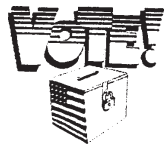
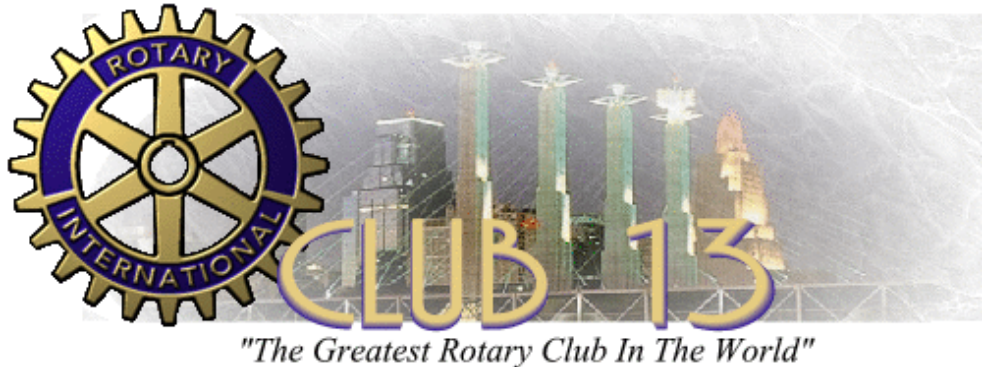


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ROTARY CLUB 13
KANSAS CITY, MO



Be sure to return your Rotary election ballot to the Club 13 office by noon on Wednesday, **Dec. 8**. Ballots are required to be signed in order to be counted. Results of the election will be announced at the regular Rotary luncheon meeting on Dec. 9.

Every Rotarian, Every Year

The goal is for each Rotarian to contribute a minimum of \$100 annually to the Annual Giving Programs of The Rotary Foundation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(All meetings will be held in the Lido, Burgundy or Trianon E Rooms unless otherwise noted.)

December 9:

New Member Orientation

10:30 -- Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:00 -- Burgundy Room

Project Youth Endowment

11:00 -- Kennedy Room

Scholarship

11:00 -- Taft Room

Annual Blood Drive

11:00 -- Wilson Room

Camp Site Trustees

1:20 -- Lido Room

December 16:

Program

11:00 -- Burgundy Room

Youth Camp Association

10:30 -- Lido Room

Committee members: This is your notification to attend your committee meetings. Please notify your chairman if you cannot be present.

Thursday's Meeting



December 9, 2004

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Lauer joined Sprint in 1998 from Bell Atlantic-New Jersey. He was president of Sprint's Consumer Services Group in Global Markets Group in 1999, and became president of Sprint Business in May 2000. Six months later, Lauer served as president of the Global Markets Group.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Trianon Room



Invocation:
Dick Biery



Welcome:
Bob Bennett

GREETERS: Keith Smith, Scott Holsman, Don Seifert,
Al Tikwart and Frank Toplikar

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Dec. 12 -- Sunday, The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Country Club Christian Church

Dec. 16 -- "It's Christmas Time in the City," presented by Ted Dalberg,
Dan Doty, Evie Craig and Brent Caswell

Dec. 23 -- Tom and Jerri Party -- Another Club 13 tradition to be held in
the Colonial Ballroom, Muehlebach Hotel, Wyandotte Street

Dec. 30 -- No Rotary luncheon meeting

Jan. 6 -- Annual Blood Drive, Trianon E, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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LAST THURSDAY --
November 25, 2004



by
 Janet Ellis

There is no Last Thursday report for Nov. 25 as we did not meet. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families.

As I began preparing this newsletter on the eve of Thanksgiving I am reminded of all the things we are thankful for. Like so many of us we take many things for granted.

With the seven inches of snow I am grateful no one was hurt when the tree limbs fell in my front and back yard. The yard looked like a winter wonderland in all it's splendor in spite of the downed limbs. Shoveling out the driveway I am grateful I have the strength while others in my life are struggling to live. I am grateful for electricity to keep me safe and warm as power was out on the other side of my street.

As I traveled to the office I noted a red Honda Civic that had been in an accident. The passenger side window was gone and the car's side was smashed but it was driveable. The driver

tugged at her hat and drove her car out of the traffic in the 32-degree temperature.

As I arrived at the office a hour late, again I was grateful to be greeted by my office assistant Marilyn, who somehow manages to be on time all the time and is cheerful when I arrive.

So before we complain about trivial things let us remind ourselves what is really important. Tree limbs can be pruned, cars can be replaced but people who mean so much to us need to be appreciated.

Annual Blood Drive Set
for Jan. 6, 2005



Our Community Service Committee has coordinated with the Muehlebach Hotel

and the Community Blood Bank and has set Thursday, Jan. 6, as Club 13's Blood Drive. The Trianon "E" Room will be the location for us to donate from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At this time of the year, blood is needed, especially after the holidays.

