at Chamois High School where she maintains the family athletic tradition by participating in basketball, volleyball, and track.

Mark took a research analyst job with the Missouri Department of Economic Development in 1989 and worked and was promoted to research manager until 1997 when he became executive director of the Missouri Occupational Coordinating Committee in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education where he worked until 2005. Mark also earned his Master's in Business Administration at William Woods University in 2005. He worked as the partnership Development Manager for the Missouri Department of Transportation in 2006 and 2007 before taking the position of Community Development Manager of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in 2007 to the present.

Following what everyone else with children has responded in answer to the question "What is your proudest accomplishment?" Mark responded without hesitation, "My three children! I am also very proud of the turnaround in the Old Town section of Jefferson City in the past 4-5 years. A lot of people should take credit for that, and I feel that I played a small gratifying part."

Mark said, "I love our morning meeting time. It fits in to my very busy schedule and sets up the day in a positive direction because of the good fellowship and business news and discussion. I can focus on the meeting and our members without a lot of distractions that occur during my day."

"What I like about belonging to Rotary is that the organization is international in scope and local in impact. Every day I witness positive consequences not only from members of Rotary Clubs but also from the club projects," he said. "Every Rotarian should be recruiting more members to increase our great role that we have in bringing about positive consequences in the lives of people."

President of the Lions Club and the School Board in Chamois, Mark other hobbies include farming his 124 acres by raising Angus beef cattle and fescue and brome hay. He and Debbie also try to be present and support each of their daughters' activities and events.

Week of Dec 7



Our Club president, Joan Kramer, is our Club's Rotarian of the Week for December 7, 2011. A member of our Club since October 30, 2002, Joan had experience as a Rotarian in the South Callaway Club in Holts Summit before joining our Club. The term "development" has been constant for her life. She is currently District Trainer and serves as a member of the District Club Visioning Committee. She was recently named to the Show Me Leadership Planning Committee.

A native of Jefferson City, Joan attended St. Joseph's School and graduated from Helias High School in 1978. She attended Truman State University in Kirksville and Lincoln University, earning her associate arts degree in secretarial science before finishing at Columbia College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration while working full time. She currently is working towards an MBA from William Woods University with an emphasis on management.

Joan worked for the Missouri Department of Economic Development until 1988 when she stayed at home to raise her sons. She returned to again work in development around 1995 for the Fulton Area Development Corporation. For the past several years, she has worked for Border Enterprises, which operates 11 Taco Bell restaurants, where she is now the Business Development and Facilities Manager. She also serves as a vice president of Huddle House, which operates two 24-hour restaurants in Fulton and Rolla, with the logo, "Any meal, any Time."

As a single mom, Joan raised three sons. Preston works for Rose International in Jefferson City after graduating from Lincoln University. Thomas is a senior majoring in agriculture systems at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joseph is a junior majoring in business management also at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

When asked about her proudest accomplishment, Joan thought a little and said, "Being a single mom is tough, but I raised three sons who are almost through college, completed my requirement for a bachelor's degree, and worked full time (except for 7 years that I stayed at home when they were very young). I am most proud that I am still moving forward and constantly in development."

"I love our early morning meeting time," said Joan. It seemed that I could not get away to attend the noon meetings at South Callaway because someone would be in my office. Especially now when my sons have grown, I can make our breakfast meetings without being interrupted."

"My reasons for belonging to Rotary are the PEOPLE in our Club and beyond in the District and even internationally with whom I have met. Rotarians are leaders who make things happen," Joan said. "I like to relate to and associate with such forward thinkers not limited by the past."

"I am enjoying my year as our Club president. It has been challenging, but I feel that I've grown in the job," Joan added. "As I get older, I find it interesting how we make time for Rotary—even though demands increase from our jobs, parents, children, grandchildren, and spouses (or significant others)."

Joan's hobbies consist of working out (pumping iron!), golfing and raising house plants. She also makes it a point to have her 5-year-old grandson, Evan, spend at least one night a week with her.

Week of Nov 30



Our newest member Carla R. McDaniel is our Club's Rotarian for the Week of November 30, 2011. Transferring from the Jefferson City West Club to our Club on October 1, 2011, Carla has not yet received a Club assignment; however, she is the Club Visioning Chair for District 6080 and says that she is buying gifts on behalf of our Club's Team 3 for a Samaritan Center Family.

Carla grew up in Houston, MO, which is south of Rolla. She attended school in Springfield at Drury University and Ozark Technical Community College while working for Commerce Bank and later at FASCO, which manufactures fractional horsepower motors, handling Account Receivables. While in Springfield and working for FASCO, she met her husband Mike, married him, and moved with him to Linn where he succeeded his father as the American Family Insurance Agent. At Linn she started as an assistant to the Foundations person at Linn State Technical College, served as an assistant to President Dr. Donald M. Claycomb, and then was appointed to be Executive Director of Development.

Although Carla was going to be an accountant, she soon found that she liked working more with people and earned her bachelor's degree from William Woods University in Business Management in 2000 after she went to work for Linn State. Carla joins Club members Stephen Stark and George Kastler in being Rotary Alumni because she was on a Group Study Exchange to the Philippines in 2000.

Carla joined the West Club after returning from her GSE stint in the Philippines in July of 2000. At the West Club, she served as President in 2007-2008. "My schedule caused me to miss too many noon meetings of the West Club. Joan Kramer inspired me to transfer my membership to the Breakfast Club, which has a meeting time more conducive to my schedule," said Carla.

As to why she belongs to Rotary, Carla said, "I see Rotary through different eyes than most of the members of the Jefferson City Clubs. Rotary is a world leader in helping people desperately in need because of their extreme poverty that is hard for most of us to even imagine. My eyes were opened during my GSE experience in the Philippines where clubs there help the more than ½ of the population below the international poverty line, which way below what we call poverty in our country."

"I like being a member of the Breakfast Rotary Club, which seems to be more 'hands on' than the West Club or other clubs that I have visited. I'm pleased to be in such an active club," Carla added.

When asked about the accomplishment she was the most proud of, Carla said, "giving birth and being Mother to my 8-year-old son Connor. Following that is the pride that I take in publicizing how technical education at the associate degree level has such a high value, perhaps even more so than a 4-year degree, to people entering the work force needing technical skills or being entrepreneurs starting small businesses."

