



Lend a Hand



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

## DAN'S DISSERTATION

(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT)



*Interact* is a service and social club for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. *Interact* stands for international action – international because *Interact* clubs exist in some 100 countries, action because *Interactors* are doers who want to solve problems and improve the quality of life both in their community and around the world. Since the first *Interact* club was founded in 1962, the program has grown to more than 6,000 clubs around the world. I want Jefferson City to join the list of communities with *Interact* clubs. I have mentioned before my goal of chartering an *Interact* club that can serve students at JCHS, Helias and Blair Oaks. Right now, with the assistance of David Luther, we are trying to recruit interested students and set up a meeting to get an Interact club off the ground. If we are successful, the club members will hold regular meetings and will carry out at least two service projects a year, one to serve the school and community and the other to further international understanding. Our club

will need to provide an advisor to attend the meetings, but for the most part, the students will be in charge of their club and will decide upon the activities they want to carry out. I believe this is an exciting opportunity for our club to expand its outreach within the community. We can use as much help as we can to make this a reality, so please let me know if you want to be involved in helping to get a Jefferson City *Interact* club off the ground and/or serve as an advisor to the club once it gets going.

### Recent Service Activities

#### \* Meals on Wheels - September 22

"MEALS ON WHEELS" this month was accomplished by a team of veterans. Our Rotary commitment was met because of the wonderful help from Bob Asahl, Ryan Burson, David and Mary Kay Linsenbardt, Harv (stand-up comedian) Sanders, Ron Medin and Rob Hess. Sometimes "Thank you" just doesn't seem to be enough but I guess that's all we have to offer and probably more than the volunteers expect. But here goes anyway; thanks on behalf of our club and President Dan.

Al Laffoon

## Attendance

We are pleased to have many active Rotarians in our Club who more than exceed our attendance requirements. However, because there are sometimes questions about the attendance requirements, I thought a summary of them might be useful.

**Club Attendance Requirements** - All members are expected to: (1) attend or make up sixty percent (60%) of all club meetings in each half of the Rotary year; (2) attend sixty percent (60%) of each meeting; (3) attend thirty percent (30%) of meetings of our Club and; (4) not miss more than four consecutive Club meetings.

If you are unable to attend a club meeting, you can receive make up credit by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club within 14 days prior to or after the missed meeting, attending a Club board meeting or committee meeting, participating in a Club's service project (such as Meals on Wheels), or other activities as approved by the Board.

**Leaves of Absence** - Exemptions can be granted for attendance requirements for medical leave of absence approved by the Board. When a medical leave of absence is granted, the member's nonattendance does not count against our Club's attendance records with Rotary International.

The Board also grants non-medical leave of absences in certain circumstances. With this type of leave of absence, the Club member's nonattendance is still counted against the Club's attendance average.

If you are experiencing a medical condition that does not allow you to attend Club meetings or have other circumstances that you believe merit a leave of absence, please contact the Club Secretary, Cathy Martin, or President, Dan McPherson, to inquire about the Board reviewing your situation.

Cathleen A. Martin  
Secretary

**Rotary's new book**, "A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International" will be published in 2004. Here are just a few anecdotes gleaned from the book:

- Paul Harris was only three years old when his grandparents essentially adopted and raised him in the small, rural town of Wallingford, VT. Harris described his grandfather, who worked six days a week, as an ambassador of good will who "never spoke evil of any man's religions or politics."
- At the age of 42, Harris met a Scottish woman named Jean Thompson during a hike organized by the Chicago Prairie Club. When he ripped his tweed jacket on a barbed wire fence, Thompson offered to mend the tear. The two were married three months later in 1910.
- An Ohio Rotarian named Edgar "Daddy" Allen inspired other Rotarians to help disabled children following the death of his own son, who died in a street car accident. His emphasis on helping youth set a precedent that is still evident today in such programs as **Polioplus**.

By Cary Silver— from 'The Rotarian', Oct 2003

### **October Programs**

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Kevin Richards  
(Introduced by Jeff Pennock)

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - Chris Thompson  
UE Business and Industry  
(Introduced by Jeff Pennock)

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - **OFF SITE**  
Special Learning Center  
(Introduced by Ed Martin)

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - Boy Scouts  
(Introduced by Kyle Kittrell)

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Exchange Student  
Artur Castiel Reis de Souza