

THE EYE OPENER



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Breakfast Rotary—Jefferson City, MO

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Every Wednesday 7:00 am Capital Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, MO

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Jo's Jargon

The upcoming weeks will afford us ample opportunity to put on our "service" hats and fulfill one of Rotary's objectives. First and foremost, we need to pray for the families of the victims following the "Attack on America". We also need to remember the rescue workers as they complete their tasks and government officials as decisions are made regarding the appropriate response to this attack. I am proud to be an American and am proud of the unity exhibited by fellow Americans.

We need to continue to remember Nancy Gratz and her family. Nancy will have surgery September 25th and her daughter-in-law will have surgery September 21st. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Our foreign exchange student, Max Buyken, is a welcome addition to our Rotary family. Please take the opportunity to meet him, ask him to participate with you in activities and "check him out" on our website.

October 6th will be the date of our first highway clean up effort. As you will recall, our club has agreed to be responsible for the clean up starting at K-Mart and going west. Sign up sheets are available on the website or at our weekly meetings.

October 13th is the Mizzou homecoming game. The three Jefferson City Rotary clubs have planned a tailgate party. Reservations are due by September 27th. Tickets are available that either includes or excludes football tickets so those who already have tickets can still attend the tailgate party if they do not want to purchase additional tickets. The event is open for Rotarians and their guests. Ticket order forms are available at our weekly meetings.

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Stephen Stark has worked hard in locating a vendor that will supply polo shirts with the Rotary emblem and "Breakfast Rotary - Jefferson City, Missouri" embroidery. Sign up sheets are available to order your shirt. The cost should approximate \$22.50 per shirt.

One final reminder to each of you, please invite a guest to a meeting. We have talked about Rotary's Global Quest to induct one new member a month. The best way to gain new members is to introduce friends and clients to Rotary by bringing them as your guest to a meeting. Please think about this and invite someone to Rotary.

- President Jo

- Programs -

October 3
Literacy Programs

October 10
Samaritan Center (off-site)

October 17
City Sales Tax Renewal

October 24
Senior Nutrition Center

October 31
Thorn Tree School (tentative)

If you have a program suggestion please contact Mary Forck at 526-8202 or email mforck@mail.state.mo.us

Welcome our new exchange student Max

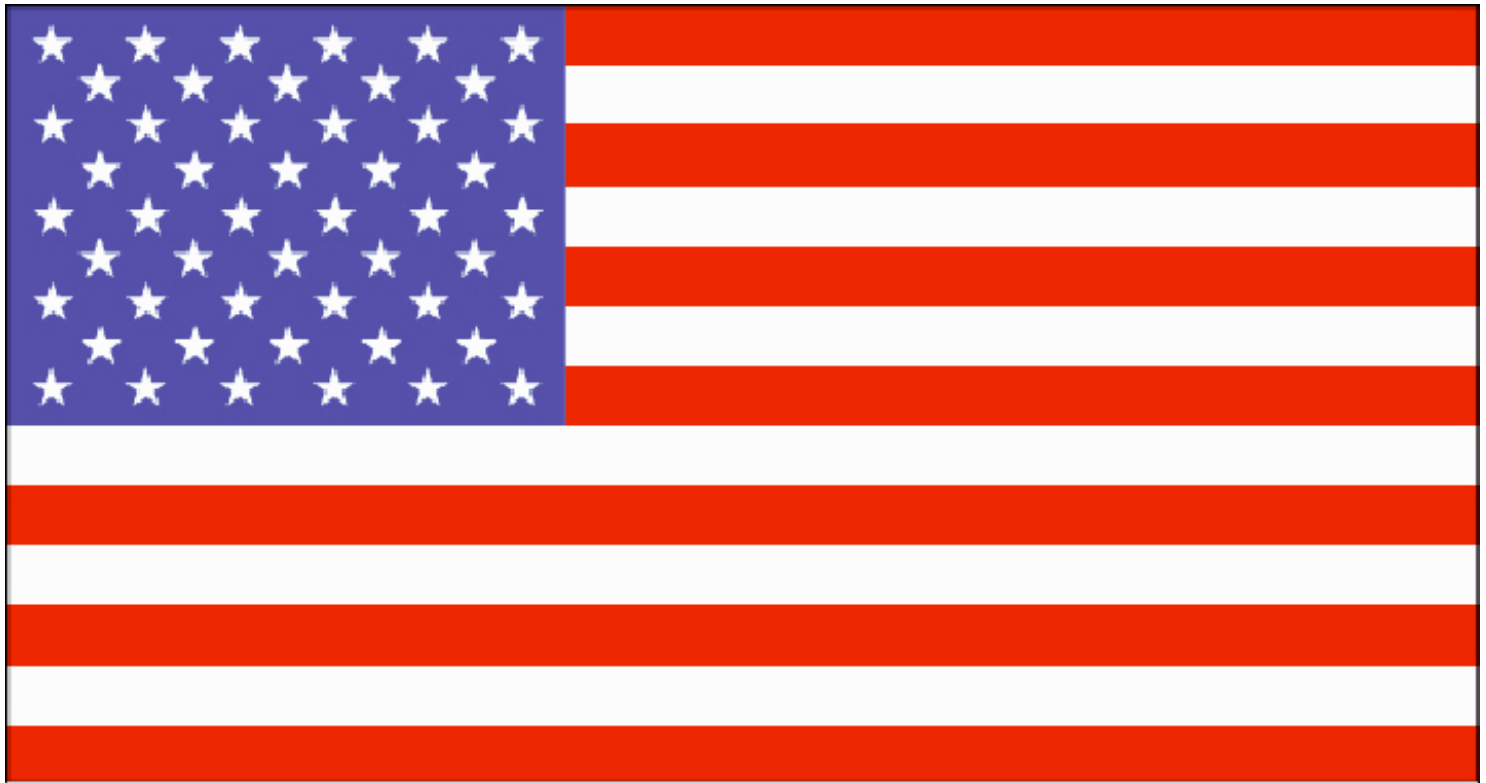
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The Senior Nutrition Center has advised us of a need they have with the Meals on Wheels program. They have communicated with our Community Service Chairperson, Ryan Burson, that the fourth Monday of each month is a day they are in dire need of assistance in delivering meals. It seems that they have been able to identify groups and/or individuals to deliver meals on every other day except the fourth Monday. We have decided to accept the challenge to provide this service. Beginning October 22nd and continuing through June 2002, we will be asking for volunteers to deliver meals. Our club participated in this project on one other occasion in May of 2000. It is extremely well organized by the Senior Nutrition Center. The only difficulty I had on my route was the fact that the people receiving the meals wanted to visit and, unfortunately, I did not have that much time to spend with each recipient.