Carla, Mike, and Connor now live in Bonnots Mill. As to her hobbies, Carla belongs to a Book Club which meets once a month to discuss a book that members read. She likes going to her son's baseball and basketball games. Finally, "Mike and I are 'Parrot Heads' who like Jimmy Buffet and try to see him when he is in the area or travel to see his concerts as far as Nashville."

Week of Nov 23



Connie Mihalevich is our November 23, 2011, Rotarian of the Week. A member since October 11, 2006, and Club Rotarian of the Year in 2008-2009, Connie currently is the Raffle Prize Director for our Mid-Winter Barbecue. Like many people today, Connie has worked in several jobs and careers.

Connie recently started a new job as Manager of Patient Finances to assist patients to pay their bills at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia, and she has had to leave early from our meetings in the past few months. "I actually have been doing two jobs finishing my position as a financial advisor at Waddell and Reed until my last day on December 8, 2011, in addition to my new position. As soon as we find and train dependable employees at the Med Center, I'll be able to stay for our entire meetings," Connie said.

After growing up and graduating from High School in Washington, MO. Connie attended Truman State University, Kirksville, before earning her degree in nutrition at Missouri State University in Springfield in 1977. Connie was introduced to her husband, Rick, by a physician in Springfield where she worked as a dietician who suggested that she meet his single brother when she moved to take a job in Columbia at the University Medical Center. She later earned her Master's degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia, in 1990, and served as the chief clinical dietician for the Medical Center.

Connie went to work as a dietician in the Bureau of Women Infant Children (WIC) and Community Nutrition of the Missouri Department of Health. Connie said, "The accomplishment that I am most proud of is raising my family; however at the Health Department, I prepared a strategic plan for the Bureau ahead of the deadline, helped the rest of the Health Department units with their strategic planning, and wrote a 'how to' handbook that other agencies to use for their strategic planning. I was recognized first as Health Department Employee of the Month for that and then as State Employee of the Month."

In 2004 during a round of state cutbacks, Connie's state Health Department position was eliminated. She moved on from clinical nutrition and administration careers to be a financial planning advisor after passing the required exams. She joined Waddell and Reed and has worked there until the present.

Connie's husband Rick works as the Dean of Planning and Evaluation for Linn State Technical College. They have two sons. Aaron is finishing a degree in graphic design at Ozark Technical College in Springfield. Bryce is a junior engineering student at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I enjoy our Rotary Club, and I'm glad that we don't sing," laughed Connie. "I have made several good friends in the Club. I feel more connected to the community through my Rotary membership. I think that we are doing good stuff locally and internationally."

As to hobbies, Connie exclaimed, "Who has time for hobbies? When I find time, I love to redecorate our house and do projects there. Of course I also love to shop."

Week of Nov 16



Our November 16, 2011, Club Rotarian of the Week is Lance Stegeman. Sponsored by Nancy Gratz and joining the Club on March 9, 2005, Lance will be organizing and scheduling the members who will work the Club's Mid-Winter Barbecue as cashiers, line servers, table bussers, and cleanup crew.

A marketing/business development Officer for Hawthorn Bank since 2003, Lance earlier helped build the Callaway nuclear power plant as an engineering aid for Daniel Construction Company for five years. He honed his sales and marketing skills as a major accounts manager for Check Office/Corporate Express for 17 years.

Lance grew up in Jefferson City and graduated from Helias High School. After serving four years in the United States Navy, he earned two degrees in business administration—a BS from Columbia College and an MBA from William Woods University

Lance's wife Lynn works for the Highway Patrol and also is a Helias High School graduate. They have three children. Adrian Bellew is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and is now a commercial interior designer in St. Louis. Stacia Boyum is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, and works as a customer service representative for a private child-support enforcement contractor in Jefferson City. Zachary Stegeman graduated from Webster University, St. Louis, and is a customer service representative at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown St. Louis. To date, Lance has three grandchildren.

"I really enjoy Rotary. It is a great organization providing both local and international service, Lance said. "Rotary encourages peace, understanding, and cooperation around the world. I like my fellow and lady members of the Club because they are interesting and dedicated to service above self."

In 2003 Lance and his wife moved from Jefferson City to 129 acres near Lohman, where he rents out the acreage to others to farm. "Living in the country is different for me, but I like it," he said.

Lance is very active in civic organizations which include serving as president of the Downtown Association and secretary-treasurer of the Southside Community Improvement Board.

Expressing the same sentiments as most of the other Rotarians of the Week, Lance said, "My family is my finest achievement. I am proud also of my military service and earning two degrees."

Besides spending time with his family, Lance has a 31-foot trailer that he and his wife enjoy using in Missouri's state parks. "I like to fish for trout and other fish at Bennett Springs, Lake Pomme de Terre, and Mark Twain Lake. I also try to find time for hunting and playing golf."

Week of Nov 9



Our November 9, 2011, Club Rotarian of the Week is Jim Casey. A member since November of 2004, Jim currently serves to coordinate our Christmas baskets project for needy families identified by the Samaritan Center.

Jim was the sixth of nine children. His father died from wounds suffered in World War II when the oldest child was 10 years old. “I was raised in southwest St. Louis City by my mom on survivor public benefits from both the VA and Social Security; thus, I especially feel the need to give back to others.”

Although he started training to be a priest at the Augustinian Academy (high school) graduating in 1971 and at Cardinal Glennon College graduating in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and theology, he decided not to continue pursuing priesthood after graduating. The next day, he had his first date with his wife Terry, and they have been married 34 years since 1977. Jim had met Terry as volunteers as 1971 in services for people with developmental disabilities at a state facility in north St. Louis, other sites, and summer camps.

Jim and Terry have had nine children—Marty Casey, a chef at Doubletree Hotel in St. Louis; Elizabeth Iven, an employee of Central Bank in Jefferson City; Teresa Acheson, a housewife in Springfield; Angie Coffman, an aesthetics instructor at Merrill University of Beauty Arts and Science; Christy Casey, a CPA in training in Fort Lauderdale, FL; Bob Casey, who died at the age of 19; and Michael Casey, a Columbia College student. They have eight grandchildren.

