

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)



Our annual chicken dinner was a terrific success even though the temperature outside did not cooperate. The proceeds continue to flow in to Nancy Gratz and our treasurer, Cathy Martin. If you

have not turned in your dinner and/or raffle proceeds, please do so in the next week so we can determine how much money we raised for the Senior Nutrition Center and the Samaritan Center. From our initial count, it appears we fed more than 480 patrons on January 24th!

Kit Freudenberg has graciously taken over the reins of the Scholarship Committee this year. Kit has been in touch with both Helias and the Jefferson City High School to coordinate our annual scholarships at both institutions. If anyone is interested in assisting Kit with this project, please let her know. Otherwise, we may be tapping a few of our newer members to assist Kit with the details behind the scholarship program.

Speaking of our newer members, the Board of Directors recently decided to implement a new policy whereby our newest members and their sponsor will serve as greeters at the door at our weekly meetings the first four weeks after their initiation. The Board hopes this policy will allow the newer members to intermingle with some of our longer-term members more quickly than is currently occurring.

As always, we are continuing to solicit nominations for the quarterly Community Service Award. The Board of Directors has even taken this project one step further recently by instituting a policy of donating \$50.00 to a local charity chosen by our award recipient. Please let Al Becker know if you are aware of a non-Rotarian leader in the community who places service above self.

Dave Linsenhardt recently reported the exciting news regarding our club's **PolioPlus** campaign. It's so exciting, I believe it's worth reporting here, too. Our club's goal was to raise \$2,500.00 through this campaign. At last count, 59 of our 64 members had donated to the campaign. Approximately \$4,200.00 in cash has already been raised and another \$7,265.00 has been pledged over the next three years for a total of \$11,465.00 coming from our club. That's incredible! Way to go Dave, and way to go everyone who donated toward this very worthy cause.

Finally, if you get a chance, please congratulate Claudia, our foreign exchange student, for receiving straight A's on her most recent report card. She's working very hard on her academic performance, which as we all know, has not always been the case with all of our exchange students. Claudia is also looking forward to attending the upcoming South Central Exchange Student lock-in in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

That's all for now. See ya on Wednesday morning!

Chicken Dinner Raffle Winners:

1. \$500 cash - Laverne Twehous
2. \$300 gift basket from downtown –
Phyllis Willibrand and R.J. Scheer & Assoc
- Gary Larkins
3. 13”color TV–Wal-Mart- Kim Clarkston
4. Overnight stay– Fairmount Hotel in KC
- Scherr Willibrand
5. \$100 Savings Bond – Central Bank
- Norma Sfreddo
6. 18 holes of golf - Oak Hills Golf Course
- Sonny Evers
7. \$50 Savings Bond – Premier Bank
- Virginia Meyer
8. Gift Basket – Norb Plassmeyer &
Jay Jordon - Melody Green
9. \$30 Gift Certificate from Dominico’s –
Angie Kinworthy and Mary Forck
- John Kolb
10. \$25 Gift Certificate – Mo Dept of
Conservation – Kit Freudenberg
- Jerry Kaufmann
11. River City Florist Gift Certificate –
Mike Moscato - Nancy Gratz
12. Folding Lounge Chair – State Farm
Insurance, John Conrad
- Keith Esko
13. Gift Certificate for free yoga class –
Show-Me Yoga Center
- Harry Burson
14. Collectors’ Stein – N. H. Scheppers
- Mary Corey

The Evolution of the Rotary Foundation

Back in 1917, Rotary President Arch C. Klumph had proposed that an endowment be set up "for doing good in the world." In 1928, this endowment became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling US\$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today The Rotary Foundation improves the lives of people in every corner of the world by promoting world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Since 1947, the Foundation has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in humanitarian and educational grants which

February Programs

February 5th- Bill Tackett,
Cole County Prosecutor
(Introduced by Rob Angstead)

February 12th- Jaala Bode, Hospice
(Introduced by Stephen Stark)

February 19th- Steve Newman
and David Lineberry
Public Schools Foundation Program
(Introduced by Rob Angstead)

February 26th- Fred Kummer
Nursing Home Ombudsman Program
(Introduced by Dudley Galloway)

are initiated and administered by local Rotary clubs and districts. Started in 1965, Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects is a Rotary Foundation program that matches contributions raised by Rotary clubs and districts for international service projects involving clubs in two or more countries. The Group Study Exchange program, also begun in 1965, has provided grants for more than 11,000 teams of men and women in the early stages of their business and professional careers to travel abroad and share vocational information with the representatives of their respective professions in another country. Team members spend four to six weeks studying the host country's institutions, economy, and culture while observing how their own professions are practiced abroad. More than 500 exchanges between paired Rotary districts occur each year, advancing the program's ultimate goal of promoting international understanding and goodwill.

The Foundation initiated Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants in 1978. 3-H Grants are awarded to fund long-term, self-help grassroots development projects that are too large for one club or district to implement on its own. Projects must be self-sustaining after the 3-H grant funds have been expended.