Maximilian (Max) Buyken
Bochum, Germany

Bochum 400,000 people DOB 8/7/1984 - 17 years old Likes Physical Education, Art & Math. His favorite Hobby is Computers, he also likes Tennis and Reading. While in USA wants to gain knowledge in English and our culture. His father (Peter) is Head of the Federal Workman's Compensation for miners. His mother (Michaela) works in the home until the children are raised. Both have studied law. He does not like cheese or eggs! Max's strengths - social person and loyal to friends Weakness - Impatient person. Max has three sisters - Victoria, Constanze and Felicitas



God Bless America

Nine North Dakota Clubs Team Up to Build Guatemalan Educational Facility

The faces of poor mothers in Antigua, Guatemala, often reveal their despair at the struggle each day brings. You have the sense that the small children in tow have little chance of breaking free from the cycle of poverty.

But due to the generosity of nine Rotary clubs in North Dakota, many of these same mothers now see a tangible difference, embodied in a new facility, called the Rotary Educational Center. The building houses four schools, serving impoverished families in Antigua's San Felipe neighborhood. A fifth—a night school for children, adolescents and adults who work during the day—is scheduled to open in October. Designed and funded by clubs in western North Dakota, the schools provide free education and resources to some of the poorest children in Antigua, offer remedial education to older students, and conduct teacher training and development.

Opened in January 2001, the Rotary building is the newest addition to the Dreamer Center, headquarters of God's Child Project, a private charity that serves Guatemala's most destitute children. Founded and directed by Patrick Atkinson, the organization currently finances the education of more than 2,500 boys and girls in 87 Guatemalan schools.

The Rotary Educational Center now looks almost palatial, with its stately, columned entrance and wrought iron railings bordering outside walkways on the second and third floors. The ceiling above the walkways is adorned with tiles, many of which have been decorated by the children.

The first two floors house four spacious classrooms—each designed to accommodate 20-30 students. The entire third floor contains the region's only public-access library. Children and adults come and use the library for workshops, reading and homework assignments.

The Rotary Center is used six days a week, including evening sessions for adults honing their literacy skills.

--Excerpted from the August 2001 issue of The Rotarian by Tom Marcy

Missouri Rotarians for New York

The three Rotary Districts of Missouri have joined together to form the "Missouri Rotarians for New York" effort to assist the families of victims following the "Attack on America". The Board has decided to participate in this effort by establishing a matching fund of \$1,000.00. We will match members' contributions up to a total of \$1,000.00. Our club has "reserve" funds that are currently invested in two certificate of deposit that total approximately \$6,000.00. We intend to designate the matching contribution from this reserve fund.

Donations are deductible as charitable contributions and checks should be made payable to the Rotary Club of New York Foundation. Please forward your checks to Treasurer Reg Turnbull who will accumulate the funds and forward to the District with the Club's matching contribution.

The District anticipates issuing a state wide news release and has set a goal of \$100,000.00.

Adopt-A-Highway Missouri Boulevard K-Mart Parking Lot Saturday, October 6, 2001 7:00 a.m.