After college he taught religion for four years in a high school. Jim was then offered a job in 1980 as director of recreation for people with disabilities for the St. Charles County “SB 40” board based upon becoming known for his advocacy and volunteer work for people with disabilities. In 1986 he interviewed for and was hired to be the Director of Cole County’s “SB 40” services.

Jim said, “My proudest achievements are raising my family of great kids and grandkids. Of course I am also very proud of my Jefferson City work for the past 25 years directing the Cole County Services for people with disabilities.”

“When I started in Jefferson City, we had 20 employees and a budget of \$450,000 serving 21 people in residential care. Now with a budget of \$5.5 million and 115 staff, we are serving 60 people in residential settings and 350 other people with unduplicated services. We operate the county tax supported Cole County Special Services and a section 501c (3) not-for profit corporation, the Cole County Residential Services, Inc.”

As to his Jefferson City Breakfast Club membership, Jim said, “I love being a member of our Club because of its commitment to service for people both locally and internationally. To be a small part of being ‘oh so close’ to eradicating polio is exhilarating. Our 4-Way test is the summit and fount of what I believe. I like being with fellow and lady Rotarians in service.”

Besides being actively involved in raising his grandchildren, Jim said, “I like to tool around on a computer. I used to read the printed word but now I explore the internet for news websites. Also despite often having to tear things down and start over, I also enjoy doing various projects in the privacy of my own home.”

Week of Nov 2



Our November 2, 2011, Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the week is Don Alberti. A member of our club since April 1, 1993, when sponsored by Jim Jackson, Don is our Club Rotarian of the Year for 2010-2011 and currently serves as the District 6080 Director of Club Support.

Don is a tireless Rotary “junkie”! He was formerly a member of the Moberly Rotary Club for 18 years which causes his overall total Rotary tenure to be 36 years. He has held numerous club and district offices including assistant district governor, associate district governor, and district trainer. Don has attended six international conventions and describes each as “a wonderful experience making the Rotary circle of activities complete for any member.”

Born in Moberly, Don’s father was an Army Artillery officer assigned to defend U. S. borders during World War II and thereafter so Don lived with his family on both the East and West coasts and the Rio Grande River border in El Paso before returning to Moberly and graduating from High School in 1953. After receiving an Associate’s degree from Moberly Junior College, he graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1958 with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Don went to work for Ameren in 1958 (then known as Union Electric) and married his wife Sue the same year. He retired from Ameren in 1996 after 38 years with the company.

Don and Sue have two children—Regina Reid and Doug Alberti. Regina Reid has a son and daughter. She is a Mizzou graduate who works in human resources for Shelter Insurance in Columbia but lives in Moberly. Doug has a son and daughter. He is a graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, and works for Ameren in (and also lives in) Excelsior Springs. Don is a Paul Harris Fellow +3 (i.e., over \$4,000.00 in contributions) and has used his points to also make Sue, Regina, and Doug Paul Harris Fellows.

“I like being a member of a Rotary Club because of the Rotary mission of service both in the local community and in international projects usually conducted in conjunction with Rotary Clubs located in other countries,” said Don. “The morning time is fine for me, and I joined this Club because former club member Jim Jackson was the first to ask me after I was transferred to Jefferson City from Moberly.”

“I have been on two Rotary friendship exchanges—one to Australia and another to South Africa. These along with the youth exchanges, international scholar programs, and group study exchanges provide a good mixture of activities to provide a whole-world perspective and to build goodwill and friendships on an international scale,” added Don. “I can attest to the fact that participation in Rotary opportunities at all levels not only enables a person to develop strong friendships locally through the Club but also to make very good friendships with other Rotary members located all over the state, country, and world.”

Since moving to Jefferson City, Don has been an active leader in the First United Methodist Church as well as the Learning-in-Retirement organization. Don’s hobbies consist of participating in Rotary and family activities (most often with Sue by his side) as well as traveling and using computers (he has helped many of us with our own).

Week of Oct 26



If the assigned Club humorist for the week fails to show, club members begin a chorus of good-natured boos and groans begin when George A. Kastler is called upon to step up to substitute with his notebook of jokes. Chair of the Club's Family of Rotary Committee, George always works tirelessly on Club service projects and is our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotarian of the Week for October 26, 2011.

A member since October 10, 2007, George is a Rotary Alumnus sponsored as a non-Rotarian on a Group Study Exchange (GSE) in 1973 to England. A Rotarian and the father of one the earliest of his 15 host families introduced him to his daughter Elizabeth. They lived in Loth in the Midlands Area of England, and sought each other out during that nine-week visit. Needless to say, they were smitten with each other,

married the next year, and Elizabeth joined George in the states in 1974.

"Although I wanted to join a Rotary Club after I returned from my GSE visit, my travel and work schedule would not permit me to attend regular meetings," George said. "Finally, I was able to join in 2007 when I could be in town more often before I retired."

George earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1969 from the University of Missouri-Columbia with double majors in zoology and entomology and double minors in botany and geology. Later he earned his Master's Degree in Parks and Recreation from MU with emphases on Interpretive Services and Park Management. He worked 44 years in Missouri State Parks of the Department of Natural Resources in various positions throughout the state from 1964 until his retirement in 2008.

"I like our morning meetings because I get up at 6 a.m. to organize my day and fix Elizabeth a cup of tea," said George when asked about our morning club meeting time. "I belong to Rotary because it stands for the 4-Way Test, which is the way I was brought up. I continue to join fellow and lady club members who believe in it and try to practice it in everything we do."

"My proudest accomplishment was marrying Elizabeth and joining with her to have the first set of twins in each of our respective family blood lines dating back to the 1400's," said George. His twin son Alan Kastler works for DH Pace Company in Blue Springs where he lives with his wife Ashley, a registered nurse, and their son. The other twin son, Neil Kastler, teaches middle school math and science and coaches football in Fair Grove, where he lives with his wife Amanda, a CPA, and their infant child.

George and his wife visit her family in England every two years and travel frequently to visit their grandchildren. George's other hobbies include raising and hybridizing Iris flowers (which he sells to support the Wesley United Methodist Church youth group), vegetable gardening, bird watching, and HO-scale model railroading.

Week of Oct 19



Jeff Pennock is the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for October 19, 2011. Jeff joined our Club on February 18, 1998, after belonging to two other clubs first in Bowling Green and later in Kirksville for a total tenure in Rotary of 35 years.

