



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)



The Rotary year is heading into the home stretch, but there is still a lot of activity ahead. Two big events and a service project are on tap for May. First is the District Conference at Tan-Tar-A on May 7th and 8th. I know several members of our club will be in attendance for all or part of those activities. Also coming up in May is the Charter Picnic for the new Interact Club of Jefferson City. That will be on Tuesday, the 18th, beginning at 6 p.m. at the North Jefferson City Picnic shelter, just across Highway 54 from the airport. This is a significant event in the life of our club and I am hoping for a strong show of support from our members. Please come out to this picnic, and bring your family with you. The format will be like the June picnic to induct officers. Those whose last names begin with A-K are asked to bring a dessert; L-R a vegetable and S-Z a salad. Sign-up sheets are available at the meetings, or contact me directly to let me know how many are coming.

It has been several months since we picked up trash along our stretch of Missouri Boulevard, and if you have paid attention as you have driven by lately, you will notice that another trash pick-up session is in order. Stanford Nyatanga is in charge of this

project, and he has chosen Saturday, May 15th as the date. Stanford must be an early riser, because he has designated 6:30 p.m. as the start time. Even if you are a little late getting there, you can still get in on the fun.

May presents a lot of opportunities for getting together in fellowship and service outside our weekly meetings. Please take advantage of those opportunities. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Meals on Wheels

The April "MEALS" team was certainly no April Fool. They hit the ground running on the 26th like a CPA at tax time. A really great job. We broke in a new team this month. Garry and Mary Chegvidden joined the team when a last minute cancellation was necessary by one of the early volunteers. (Special thanks for the last minute help). Actually they were veterans from "MEALS" experience in St. Joseph, MO. but this was their first time in Jefferson City. Larry Vincent also joined the team this month although he has done "MEALS" in the past. It was great having you new ones out this month. We again salute each of you for your dedication to our club commitment and for giving of your time. Please thank these folks when you again see them. Larry Vincent, Bill Yarnell, J.T. Yarnell, Bob Sfredo, Garry and Mary Chegvidden, Jim and Willy Jackson, David and Mary Kay Linsenhardt and Ryan Burson. We've got a good thing going. Please consider joining the team.

Al Laffoon

Inbound Youth Exchange Student Set to Come from France



Etienne Cassin

“When can I come to Jefferson City? I hope as soon as possible!!!!” These are first words in an email from Etienne Cassin, our next inbound student from France. Etienne

(pronounced “ě - tyěn”) is a 17-year-old from a small town in the Loire Valley of west central France called Argenton-Chateau. Etienne points out that, despite having only 1,500 people, his town has two colleges, two primary schools, sporting clubs, a cinema and a swimming pool. His mother, Armelle, and father Jean-Louis, are managers in a retail clothing company there. He has two sisters, Alix (14) and Lea (9). The family’s travels include Spain, Cameroon, Turkey, Tunisia, and the United Kingdom.

Etienne currently attends a boarding school and is taking courses in mathematics, physics, chemistry, French, English, Spanish, history, geography, civic education and sports. He likes the Harry Potter books, and on a typical day when he is not working he likes playing on the computer and in sports. Etienne also likes to spend time with his friends in the evenings.

The Breakfast Rotary Club is very fortunate to have two families who have already agreed to host Etienne during his stay in America. The Mark Brunner family will host first, and Stan Hutson and family will host second. We are still looking for a third host family. If you are interested in hosting and want to learn more about what it entails, see youth exchange counselor Ryan Burson.

May Programs

May 5th - Denny Hughes - Helias

May 12th - Barbara Dixion,
President, Thruman University.
(Introduced by Jeff Pennock)

May 19th - Bob Jones,
Rotary Foundation
(Introduced by Dan McPherson)

May 26th - David Eaton, Monterrey
Food delivery service project
(Introduced by Angie Kinworthy)

June 2nd - OFFSITE to camp of the
Lewis and Clark Group
(Introduced by Ed Martin)

Foundation Alum to Head UN Inquiry

from rotary.org

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan turned to Rotary Scholar alumnus Paul Volcker when he needed a global citizen with integrity and impeccable credentials to head an independent probe into allegations that the UN's oil-for-food program in Iraq was heavily tainted with corruption.

Established to ease the impact of a Saddam-era UN embargo on Iraq on civilians, the program sold Iraqi oil, with the proceeds to be strictly monitored and used only for purchasing food and medicines. Recently, the international community and media have been roiled by charges that senior UN staff and family members received millions of dollars' worth in oil and monetary kickbacks from the Saddam regime in exchange for ignoring embargo rules.

Volcker studied at the London School of Economics in 1951-52 as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. The other members of the panel are South African judge Richard Goldstone, who served as chief prosecutor at the UN Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and Swiss criminal law professor Mark Pieth.