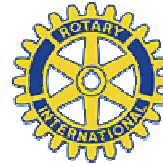


THE EYE OPENER



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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

Ode to the Breakfast Rotary Members (by Jo Moore)
Written June, 2002
(To be sung to the tune of "The Beverly Hillbillies")

Have you heard about the members of the Breakfast Rotary?
It's comprised of many people – look around you and you'll see
As the Pres, I'll try to name them – and before you can object
We will start with Robert Angstead – He's the President elect .
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Vice that is, moving up, next in charge . . .

And then there's Don Alberti, the Assistant District Gov
And the "fall guy", Norb Plassmeyer – he's the guy you've got
to love!
One of many charter members, don't forget ol' Al DeBroeck
Or Jim Jackson, meals on wheels guy – thank the Lord he
doesn't cook.

Drive he does, vehicle, lots of gas . . .

And with Jimmy, there's Bob Sfredo, driver and chicken co-
chair
Plus we shan't forget the guys and gals who lead us all in
prayer
There's Ken Fryer and Bill Lockwood, Jim Lowery – is he a
bowler?
Plus Stanford Nyatanga, Jim Wieberg, Kathy Lou Toler . . .

Inspiring you know, bow a head, lift a heart . . .

Jeff Martin maintains scholarships, yet joins the folks to pray
Along with Dan McPherson, Secretary, lots to say
And don't forget Les Hancock with the prize for the best
dressed
And editor, Murph Tetley, web & tech chair, whoa what stress
...

Megabytes you see, Internet, computer crash . . .

And selling raffle tickets, Bob Asahl – he has the grill
To counsel exchange students we have good ol' Kyle Kittrell
Tom Marcy has the newsletter, Ed Martin is off-site
On Halloween, Matt Tolksdorf wore a mask – oh what a fright!
...

Trick or treat did he, in disguise, scary face . . .

New members Dudley Galloway, Rob Goth, Debbie Cheshire
With Ron Medin and Ann Nunn and two more – are they for
hire?
Kevin Perry and John Yarnell – can we bring in more and
more?

And then there's quiet Jeff Pennock with tax questions in store
...

Brainstorm he does, deep thoughts, serious . . .

Cathy Martin, quiz author, is also "Sarge at Arms"
And Phyllis Willibrand, our raffle winner – many charms
Joe Scheppers sponsors beverages, Steve Stark has the club
shirts
Tony Hiesberger brought highway cleanup – lots of trash and
dirt . . .

Humbling it is, good cause, can be fun . . .

As the Woman of Achievement this year, we have Nancy Gratz
Phil Garcia teaches Spanish – hope Al's learning nothing crass
Garry Chegidden will twist your arm to buy a raffle ticket
Kit Freudenberg, Club service chair, can tell you all about it . .
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Rotary that is, breakfast time, meet each week . . .

For humor we have Harv Sanders and those he coordinates
Like Jim Cook, Bill Cowell and Jay Jordan – in chicken sales,
4th place
There's also Randy Scherr who placed ahead, that makes him
3rd
And 2nd, Ryan Burson, in so much that it's absurd . . .

Meals on wheels he started, community service chair,
RYLA student location . . .

Past presidents, in great supply – Stan Hutson, Al Laffoon
Dave Linsenhardt, Don Irwin – we begin to name a few
Tom Sodergren and Larry Vincent - others who were named
Our program chair is Mary Forck – my, she must be insane . . .

Job well done, without a hitch, difficult . . .

Paul Harris Fellow, John Gilstrap is one and there are more
David Luther assists exchange student counselor
Co-chair Larry Mertens of the annual chicken dinner
Alan Becker chairs the community service award winner . . .

Annual it is, big "to do", important stuff . . .

For International Service chair, we have Dear Roger Kurtz
Rotarian of the year, Reg Turnbull, heckles 'til it hurts
And don't forget the man who chairs development of members
Without Ron Mudd, our numbers here would be so very
slender . . .

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Big group we have, many friends, memories . . .

Before this little rhyme escapes as is my little plan
We must discuss Tony Shanley, we've dubbed him "Chicken Man"
Now that his second child is here, lest he pull out his hair—
We've moved him straight from "chicken wings" to
"Community Service Chair" . . .

Happy is he, no more foul, parenthood . . .

So now you've heard a bit about yourselves, you're quite a group
I'm thankful for your input and for all the good you do
But, at this time I must conclude, my throat is getting hoarse
So I'll wrap it up and say good-bye, but wish you well of course
. . .

Thanks a bunch, see you next week . . .

Y'all Come Back Now, Ya Hear??

Three Local Youth Attend RYLA

Jefferson City's Rotary Clubs combined to sponsor three local students to attend the 10th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy camp on June 16th - 19th at William Jewell College. Two students from Helias High School, Jake Crider and Adam Wildhaber, and a student from Jefferson City High School, Anna Keaton, were selected to attend. Each is in good academic standing and has shown a willingness to serve in school, church, and community. Anna, Adam and Jake will be sophomores in the coming school year.

The focus of RYLA is to inspire young high school students who show leadership potential to learn what characteristics and skills are needed in leaders, not only as they complete their high school years, but as they continue on through college and into their communities.

RYLA camp consisted of daily group meetings with distinguished speakers and educators addressing the students. Topics covered included: fundamentals of leadership, leadership and communication, group dynamics, interpersonal relations, community activities, and daily "fun" themes. Students engaged in a project to be completed during the week. Students were also introduced to Rotary programs such as scholarships, Interact, Rotaract, and Exchange programs. Lucy Brewer and Bill Sevier served as camp directors.

Congratulations to Adam, Anna and Jake on your RYLA award! We look forward to hearing about your experiences at our July 10 club meeting.

--Ryan Burson

July Programs

- July 3 – Judge Duane Benton, District Governor
- July 10 – RYLA (see article by Ryan Burson)
- July 17 – John Hoskins, Director, Missouri Department of Conservation
- July 24 – John Marquard, Manager of the new Schnucks in Jefferson City
- July 31 – Mark Van Patten, Fly Fishing enthusiast and Missouri Department of Conservation biologist

July is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar, an opportunity for Rotary International to recognize some of the noteworthy club and district projects aimed at improving reading skills.

The Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, has sent tens of thousands of used textbooks to Brits, South Africa. Rotarian Bill Marston, a sales director for an international freight and customs broker, helped obtain the necessary permits to ship five tons of books last year. The club pays US \$200 per ton, using money from its annual weeklong fundraiser, Rotary Fest.

The Interact Club of the Dr. Erin N. Nagarvala Day School and its sponsor, the Rotary Club of Pune Cantonment, India, are developing a "talking" library for students at the Poona School and Home for the Blind. The Interactors and the Rotarians began work on the project in December 2001. Forty Interactors were recorded reading short stories in English and essays in Marathi. The Braille books currently in the Poona School are abridged texts, so the recorded stories and essays will greatly enhance the school's library.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria, Louisiana, has donated more than 450 books to the Renaissance Home youth center. "Reading is a top priority for success in life," club president Nancy Stich told the local newspaper, *Town Talk*. When a speaker at a club meeting had discussed Louisiana's abysmal literacy rate, the Alexandria Rotarians decided to get involved.

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