Jeff served as Club president in Bowling Green and has served in all of the club positions in his various club stints. While at Bowling Green and in Kirksville, he got to know Rotary International President for 2011-2012, Raymond Klinginsmith, very well. Jeff grew up in a Rotary family because his father was active in the Louisiana, MO, club.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Products from the University of Missouri, Jeff worked 34 years for the Department of Conservation from 1968 until his retirement in 2002. Jeff said that he completed a year towards his Master's Degree but did not finish because of his work schedule.

Jeff and his wife Carol, who is a retired teacher, have two children. Son James Pennock has lived England near the town of York for 15 years while working for an American company after completing his Bachelor's degree at Truman University, Kirksville, and Master's degree from John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Daughter Sarah Lyons lives in Washington, DC, and is the Operations Manager for North America for Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, after earning her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA, and Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky.

Although Jeff said, "I understand how some might not like our morning meeting time, I visited all of the clubs when I moved to Jefferson City and found this Club to be the most active. It is a real service to those who could not make a Rotary Club meeting at another time."

"I have belonged to the clubs of Rotary International where I have lived because of the Rotary principals of service doing good. Especially our international projects are extremely valuable, and it seems to me that Rotary does better with service than any other organization," Jeff continued.

Jeff helps his wife, Carol, operate a hospital fundraising business where they set up displays of jewelry and women's merchandise onsite at hospitals (this week they were here at St. Mary's Medical Center) and split the proceeds with the host hospitals. Carol is entrepreneurial and keeps Jeff busy after she retired as a high school English and Spanish teacher. He said that they spent 152 nights in hotels on the road last year between their business trips and family visits.

Jeff's hobbies, when he can find the time, include backpacking (as his back permits), traveling, hunting, and woodworking. He has some order from family members for furniture pieces. Jeff travels to England at least once per year to visit James and his two grandchildren.

Week of Oct 13



Our Webmaster and Club Communication Officer, Dudley Galloway, is our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for October 13, 2011. Sponsored by Don Alberti, Dudley has been a Club member since February 2002.

Dudley now maintains our Club site with information and pictures as well as a community site for all four Jefferson City Clubs with links to each of their separate websites. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1964 from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management in 1977 from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla.

An engineer whose avocation is choral music, Dudley was introduced to his wife Carol by someone who sang with him in the Church Choir while working in Sharon Pennsylvania. They have two children. Daughter Susan Hawes has a bachelor's degree in history (Rice University in Houston, TX) and is a patent lawyer's housewife caring for her three young children in Houston. Son James Galloway graduated with a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, and a master's degree in International Relations at the Sciences Po International University, Paris, France. James is a Department of Defense contractor in Paris where he lives with his wife and son.

In something that might be viewed as unusual today, Dudley spent his entire career since 1964 with one employer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, although the electric transmission and distribution division was acquired by ABB Inc., in 1989. He was assigned to Jefferson City in 1972, and he retired from ABB in 2001.

Dudley is very active in four choral groups—The Missourians, which dresses in Dickens'-era clothing and performs Christmas carols in the area to raise funds for the MU University Singers; the Monticello Men's Chorus, which does 2 concerts a year; the Jefferson City Symphony Chorus, which is preparing for a concert featuring composer John Rutter's *Magnificat*; and the First United Methodist Church Choir.

"Being a member of our Breakfast Club (along with reading the morning *Jefferson City News-Tribune*) has caused me to become a morning person," said Dudley. "This has worked out well for me since I retired."

"What impresses me most about being a Rotarian is our first ethic of 'Service above Self,' and I get satisfaction from contributing not only to support local activities such as the Samaritan Center and RACS but also to do an international activity like eradicate Polio," he continued.

Besides his singing activities, he enjoys "playing" with computers. He and Carol enjoy traveling to visit with their families and treasure time they get to spend with their children and grandchildren.

Week of Oct 6



Stephen J. Stark is our Jefferson City Breakfast Club Rotarian of the Week for October 6, 2011. After joining the Club in February 2001 (Dan McPherson was sponsor), Stephen (he does not like to be called the derivative, "Steve") was Rotarian of the Year in 2003-2004 and served as Club president in 2007-2008. He presently assists on the Club's Student Exchange Committee and serves as District 6080 Alumni Chair.

Probably one of the finest active listeners that any of us will ever meet, Stephen is a trained mediator and practicing attorney. In 2000 he earned an LL. M. in alternative dispute resolution from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is sincerely interested in what people think and why they think it. He is the president of the Association of Missouri Mediators.

Graduating from St. Louis University in 1981 with his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Stephen worked for a couple of years in North St. Louis before going to the MU-Columbia School of Law and earning his JD Degree in 1986. He worked as a lawyer in Hillsboro, MO, before moving to Jefferson City and working for the Department of Insurance for 12 years and as a mediator for the Division of Workers Compensation for another 1 ½ years. Since leaving the state government, he has been in private practice first as a solo practitioner for another 1 ½ years before joining Turnbull and Stark, P. C., in 2004.

Responding to a newspaper announcement, Stephen was sponsored by the Jefferson City West Club as a non-Rotarian member of the District's Group Study Exchange to Japan in four weeks of 1999. He is interested in foreign languages having spent a semester in Madrid, Spain, when a sophomore in College and taken a couple of trips this year and in 2007 to Jefferson City's sister city of Muenchburg Germany.

The oldest of 8 children, Stephen grew up in North Missouri, and like Club members Jim Wieberg and Mark Mehmert, he went to St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Hannibal, Missouri. When he moved to Jefferson City to work for the state, a roommate's girl friend introduced Stephen to his wife of nineteen years, Sheila.

"Belonging to Rotary has been good because it offers me opportunities to continue my interests in international work and current events as well as to become involved with community leaders and activities," Stephen said. "Of course with my social work background, I am interested in our service projects especially for those who are needy in our community and in other parts of the world."

"The breakfast meeting accommodates my schedule because it is hard for me to get away in the middle of the day," Stephen continued when asked about our breakfast meeting time.

Stephen and Sheila are both yoga practitioners. They also share the hobbies of genealogy research, history activities, and culture events. Stephen is a civil war and Lewis and Clark history buff. He is an officer in Foundation for the Historic City of Jefferson and is active in the local St. Andrew's Society, which promotes Scottish heritage.

