

THE EYE OPENER



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Breakfast Rotary—Jefferson City, MO

March, 2002

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

www.jeffcityrotary.org



Jo's Jargon

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that our club is doing an excellent job working toward recognition of Rotary International's Presidential Citation. We are deficient in the area of adding new members. Our year to date figures on membership reflects that we have a net decrease in membership. Our goal was to have a net increase in our membership of 5. We need to actively pursue individuals who would contribute to our Rotary activities. Our Club Service Chairperson, Kit Freudenberg, has designed flyers describing Rotary in general and reviews our club's activities and interests. Please distribute to potential members.

The Board has approved an incentive program for the months of March, April and May to try to both increase membership and emphasize the Paul Harris Fellow program. A donation of \$25 will be made available to the first ten people to sponsor a new member during these months. The new member will also receive a \$25 donation toward Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

All of you are to be congratulated on your efforts to make this event a success for one more year. Thanks to Larry and Bob for their leadership and hard work. Thanks again to all of you for selling tickets, providing raffle prizes and volunteering your time to work. Gross proceeds from the event were \$7,302.00 less expenses of \$2,629.25 leaves \$2,336.28 for both the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Nutrition Center.

Our top four ticket sellers are:

Member Sales Award – Paul Harris Contribution

1st Place Nancy Greer \$550 \$100

Effective March 1, 2001, meal cost for members will be \$4, meal cost for visiting Rotarians and guests will be \$8.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Each year the budget includes amounts to be used for donations to charitable organizations. The current budget allows for a total of \$493 to be used for this purpose. We have made one \$100 donation to Hospice out of this budget. If you have a particular charity that you feel should be recognized by the club, please let either Reg or me know your preferences.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We have recently been asked about our club's inclement weather policy. After we determined one had not formally been adopted, we decided this was worthy of attention. David Luther has agreed to coordinate this activity. If the Club President determines the meeting should be canceled, David will contact the local media for announcements to be made on radio and local TV stations.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) TEAM

District 6080 is sponsoring a GSE team from South Korea this year. The team is scheduled to be in our area sometime between April 25th and April 30th, as they will be traveling from the Lake of the Ozarks to Columbia and from there to Warrensburg for the District Conference. We will need assistance in providing a place for the team members to stay and travel. Steve Stark has graciously agreed to organize our club's participation. Once we know the occupations of the team members, we will try to schedule visits of related businesses. If you are interested in hosting a member, please contact Steve direct.

Our top four ticket sellers are:

Member Sales Award – Paul Harris Contribution

1st Place Nancy Gratz \$550 \$100

2nd Place Ryan Burson \$230 \$25

3rd Place Randy Scherr \$213 \$25

4th Place Jay Jordan \$202 \$25

Congratulations and thanks for your efforts.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Treasurer Reg has been negotiating our contract with Capitol Plaza Hotel. We have not had a rate increase from the Hotel in a number of years. While Reg was able to get them to agree to not increase the cost for the use of audio/video equipment, the buffet cost was increased \$1 per meal served. The hotel explained that the normal cost for the breakfast buffet is \$8.95; our negotiated cost is \$8.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2001-2002 6080 District Conference will be held May 2-4,2002 in Warrensburg, MO, the home of District Governor Jerry Franklin. He promises to make this event worthy of attendance and encourages everyone to make plans to attend. Mark your calendars now - we should be receiving registration forms in the near future.



March Programs

March 6

James Layton - Missouri Redistricting

March 13

Off-site - Governor State Office Building
(The Old Governor Hotel)

March 20

Larry Flatt - Railwood Golf Course

March 27

Stacie Hubbel - Premier Marketing

Thank you to all the members who have made suggestions or arrangements for programs. Through your interest and help, the Club has enjoyed a variety of presentations. I welcome your ideas and hope to receive additional suggestions from you. You can contact me at home 634-4805 or mefjc@socket.net or at work 526-8202 or mforck@mail.state.mo.us

Thanks again, Mary

The Rotary Factor

It is an unlikely war that the United States has been fighting against terrorism, what with the dropping of both bombs and food on Afghanistan. So it seems fitting that one of our allies in this improbable war is an improbable partner, Rotary International. Rotary is one of the most popular organizations within the territorial confines of Pakistan, where it has 84 active chapters and more than 2,300 members (5% of them women), some of whom are the country's most influential opinion-makers.

According to N.D. Tanwir, Rotary's district governor in Pakistan, "We have had many group exchanges between our two countries and the results have been very fruitful. Those who've gone to the U.S. from our country have been able to establish many new friendships, helping us to find new financial partners to share our projects. The U.S. visitors here were always happy to see that Pakistan was quite different from what they had been reading or hearing. They also noticed our problems, especially the influx of refugees, and have carried our message to their home."

Rotary's public information sources say that

Jefferson City West Rotary Club Art Exhibition and Auction



To benefit:
Hospice of Jefferson City
&
Rape and Abuse Crisis Services

To be held at:
Capitol Plaza Hotel

Friday, March 8, 2002

Exhibition – 6:30 p.m. Auction – 7:30 p.m.
Complimentary Wine, Cheese, and Entertainment
No Cover Charge

The Jefferson City West Rotary Club is hosting its 16th annual Art Exhibition and Auction on Friday, March 9, 2002, at Capitol Plaza Hotel. Proceeds of the auction will benefit Hospice of Jefferson City and the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service.

There is no charge for admission to the event which will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a complimentary wine and cheese reception. Patrons will then have an opportunity to view the art before the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Native Stone Winery and Bull Rock Brewery will be hosting the reception and Mr. Tim Haas will provide the entertainment.

More than 300 pieces of art, including original artwork in watercolors, oil, and mixed media plus signed and numbered prints will be featured. With all artwork professionally framed, the auction items traditionally have sold for \$50 to \$1,000. The event is conducted in conjunction with the Perry Berns Art Gallery of Dallas.

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communications between Pakistan and Rotary International headquarters since September 11th have included whether or not we were OK in the U.S. after the attack, and how programs--especially our polio immunization initiative over there--will be affected. In early November 2001, Pakistani Rotarians and other volunteers poured into Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan for 3 days of immunizing the homeless against polio. Liza Barrie, chief spokesperson for UNICEF, says that "Afghanistan is one of the world's hot spots for polio, and in fact, the areas where you find lingering diseases like this also tend to be the world's most conflict-ridden countries; Rotary is one organization that goes 'on the ground' to get as close as they can to the problem."

Abdul Khan, a Rotarian in Pakistan who oversaw the latest polio initiative, says more than 5,000 fixed immunization centers are being established by the organization. Special efforts have been made to greet Afghan refugees with relief as they cross the border and are met by local Rotary members and other volunteers. "We've also started working on providing other support in these locations, particularly the construction of shelters," Khan says. Rotarians in Pakistan are also providing blankets, food and other provisions for the refugees from Afghanistan.

Spread across the country from Islamabad to Rawalpindi, Pakistani Rotarians have found themselves increasingly tackling projects such as health care, education, drug abuse, which also occupy club members elsewhere in the world. During this month, Dave Groner, a Rotarian from Kalamazoo, Michigan, plans to lead 80 club members from the Midwest to Pakistan. The group plans to meet with fellow Rotarians there, stay in their homes and discuss projects such as aiding the refugees. One of Rotary's principal focuses now is to make the world polio-free in time for Rotary's centennial year in 2005.

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