



Breakfast Rotary—Jefferson City, MO

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ROB'S RHETORIC

(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT)

We just finished Membership Month during August, and I am proud to say that we continue to add new members to our ranks (including some transfers from other clubs). In light of the influx of new members early on during this Rotary year, I thought it appropriate to spend a little time in this column reminding everyone of some of the “basics” of this club and Rotary in general.

Simply stated, Rotary is the world's premier service organization. We belong to an organization that includes 30,000 clubs in more than 160 countries. It is so refreshing to open my e-mails at work on some mornings and have messages from Brazil, Germany, Africa and all over the United States because of my Rotary experiences. From the beaches of Sanibel Island, Florida, to the streets of New York City, to the halls of the federal courthouse in downtown Kansas City, I have met an incredible number of service-focused individuals simply because I was wearing a small lapel pin with a wheel on it.

As we all know, our club and its activities are the cornerstone of our Rotary experiences. Our weekly meetings allow us time to enjoy fellowship, meet visiting Rotarians, learn about issues percolating in our community through programs and speakers and enjoy a good breakfast. Beyond Wednesday morning meetings, however, our club's service projects allow us additional opportunities to enjoy fellowship and to help those in need locally, nationally and internationally. On that note, I want to personally thank Bob Sfreddo, Reg Turnbull, Tony Shanley, Jim Jackson, Ann Nunn, Harv Sanders, Ryan Burson and Jim Jackson for volunteering to deliver the Meals-On-Wheels on August 26th. Thank you!

Our newer members may not realize it, but our small club has an impact beyond the boundaries of Cole County every year. Our club

has actively supported the Rotary Youth Exchange program for the last eleven years. Claudia Goebel, from Germany, is with us this year; Max Buyken just returned to Germany after spending the past year with us; and occasionally, on Wednesday mornings, you will see the smiling face of Juris Pupcenoks (who came from Latvia) visiting at our meetings because he now resides here. In addition, our club has actively supported the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (“RYLA”) each year, and we have hosted and sent members of Group Study Exchange (“GSE”) teams to and from several different foreign countries.

Also, our club has historically been an active supporter of the Rotary Foundation, which distributes around \$65 million each year in support of humanitarian and educational programs implemented by Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts all over the world. This year one of the primary goals is to raise sufficient funds to be able to eradicate polio from the face of the earth by the year 2005. That program, known as **PolioPlus**, will be receiving additional attention at our weekly meetings in the weeks to come.

Rotary is constantly changing, and one of the most endearing traits of this organization is its willingness to be flexible in allowing its clubs to adapt to its members' desires. One current example is that Rotary International is toying with the idea of creating “cyberclubs.” In that vein, one of the most important things you should know about the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club is the fact that, unlike many other Rotary Clubs, we are not a “singing” club.

Our emphasis is on sharing humor rather than bursting out in song. Accordingly, be prepared to chuckle (if you are lucky) on Wednesday mornings, and even more significantly, be prepared to share a little humor with us in case our appointed jester fails the club. Welcome to the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club (and please do not be shy about inviting another potential new member soon)!

The 13th Annual Rotary Foundation Charity Golf Tournament was played August 26.



The 60 + participants enjoyed beautiful weather for the 4-person scramble event at the Eagle Knoll Golf Course. Over \$3000 was raised to benefit RI's **PolioPlus** campaign.

Prize winners were:

Flight 'A' - 1 st Place Score = 61	Bernie Fechtel John Parker Doug Van Camp Ben Bielski
2 nd Place Score = 62	Randy Bickel Bill Graves Walt Rottman Kathy Brown
Flight 'B' - 1 st Place Score = 68	Dennis Mueller Rick Nichols Deann Barton Rod Gruenberg
2 nd Place Score = 68	Larry Neill Tim Sone Brenda Leydens Travis Knorr
Longest Drive	Ladies - Kathy Brown Mens - John Parker
Closest to the Pin	Ladies - Eva Pratt Mens - Al Laffoon

Attention Paul Harris and Sustaining Members.....

This year, all Rotarians have the opportunity to designate their Paul Harris and Sustaining Member contributions to either the Rotary Foundation and/or **PolioPlus**.

When you make a Paul Harris or Sustaining Member contribution, please let our treasurer, Cathy Martin, know how you would like your contribution classified. Thanks.

September Programs

September 4 - Mark Van Patten,
Conservation Dept - Fly Fishing

September 11 - Off-Site
Boys & Girls Club (Donnie Thomas)

September 18 -
Jennifer Muessig-Hudson
National Alliance for Mentally Ill

September 25 - Dr. David Linsenbardt
PolioPlus

Attendance issues

Our July attendance averaged only 68%. We have 58 active members. Attendance (actual attendance and makeups) varied from 32 on July 31 to 44 on July 10. We should do better!

Making up missed meetings at other clubs can benefit our members with good fellowship and opportunities for social and professional networking. Members should be reminded that they can makeup within 14 days of a missed meeting.

Also, some members seem to be confused about how the makeups are communicated to me (the club secretary) locally or from outside of the Jefferson City area.

If attending any of the other Jefferson City area clubs -- **Downtown** on Monday noon at Capitol Plaza; **Evening** on Monday evening at the Grace Episcopal Church; **South Callaway** on Thursday noon at Rosie's in Holts Summit; or **West** on Friday noon at the Elks Lodge (Ellis Blvd.), then their secretaries let me know of the attendance for makeup purposes.

If making up outside of the Jefferson City area, you should get a card from the club secretary where you visit and give it to me so I can give you credit for the makeup.

Our members should also be reminded that attendance only counts if 60% of the meeting is attended (36 minutes of an hour). No longer can we allow members appearing just to sign in and then immediately leaving.

Reg Turnbull - Club Secretary