Week of Sept 28



Our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the Week for September 28, 2011, is Daniel "Dan" McPherson. Dan is a Charter Member of the Club who took a hiatus in 1993 before rejoining the Club in 1996. He was recognized as Rotarian of the year in 1992-1993 and served as Club President in 2003-2004.

Dan grew up in Iowa, and he is another of our members who is into his second career. After receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1980, he worked for radio stations in Des Moines, IA, for four years. He took a position with the Missouri Net for five years before finishing his journalism career after another four years working for Learfield Communications, Inc., in 1993 when he said, "I figured out that I had taken my journalism career about as far as I could go and wanted to do something different."

Dan then returned to student life at Drake University Law School, in Des Moines, and received his J. D. Degree then passing the bar exam in 1996. He said, "The career change turned out to be a good move as I gained experience practicing law and found it really enjoyable and a good match for my skills." As an assistant attorney general, Dan represents the State in criminal appeals in Missouri's Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court

Serving as the counselor for the Club's first exchange student, Pierre Lautenbach of South Africa, in 1992-1993, Dan said, "I got to know Pierre and his host families quite well—the Plassmeyer's, the Vincent's, and the Jordan's." Dan has also served as District Interact Chair.

When asked what he is proud of in his life, Dan replied, "I take pride in doing a good job in everything that I have tried to do in my various jobs including my Rotary positions. I believe that I have been dependable in my work performing at a high level, and I have the respect of people with whom I work."

Dan said, "I like Rotary because it has expanded my horizons a lot by exposing me to community activities and opportunities for service. The morning meeting time works out well for me. I enjoy breakfast out once a week which gives me a good start for the day."

"I especially like our Club for its 'can do' attitude. We have jumped in and done a lot of things, and we are not afraid to get our hands dirty," Dan added.

An avid Mizzou sports fan, Dan has season tickets to Missouri University athletic events. His other hobbies consist of playing golf (when he gets the chance), rooting the Cardinals on to victory, watching other sports teams on television, and serving in various positions in the local St. Andrew's Society, which promotes his Scottish heritage.

Dan is a bachelor, and he enjoys spending time with his family (who live in Iowa) of two sisters and a brother, nine nieces and nephews, and two great nephews.

Week of Sept 21



James "Jim" Wieberg is our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotarian of the Week for September 21, 2011. A member since January 1, 1990, when he was sponsored by David Linsenhardt, Jim was Rotarian of the Year in 1994-1995 and Club President in 2000-2001.

Jim is into his second career. He went to seminary to become a priest, graduating with a bachelor's degree in philosophy after 4 years from Conception Seminary College and his master's degree in theology at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, IN, after Conception closed its School of Theology. He was ordained as a priest in 1972 and served in his first career until 1981 with assignments including Jefferson City Immaculate Conception Parish and the Newman Center in Rolla.

His second career involved counseling psychology after Jim left the priesthood and received his M. Ed. Degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He soon was licensed as a professional counselor after being mentored for a year. Shortly thereafter in 1984, he was asked to start services for persons with Mental Illness at Still Hospital, which later became Capital Region Medical Center. He now heads the Center for Mental Wellness Department at CRMC, which has grown to 12 employees including three psychiatrists.

Well known for his energy and passion, Jim said that connections to his family and children from his blended family to be his finest accomplishment. Jim is married to Diane, and they have six children between them: Matthew Ferris, who sells copiers in Chicago; Kevin Ferris who is a bartender in St. Croix; Bryan Ferris, who is a Cordon Bleu Chef in St. Croix; Kyle Ferris, who works at Midwest Block & Brick; Jessica Wieberg, a Registered Nurse in St. Louis at St. John's Mercy Medical Center; Kelly Ferris, a trainer in electronic medical records in St. Louis, and Jamie Wieberg, a junior in secondary education at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

As to our Club's morning meeting time, Jim said, "I prefer our morning meeting time because of the unpredictable nature of what comes through my office. The breakfast meal for me is best."

Jim has served in a variety of positions for the District including assistant district governor and as the first district Family-of-Rotary chair. He currently serves as the chair appointed by District Governor Rita Esterly to organize the District's Panama service project.

"I have personally benefited from the Family of Rotary concept in a couple of crises. Rotary members have always been there for me with covered dish meals and supportive phone calls and other friendship," Jim said. "I enjoy the connections that I have made with the men and women of our club. We have a level of life-giving spirit that draws me back anytime that I think that I might not want to continue to belong!"

Besides his work at CRMC and for Rotary, active involvement in St. Andrews parish in Holts Summit, and being a fan of Mizzou athletics, Jim relaxes on his tractor and equipment to "play farm" on 10 acres (he grew up on a farm in Argyle), loves to fish in his pond, and rides and cares for horses in his barn and horse arena. "It is especially a treat to visit with any or all of our 5 grandchildren at their homes or at our farm," he added.

Week of Sept 14



Humbert "Bob" Sfreddo is our September 14, 2011, Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Member of the Week. This is especially appropriate since we are doing an offsite at the River City Habitat for Humanity Resell It Shop. Affectionately known in the Club as "Hammer Bob," he is not only very active in our Club activities but also he is one of the pillars of the Habitat chapter.

Bob grew up in Massachusetts where he graduated from High School and finished two years of junior college before transferring to and earning his B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, in 1958. The rest of his adult life has been spent in Missouri where the Missouri Department of Transportation hired him, where he met at work and married his wife Norma in 1969, and where he worked MO DOT

assignments for 42 years in Kennett, Sikeston, Springfield, and a couple of times in Jefferson City before retiring in 2000. Bob belonged to the Rotary Club in Sikeston, MO, for four years. When he moved to Jefferson City in 1991, he joined our Breakfast Rotary Club but had to drop his membership because of his busy schedule. He rejoined in July of 2000.

As to our Club's early morning meeting time, Bob said, "It suits me to a 'T' because I am a morning person who gets up early to start my days. It is great to belong to a Club which is seeking to eradicate Polio with Polio Plus, to educate future generations with Youth Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholarship programs, and to do both local and international service projects."

