

THE OPENER



Breakfast Rotary—Jefferson City, MO

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Every Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Capitol Plaza Hotel 415 W. McCarty St. Jefferson City, MO

ROB'S RHETORIC

(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT)



The grass is finally turning green, the birds are returning and, hopefully, we have seen our last snowstorm of the 2002-2003 winter. We are headed into the final quarter of this

Rotary year, and we still have several projects to finalize.

As I have announced at the last couple meetings, our club is looking forward to hosting Brazilian Artur Castiel Reis de Souza as our next exchange student. Artur is a computer enthusiast and has already created a computer software program that is in use in Brazil. Artur is at the top of his class academically; he has a younger sister and younger brother; his mother is a homemaker and his father is a University professor and owner of a public relations firm. We are already recruiting host families, so please let me know if your family would like to spend three months hosting Artur next year.

While we are on the subject, Claudia has made the transition to her third host family. She is now living with David Luther and his family. She thoroughly enjoyed living with Ryan Burson's family as well as the Dean Lawrence family. Rumor has it that Claudia is looking forward to attending Prom and has even explored which dress she plans to wear.

We delivered the Meals-On-Wheels lunches once again on March 24th.

Dudley Galloway, Ryan Burson, Tony Porter and Angie Kinworthy. We also provided volunteers for the Senior Nutrition Center's March 15th brunch, and we sponsored five students at the annual Rotary Student Government Day on March 24th. Thank you's go to Norb Plassmeyer and Ryan Burson for their efforts that day.

We are sponsoring two Jefferson City High School students' participation in RYLA this summer. Michelle Stewart and Emily Van Zandt will attend the three day event at William Jewell College in Liberty. Hopefully, they will return to Jefferson City and share with us some of their experiences at this terrific leadership program.

We are also sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar to a Spanish speaking country. Kathy Weiss, a medical student at the University of Missouri-Columbia, has submitted her application and hopes to travel to and live in a Spanish speaking country for six months. In addition, we have learned that Kit Freudenberg's daughter, Anne, is traveling as our outbound student to Belgium. Anne will leave in late August for a one-year stint there.

Finally, our quarterly community service award goes to Fred Kummer. As you will recall, Fred spoke to our club about his role as a volunteer Ombudsman at Villa Marie Nursing Home. In addition, Fred is very active in his church, very active with Boy Scouts and very active with the United Way locally.

As you can tell, our little club has several projects going all at the same time. Continue to place service above self, and I will see you on Wednesday morning (don't forget that on April 16th we are meeting off-site at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School).

Rotary's Commitment to Peace

Rotary International is a nonpolitical organization united worldwide to provide humanitarian service to all people regardless of nationality and religious belief. Throughout its 98-year history, this oldest and most international service association has given both its voice and its actions in support of peace before, during, and following times of conflict.

RI, through its Rotarians, works daily for peace around the world. This is done through undergraduate and graduate scholarships, youth exchange programs, Group Study Exchange, humanitarian grants, and matching grants, and especially, out newest program, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

RI serves 1.2 million Rotarians with different views on different subjects. It is the policy of Rotary International that Rotarians should be involved in whatever they fell strongly about, but Rotary International does not support or condone the action of any political entity.

As we face this time of heightened conflict, Rotary is more committed than ever to reaffirming its dedication to the objectives of goodwill and understanding between nations. Registration for this year's **RI** Convention in Brisbane, Australia, is on target with an expected attendance of over 20,000. We look forward to seeing you in Brisbane as we **Sow the Seeds of Love** and continue our efforts across cultures and nations.

For further information and details about the 2003 RI Convention, refer to www.rotary.org or telephone the International Meetings Division staff at 847-866-3495

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April Programs

April 2nd - Bob Jones,
Univ. of Mo Student-Athletes
(Introduced by Don Alberti)

April 9th - Beth Carmichael
Convention and Visitors' Bureau
(Introduced by Stephen J. Stark)

April 16th - OFF-SITE
Roberta Hubbs, Principal,
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
1201 Fairgrounds Road
(Introduced by David Luther)

April 23rd - Charles Palmer, Lewis
& Clark Expedition Bicentennial
(Introduced by Stephen J. Stark)

April 30th -
Muslim Community Center -
(Tentative)
(introduced by Stephen J. Stark)

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