



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

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(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB
PRESIDENT)

We have had a tremendous run on obtaining new members so far this year, but a couple of our members are really carrying the laboring oar in this category (Jo Moore has now resorted to pursuing local citizens who share her last name!). Please invite someone to one of our meetings so that we can climb even higher in the district rankings on new members (currently we are number 5 in the district).

The Board continues to seek nominations for our quarterly Community Service Award. As you will recall, we are seeking names of local citizens who are **not** Rotarians, who have made a significant contribution to Jefferson City or Rotary, who place others above themselves and who advance peace, goodwill and understanding in our community. Alan Becker continues to spearhead this Committee, so please send Alan your nominations.

The annual chicken dinner is just around the corner. Please plan to spend some part of the evening of Friday, January 24, 2003, at the Eagles Club on Missouri Boulevard. Based upon the vote of the members present at our November 20th meeting, the two beneficiaries this year will be the Samaritan Center and the Senior Nutrition Center. Nancy Gratz is spearheading this effort, so let Nancy know if you have any questions or suggestions regarding this event. The key to the financial success of this event lies in the ticket sales, so once again, we will have monetary awards for the top four ticket "sellers." The awards will be contributions to the Paul Harris Sustaining Member program and will range from \$100 to \$25. The Board is asking that every member of our club sell at least one packet of tickets, which will be available within the next couple weeks.

Speaking of just around the corner, our annual club Christmas party is scheduled for 6 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2002, at Kit Freudenberg's home. We will **not** have our normal breakfast meeting that morning. We are asking that members bring the following items depending upon the first letter of your last name: A-H should bring appetizers for the cocktail hour; I-M should bring salads or vegetables; and N-Z should bring desserts. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there!

As you know, Dr. David Linsenhardt is chairing our **PolioPlus** Committee, and he is knee-deep in the arm-twisting process of collecting pledges and contributions. Our Club has represented to the District that we will raise at least \$2,500.00 in this effort. Please offer everything you can offer to help eradicate Polio from the face of the earth by the year 2005.

Finally, our club has agreed to adopt three needy families this holiday season through the Samaritan Center. Kit Freudenberg and Tony Shanley are the driving forces behind this wonderful project. The three families each have multiple children who are faced with dire circumstances this holiday season. We have assigned two tables per family, and those tables are asked to appoint a coordinator to help with organizing the gifts for the families. Please help us make this holiday season a little brighter for these three families. If you have any questions regarding this project, please talk to Kit or Tony.

Thank you, everyone, for allowing our club to continue to "sow the seeds of love" in central Missouri. Moreover, thank you for making the first half of my tenure as your President so painless. Savor these next few weeks as we leave 2002 behind and slide into 2003 with a renewed fervor for service above self.

Rotary History

The Early Years – cont'd

As they continued to convene, members began rotating their meetings among their places of business, hence the name Rotary. After enlisting a fifth member, printer Harry Ruggles, the group was formally organized as the Rotary Club of Chicago. The original club emblem, a wagon wheel design, was the precursor of the familiar cogwheel emblem now used by Rotarians worldwide.

By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30 with Sylvester Schiele as president and Ruggles as treasurer. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become its president until two years later. Club membership grew, making it difficult to gather in offices, so the members shifted their meetings to hotels and restaurants, where many Rotary club meetings are held today.

These early "Rotarians" realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week. Reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be an even more powerful motivation. The rotary commitment to service began in 1907 when the Rotary Club of Chicago constructed that city's first public lavatory. With this inaugural project, rotary became the world's first service-club organization.

Rotary's popularity began to spread throughout the USA. The second Rotary club was chartered in 1908 in San Francisco, California, with a third club formed in Oakland California. Others soon followed in Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York. When the National Association of Rotary Clubs held its first convention in 1910, Harris was elected president.

December Programs

December 4th - Hospice -
Ms. Jaala Bode
(Introduced by Stephen Stark)

December 11th - ***Christmas Party***
in the Evening (No Program)

December 18th - Autobiography
plus Yoga - Mr. Kevin Perry
(Introduced by Pres. Rob Angstead)

December 25th - Merry Christmas -
No Meeting

At the following year's convention, speakers used the phrases, "Service, Not Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," which became the organization's mottoes. "Service, Not Self," was later changed to "Service Above Self" and has since been adopted as Rotary's primary motto.

(from <http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/history>)

**We wish all Rotarians
and their families a
joyous holiday
season. Merry
Christmas and a very
Happy and
Prosperous New Year.**