"I really like Habitat for Humanity, International, and Rotary International because they both undertake projects in the community and in other country with people located there. For every house River City Habitat builds in Jefferson City, it 'tithes' by donating at least \$4,600 to build a house for a family in another country such as Malawi, Afghanistan, or the Dominican Republic," said Bob. On the Habitat Board of Directors, Bob is one of four Building Supervisors required to be present when any volunteers work on a house and on the Build Committee. "I've worked on about 35 of the seventy homes that have been built in Jefferson City since I volunteered in 2000. " When asked about what he thought was his finest accomplishment, Bob said, "I am proud of my work on MO DOT projects in various positions. My biggest projects were the Cape Girardeau Mississippi Bridge and the Page Avenue Project in St. Louis."

Bob and Norma have two children—Christina Sfreddo, who is a civil engineer and lives in Maryland Heights, and Timothy Sfreddo, who works at a Lowe's Store and lives in O'Fallon.

Besides working in his yard and garden, Bob raises African Violets in a big way. "I have about 120 going now and sell 60 to 80 each year at the St. Joseph's Cathedral Bazaar. I first got started when my boss gave us an African Violet plant when Norma's Father passed away in 1972, and I've been propagating them ever since."

Week of Sept 7



Don Martin is our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotarian of the Week. He asked, “Why me because I have missed several recent meetings?” We responded that we knew he would be back, and we appreciated the work he has done as Programs Chair into his second straight year after joining the Club on September 9, 2009. “Things are changing this year,” he said. “Instead of me finding most of the speakers, this year President Joan and I want each member to find and introduce at least one meeting speaker.”

Don serves as surveying manager of the Department of Conservation after becoming a registered professional surveyor 15 years ago. “To become a registered surveyor, a person has to pass a test first to qualify technically as an intern to be supervised for several years by a professional registered surveyor. Then after several years of successful intern experience, the person can sit for the Professional Surveyor exam.”

Very active in his profession, Don has served as president of the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors and has been a “Surveyor of the Year” honored by that group. He has also been active in the National Society of Professional Surveyors and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (the imaging and geospatial information society), in which he served as Transportation Committee Chair.

As to why he has been missing so many meetings recently, Don replied, “I could not come because our family has recently moved across town and also because of reorganization at work. I enjoy and appreciate the Rotary Breakfast Club and will be back in regular attendance soon now that we have completed the move and work has settled into a new routine.”

“Generally speaking, I really like our Breakfast Club because it gives me an opportunity to serve and connect with Club members and Rotarians throughout the world.” Don continued. “Specifically, I find our Breakfast Club to be a very welcoming and friendly culture.”

Although it is hard to believe now because he seems so smooth in public speaking, Don says that he did not do much public speaking until he joined Toastmasters in 2008. Don said, “Although I used to be a ‘95-lb. weakling’ speaking on my feet, I have done a lot of speaking in the past three years, feel more comfortable with it and have achieved certification as a Stephen Covey Presenter.” Don earned his bachelor’s degree in 2000 and Masters of Business Administration in 2007 – both from William Woods University.

When asked about his proudest accomplishment, Don paused and said, “I am proud and blessed to be my wife Margaret’s husband, my Mother’s son, and my daughter Selena’s father.

Don’s hobbies consist of enjoying the outdoors, volunteering at the Samaritan Center, continuing his Toastmaster’s involvement, and joining with his family in volunteering to walk dogs at the Jefferson City Animal Shelter.

Week of Aug 31



Jo Moore is our Jefferson City Breakfast Club Rotarian of the Week for August 31, 2011. As a Certified Public Accountant and partner in Evers and Company CPA's, LLC, Jo has done our annual audits for years.

After becoming a member in 1992, she was Club Rotarian of the Year in 1995-1996, served as Club president in 2001-2002, and was District 6080 Secretary when Judge Duane Benton was District Governor. She served as Club secretary and treasurer.

Jo and her husband of 33 years, Jerry, moved to Jefferson City from Texas in 1991 to be closer to her parents in Mexico and his parents in Hannibal. Jo received her BS degree in Accounting in 1987 from Park College and considers passing the CPA exam in 1990 as her proudest accomplishment. She does audits of public and private entities, individual and business tax returns, and not-for-profit corporation tax returns.

Jo is the one who reminds the winners of our 50-50 Raffle to report winnings over \$600 on our tax returns. Although her Father was a farmer, Jo's family likes to work with numbers—her 91 year-old Mother, Pearl Northcutt, worked as a bookkeeper until well into her '80's, and Jo's sister, Jan Moore, is also an accountant in Mexico.

Jo is very matter of fact having self-described "left-brain" tendencies for exact calculation, and she does not "gush" about things. She said that she likes our Breakfast Club meeting time because "I have always been a morning person since growing up on a farm."

"Rotary has given me a chance to meet people I would not otherwise have met," Jo said. "I really like the camaraderie of our Club, and I especially like doing not only international service projects but also our local community service activities."

Jo's hobbies consist of working in the yard. "I like to care for our shrubs and try to get flowers to grow. I also like to spend a lot of time with my family—sister and Mother in Mexico, MO, and stepdaughters, Roxanne Couch and Sherry Towell, who each have 2 children and live in Hot Springs, AR."

Week of Aug 24



Bob Asahl is our Club Rotarian of the Week. Known as the Club's "Master Barbecue Chef," he serves as our Club's sergeant-at-arms bringing in and setting up the Club's paraphernalia each morning as well as selling 50-50 raffle tickets. He has been a member for almost 16 years since Don Alberti sponsored him in 1995.

A graduate of Linn Tech and Tarkio College, Bob is an AFLAC insurance agent after working 39 years for the United-Sprint-Embarq (now CenturyTel) telephone company where he last served as the 911 Emergency Call Manager for Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. He grew up in nearby California, MO.

When asked to name what he thought was his finest achievement, Bob didn't hesitate in saying, "My family—my wife Kate, who is a cosmetologist; son Danny Asahl, who is vice president of marketing for Berkley Insurance Company in St. Charles; daughter Melissa Calvaruso, who raises three children in St. Charles; and Nicole Underwood, who operates Hotshot Trucking Firm with her husband in Oklahoma City." He has eight grandchildren, ages 3-12.

Bob said "I really enjoy cooking and barbecuing. Kate works too hard and is on her feet all day so I do 90% of the cooking at home. I think that I've been involved in every Club barbecue—whether for fundraising or for officer installation picnics—since I've been a member. It is great to get people together to fundraise for the community and serve the Club!"