If you are healthy and are not on any medication please consider donating a pint of your blood. Call the Rotary office at 816/842-2322 and schedule a time either before lunch or after to donate.

RI Convention

Have you been thinking about whether to attend the Rotary International Convention in Chicago next June 18-23, but not yet registered? If you plan to attend, now is the time to make your reservations. December 31 is the early registration deadline and you will save money if you make your reservation by that date. Visit www.rotary.org to register on line.

Club 13 has booked 50 rooms at the Allegro Hotel Chicago. We still have several rooms available, and they may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis when you make a room deposit of \$175. Send room deposit check to our Rotary office. If you have need more information contact Convention Chairman **Kirk Carpenter** at 816/932-9333.

The Bill Brown Memorial
Coat/Warm Clothing Drive
Sunday, Dec. 12
 drop-off - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Country Club Christian Church
 6101 Ward Parkway



Rotary has again partner with the Salvation Army to collect coats and warm clothing to provide assistance for people who are without the means to acquire these things for themselves.

On the above date the drop-off will be in the chapel just north of the main church. This drive is important to the many, many people in Kansas City who need the clothes. If you haven't worn it in two years, you probably no longer need it. If you have other clothes (including shoes) you no longer use, plan to bring them, too.

We also will need volunteers to man the pick-up at the church. Tyros, this is a fine opportunity to collect six points while doing good for our community. Please contact **Rob Becker** at 816/333-4226 or the Rotary office at 816/842-2322.

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Rotary International matches the applicants with youths in their age range in France, Germany or Sweden for this three week home stay abroad next summer. After three weeks abroad, American youths and their new friends return home to reside the next three weeks with the American families. This exchange is a super low-cost opportunity to establish foreign relationships and build memories the participant will cherish for the rest of their life. It is an exciting travel experience which promotes international good will, fosters cultural understanding and broadens world perspectives.

Budget is about \$1250 which includes air fare (est. \$1100), health insurance (est. \$110) and personal spending money. Each host family agrees to provide room, board and entertainment for its visiting guest.

Rotarians, this is not just for your son, daughter or grandchild. You can assist this Rotary International program by informing other prospects about this exciting program.

For an application form contact **Bill Buckner** at 816-444-6881 or wbuckner@kc.rr.com or you may download an application from www.rotary6040.org

The deadline is **March 15, 2005.**

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Mid-Year Club Assembly is set for Jan. 12

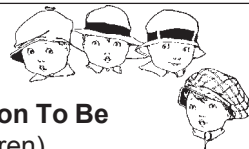
On Wednesday, Jan. 12, your board of directors, division leaders and committee chairs will gather at 4:00 p.m. in Harvest Room at the Marriott.

In preparation for this mid-year club assembly, all committee chairs will need to submit a written report telling us what your committee has accomplished over the last six months and what plans you have for the first half of 2005. Each committee chair will have the opportunity to share the committee's report. This will be a fast-paced meeting and each chair is allotted two minutes to report.

(Note: If you are a committee chair and know that you cannot attend, please provide the necessary information to the Rotary office. The office will remit your information to the appropriate division leader so that all committees will be reported.)

The assembly will wrap up by 5:30 with fellowship and soft drinks.

Mark your calendars for **Jan. 12** to attend our mid-year club assembly.



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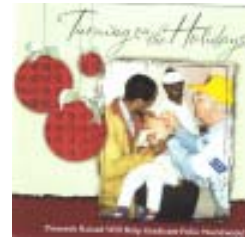


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Foundation Dinner Rocked!

The first "District wide Centennial Celebration" is history—and certainly something to remember and write about! Our fifth annual Rotary Foundation dinner, held on Nov. 13, proved to be all that a celebration should be—and then some! After a gregarious social hour we sat down to a dinner of steak and shrimp. "One-hundred-year birthday cakes" were the centerpiece of each table. Danny Cox and Michael O'Shiver delivered a harp and guitar rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". Our speaker, Cliff Dochterman, was everything he was billed to be and then some. Fred and Marge Hahn of the Independence Club were recognized with the Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service. (Only 200 recognitions are given world wide each year.)

We were also entertained by Max Berry, who was accompanied by Danny Cox and Michael O'Shiver, performing "Christmas in Your Heart."

Club 13 members in attendance were: **Henrik Andersen, Rick Beyer, Bob and Sally Bibb, Jan Canterbury, Doris and Dick Burnett, Janet Ellis, Kitt and Rick Halterman, Bonnie and Bill Nofsinger, Judy and Rowland Nofsinger, Liz and Dave Norton, Marilynn and Don Patterson, Diane Scott** and Dennis McKeehan, Marla and **Tom Tatro**, and Keely and **Tom Terry**.

Special guests included members of our outgoing GSE team, our newest Ambassadorial Scholar and members of District 5710 (Eastern Kansas) and District 6080 (Central/Southern Missouri).



District Governor **John Miller** addresses the 5th Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner.



Danny Cox, Max Berry and Michael O'Shiver perform "Christmas in Your Hearts".



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