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JEFFERSON CITY BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB

Good day to All.

OUR MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 13

Rotary International has had the promotion of literacy as a means to improve the lives of many people throughout the world. Our own **Bill Rodgers** will present our program this Wednesday on the topic of literacy and the programs at our public library as well as the work of the ABLE program.

Tony Shanley has signed up to provide us with his humor. We will ask for a volunteer for the invocation.

WATER FOR PEOPLE

John Howland will provide a program about our international water project for our meeting of February 20th. Water has been a theme of Rotary for some time. We have already assisted the project in Malawi, Africa, but it is an ongoing construction project. We set our efforts for fundraising to be ten dollars per member, but an amount that you wish will be greatly appreciated. You may write your check to "Water for People" and we will collect during the month of February. Many thanks to each of you.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Robert Brundage, a lawyer who specializes in environmental issues, will be our newest member. I have known Robert since our days in Law School and he will be a great addition. Please welcome Robert.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Last Fall we conducted a membership survey. **Beth Ring**, our Administration Chairperson and member of our Board of Directors, conducted a survey of local facilities and here is her report. Many thanks, Beth.

The results of the recent member survey indicated that some members were unhappy with certain aspects of the physical location of our weekly meetings. Specifically, some of you voiced some dissatisfaction with the breakfast selection and the availability of suitable rooms and ample parking during session. As a result of that feedback, we did some research on the availability of alternative locations throughout the Jefferson City area. The hotels in the area that were able to accommodate us included The Truman Hotel, The Deville, The Hampton Inn and the soon-to-open Doubletree. The Deville's prices were quotes that are comparable with what we are currently paying but as you all know, offers very limited parking. The other three hotels were what we consider cost prohibitive. The difference in cost ranged from a 38% to a 107% increase over what we are currently paying.

As a result of this research, the board voted to continue to meet at the Capitol Plaza. We hope you all agree that this was the right decision. Thank you again for your honest feedback. We listened!

A Memo from District 6150 asking for our help

Tornado Relief Needed!!

From:Bob Warner DG 6150

To:Joe Beltz DG6080

As you know our state has suffered loss of life and property damage from the tornadoes this week. There are needs for the families that are affected in our district particularly in Sharp County and Van Buren County.

Kathy Blackman, the District 6150 Disaster Coordinator has been in touch with The Quad Cities Rotary Club and The Rotary Club of Heber Springs for direction regarding relief efforts.

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THE BRAZILIANS ARE COMING

Our Group Study Exchange group from Brazil will be visiting Jefferson City during April 21st to 25th. **Norb Plassmeyer** and **Rita Starnes** have volunteered to represent all five Jefferson City Rotary Clubs in the scheduling of events and meetings and assignments of host families. However, each individual club needs to have its own committee to assist Norb and Rita. This GSE program is a great opportunity to meet individuals from other places in the world. I encourage you to offer your time and even be a host family during this week.

Have a great week! See you Wednesday.

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