"Our morning Club meeting time has always fit well with my schedule," Bob said. "Noon or evening meetings would interfere with my work, church activities, gardening, and going out to my farm. Our Club is a fantastic bunch of people to work with on service projects, and we have a lot of fun!"

Bob's hobbies include hunting (especially on his farm near Jamestown), golfing, gardening, and working in his yard.

Week of Aug 17



Our Jefferson City Breakfast Club Rotarian of the Week is David Linsenbardt, D.O. (he has given us permission to call him "David" rather than "Dr. Linsenbardt"). He is a charter Club member, Club Rotarian of the Year for 1993-1994, and Past Club President in 1994-1995.

Growing up in Russellville, David received his bachelor's degree in biology from Lincoln University, where he met his wife. "Mary Kay used 'Psychology' on me in psychology class, and I married her." He graduated in 1965 from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and moved to Jefferson City in 1972 after seven years of internship and family practice experience elsewhere.

When asked about his life's finest achievement, he said, "I am most proud of being a good Dad." He has four children—Laurie Steenbergen, a physical therapist at Capital Region Medical Center; Steve Linsenbardt, DO, an internist at JCMG; Cherie Dobbs, who runs a printing company called Inkwell Printing in Earth City, MO; and Matthew Linsenbardt, DO, an anesthesiologist at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. He has eight grandchildren.

"Belonging to the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club has been a great experience for me," David said. "I have been able to meet people I would not have otherwise met, had lots of fun, and made many good friends." In 1990 David visited Australia on a Rotary Friendship Exchange and made several good friends with whom he still maintains contact.

Our Club members know of David as "the Enforcer." He passionately raised more than \$20,000 from Club members over the past few years to eradicate the crippling disease of Polio because he has been touched by the opportunity to avoid "the heartache of Moms and Dads whose children suffer from the affliction." He keeps after each of us to find out how much he or she will give to the cause, knowing that most will give more than expected if just asked. If members do not respond, he threatens to call them after 10 p.m.

David exemplifies giving in our Club as our only member of the Paul Harris Society, Rotarians who give at least \$1,000.00 per year to The Rotary Foundation (including Polio Plus). In addition to being an enthusiastic worker pitching in at our service projects, he also serves by orienting each new member to our Club and served as Club Historian.

David's hobbies include collecting kaleidoscopes and political memorabilia such as political campaign buttons and advertising pins.

Week of August 10



Kit Freudenberg is our Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club Rotarian of the week. She first joined the Boise, ID, Sunrise Club in the 1990's, and joined the West Club in 1999 when she moved to Jefferson City. Finding a breakfast club to be more conducive to her schedule, she transferred to our Club in 2001 and was Club Member of the 2003-2004 year.

Kit is the Director of Development for the National Churchill Museum, located at Westminster College, in Fulton, which was the second job she has had with English roots because one of her first jobs was as a clerk for the British Army in England. Before taking the Westminster position, she was the Grants and Funding Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

A veteran of the U. S. Army, Kit has made major moves 13 times. "I've lived the longest time in Jefferson City of any place." She and her husband Roger have been married for 36 years, since July 4, 1975. "We celebrate with fireworks with the rest of the country every year!" He is a lawyer and a CPA, who currently serves as managing counsel for sales tax for the Missouri Department of Revenue. They have two children—Anne Faucett, who is a MBA student and recruits for Benedictine College (Atchison, KS); and Robert "Bob" Freudenberg, who is a shift kitchen manager for the Jefferson City Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar.

Kit received her undergraduate degree from the University of Idaho and has two Masters Degrees from the University of Minnesota—history and museum management. She serves as District 6080 Inbound Exchange Student Coordinator for 19 students. Her family has hosted exchange students for our Club, and her daughter Anne was an outbound exchange student in 2003-2004 to Belgium. Kit said "It is especially rewarding to hear from outbound students after they return about how their lives have changed from their Rotary Youth Exchange experiences!"

Kit said, "I joined Rotary not only for the opportunity to serve but also to connect with the community. I like our Breakfast Club because I get to see some cranky members before they get their coffee, and other members when they are at their 'best and brightest' before the day wears them down. I can have a good breakfast, hear a funny joke, and find out what is going on in the community before going to work."

Kit's hobbies include travel, rabbit hunting, and relaxing at her pool.

Rotarian of the Week

Week of August 3, 2011



Our Club Rotarian of the Week is Larry A. Vincent, one of the Club's founding members back in June of 1989, our first Club secretary, and Club president from 1992-1993. Larry is the Cole County Collector, and he was formerly a partner in the Wallstreet Insurance Group, Inc./Nelson Vincent Insurance Agency.

Larry said that his proudest accomplishments have been to follow in his father Nelson's footsteps—first, as an insurance professional to lead the insurance agency, and second, as the Cole County Tax Collector (his father was an elected City Tax Collector years ago). He is married to Trish, who is the Director of Administration for State Auditor Tom Schweich's Office.

Larry led our Club's efforts to work on the Rotary Centennial Park in 2005-2006, with the other three Rotary Clubs in Jefferson City, the District, other private donors, and the City Parks and Recreation Department. "I wish we had more collaborative projects with the other Rotary Clubs in Jefferson City," said Larry. "Working together is better not only for fundraising but also for more Rotary visibility on larger projects to benefit the community."

As to our early morning Club meetings, Larry said, "I recognize that parents with small children find it difficult to make our early morning meetings, but for me it has the advantage of being done without interfering with the rest of the day. We often don't know what the rest of the day will be like. I especially enjoy the camaraderie and kidding found at our meetings!"

Larry joined the Breakfast Rotary Club because he had been very active in the Jaycees and wanted to continue to belong to a service-oriented club. He says, "I also wanted to belong to a club with more business and professional people. Rotary was very attractive to meet my service and networking goals."

Larry and Trish have two children—daughter Ashley Vincent works for General Electric Insurance Company in St. Louis, and Larry's stepdaughter Angela Terry works for Division of Child Support Enforcement of the Missouri Department of Social Services. Angela has two children.

Larry's hobbies consist mostly of boating and swimming with the grandkids and the rest of his family at their place at the Lake of the Ozarks. "I have a fishing license and like to fish," he lamented, "but I'm too busy with family and work to get to do much fishing."

Rotarian of the Week

Week of July 27



William "Bill" Lockwood is our Breakfast Club Rotarian of the Week. Bill is the director of the Jefferson City Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, serving in that capacity almost 30 years since 1982.

Bill graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is married to Lucille Lockwood, another Mizzou graduate, who has served as the President of the Missouri PEO. Bill and Lu have two daughters—both also Mizzou grads. Lauren, who works for VA Mortgage Center.Com in Columbia, MO, and Melissa, who is an aquatics and facilities program manager for the City of Keller, TX, a Dallas-Ft. Worth suburb.

Initially becoming involved with another service club, Kiwanis, Bill says that he had trouble making the noon meetings. Tom Sodergren invited him to a morning Breakfast Rotary Club meeting in 1995, and Bill has become one of our hardest working members, and he says, "the morning meetings are much more conducive to my schedule."

"I joined for the community service opportunities but then also became interested in Rotary's way of partnering with an onsite organization with international service—one project at a time. Besides giving me the opportunity to meet a wide spectrum of people I would not ordinarily run into, the Club does lots of good works. I am very happy to be a part of the Club," Bill added.

Bill has especially appreciated the support that our Club has given to the city's park system. Our Club was instrumental in developing the Rotary Centennial Park at the end of Bolivar Street. With the support of the other local Rotary clubs and individual and corporate contributions, the project was completed with the City Parks Department. Bill says that this was an "outstanding example of private funds and labor leveraging public resources. It turned an eyesore into not only a beautiful site for Capitol viewing but also one of the five top spots in the United States for watching trains in operation. People come from all over the country to view them there."

Bill is a very busy person, working during the day and attending City Council and Parks Commission meetings in the evenings. When he has time, he says that his favorite hobbies include home maintenance and repair for his own and daughter's residences as well as fishing and boating on the Missouri River in a vessel he rebuilt.

ROTARIAN OF THE WEEK!

Week of July 20



Our Club Rotarian of the Week is our youngest member, Jon Browning, who is our president-elect. Jon grew up in the five states of Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Montana, and Maine because his father's job of being an onsite grants reviewer for the National Institutes of Health.

Jon received his undergraduate degree in Political Science at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. He met his wife, Maura, in Washington, DC, where he worked on the staff of a congressman from Ohio, and she worked on the staff for a senator from Nebraska where she had grown up and gone to an undergraduate school. Maura serves as the Director of Workforce Development for the Missouri Hospital Association.

Jon and Maura married and moved to Jefferson City eight years ago. In 2005 Nancy Gratz invited him to be a member of our Club. Jon says that he "was looking for an opportunity to meet people in different professions and businesses other in a legal setting." A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of law, he practices real estate and banking law, frequently traveling the state in his work clients at Mariea & Sigmund, LLC.

Jon especially likes our club for its "hands-on service – for example, picking up trash, raising funds for local charities in an activity, or building a habitat for humanity house—rather than just opening up our billfolds." He recently talked to the JC Rotaract Club and pointed out that "our Club members have good fellowship actively working rather than just opening up their checkbooks." Immediately after he joined, "Roger Kurtz gave me a chance to prove myself by putting me to work."

When asked about trying to get younger people to consider joining our Club, he said, "Although the 7 a.m. starting time is usually a major strike against us, I try to get people to think that doing a morning meeting would not interfere with their working days like luncheon meetings or early evening meetings." He also tells people that "we are not sticklers on the 7 a.m. starting time as our members come in up until 7:20 a.m. for great programs and fellowship."

Jon and Maura have one child their 2 ½ year-old daughter, Margaux, who is a frequent guest –almost an honorary member. Jon's hobby is running and he has participated in marathons including the Marine Corp marathon in 1999 and last year's Roots and Blues Half Marathon in Columbia.

Week of July 13



William "Bill" Cowell, our treasurer, is our Club Rotarian of the Week. He is the personification of "Semper Fi"—always faithful—since serving in the Marines and receiving two Purple Hearts, during the Vietnam War, for 6 years, 2 months, and 23 days.

Bill has a lot of Rotary Club experience. He has been a member of our club twice—he joined after he moved here in the 1990's, left when he retired from the state, and rejoined in August of 2006 when he found that he just could not stay away. He also was a member and past president of the Glasgow, MO., Rotary Club.

With his vocational career in law enforcement, Bill was the Glasgow, MO, police chief for 13 years and then worked as an investigator for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Although he thought when he went into the field that it would be more like public relations type of work portrayed on the Andy Griffith Show, he learned that it was working with individuals, mostly out of the public eye, including arresting some people and assisting in their prosecutions.

Bill is married to Joyce, who is the Mother of Matthew, who is a recruiter for the University of Chicago. He also has a son from a previous marriage, Todd, who works at the Science Museum in St. Louis. He does not yet have grandchildren.

Belonging to Rotary is important to Bill because he says, "Rotary is always service oriented. As a police officer, I was dedicated to helping others, and it gave me another way to do that besides in my work." Bill particularly likes the Rotary philosophy of "putting others first" and said that he likes "projects helping people the best." Our Breakfast Rotary Club is a "good cross section of members who are fun to be with while serving others!" Bill's hobby is fishing, and he and his wife fish a lot!

Week of July 6



Al DeBroeck, our oldest member and one of our charter members, is our Club Rotarian of the Week! Al was born on March 5, 1921, making him 90 years young! Al says, “I can’t remember not being married,” as he has been married to Rose Marie, whose maiden name was Heidger, since August 8, 1945—soon to be 66 years. Al says that he enjoys the fellowship and fine programs at club meetings. Those of us at our meetings can attest to the fact that Al pays attention during the programs and often asks good questions of our speakers. When asked why he joined our club, Al responded, “The Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club is a good organization to belong to for helping our fellow men and women in the community and throughout the world.” Al has been retired since 1981 from operating grocery stores in Jefferson City—*Debroeck’s Big Star Markets*—with stores on Clark Avenue and Dix Road at the time he retired. Besides Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary, Al plays cards twice a week and watches the stock market. Al and Rose Marie belong to Immaculate Conception Parish. They do not have surviving children but said that they have bunches of nieces and nephews. Thank you, Al, for being part of Breakfast Rotary!