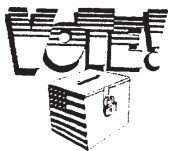


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ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



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Be sure to return your Rotary election ballot to the Club 13 office by noon on Thursday, Dec. 8. Ballots are required to be signed in order to be counted.

Results of the election will be announced at our regular luncheon meeting on Dec. 15.

### 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 1:

#### New Member Orientation

10:00 — Lido Room

#### Membership C & Q

11:00 — Burgundy Room

#### Literacy Kansas City

11:00 — Trianon E

(Please note date change)

### December 15:

#### Program

11:00 — Lido Room

#### Downtown

11:00 — Burgundy Room

### December 21:

#### Board of Directors

4:00 — UMB Bank, n.a.

Conference Room, 3rd Floor

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

Thursday's Meeting



December 1, 2005

## CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CLEAVER, II FIFTH DISTRICT OF MISSOURI



Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II is currently serving his first term representing the Fifth District of Missouri in the House of Representatives and sits on the influential Financial Services Committee.

First elected to public office in 1979 as a city councilman in Kansas City, Cleaver during his 12-year tenure served as mayor pro tem and was chairman of the planning and zoning committee.

His experience on the city council paved the way to a two-term stint as mayor of Kansas City, where he made history as the first African American elected to that office.

As mayor, he championed programs designed to create jobs and stimulate economic development, including infrastructure improvements, city planning and youth outreach.

Cleaver is an ordained Methodist minister and still serves as senior pastor at St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City.

Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room



Invocation:  
Dan Pearson



Welcome:  
Tanja Heinen

**GREETERS:** New members who will be inducted this week will serve as our greeters.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

**SERVICE Above Self**

December 1 — The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive

Bring your donations to the Rotary luncheon meeting

December 8 — Club 13 Annual Holiday Party

December 15 — "Hallmark's Creative Process" —

card writer Molly Wigand and artist Stacey Lamb

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**LAST THURSDAY --  
 November 10, 2005**



by  
 Don Stebbins

On the occasion of Club 13's recognition of Veteran's Day, President **Tom Terry** called the meeting to order. To honor veterans in our club and in our audience, **Bob Lager** with **Carl Bolte** at the piano provided the opening stanzas to the service songs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines. Members of each service stood in turn for recognition and to join in song.

Prior to leading us in the Pledge, President **Tom** explained its meaning as described in patriotic fashion by entertainer Red Skelton. **Neal Colby** then led us through the invocation by including an apt reference to Rotary as the "dropping of seeds." He reminded us of our work at Rotary Youth Camp and in so many other venues, especially this time of year.

**Bill Conklin** introduced our guests. **Mary Kingsley** then received the club's "Service Above Self" award from Presi-

dent **Tom**, as he recognized her behind the scenes work to make our club and its work stronger over the years.

In a continuation from last week, three Club 13 Board candidates were introduced at the head table: **Dick Harmes, Peter Ho** and **Rusty Macy**, each for two-year terms.

President **Tom** reminded us that was the club's first day of bell-ringing for Salvation Army. Those who have signed up for future weekends, be apprised that our venue at J.C. Penny has been revised to Target and **Jerry Cooke** will be in touch.

A very special announcement followed from **Bob Lager** regarding the club's upcoming service visit to the Ukraine. **Bob** has returned from his planning visit and has seen notable improvement in infrastructure there. He is inviting an additional two to three Rotarians to join his contingent for the service visit. The project has benefited from sponsorship by the Rotary District grant program.

Then it was time for **Carl DiCapo** to introduce our featured speaker, Maj. Gen. Robert L. Shirkey. **Carl** shared the general's impressive educational background, which formed the basis for an outstanding career in service to our nation. A native Kansan, General Shirkey has received the Distinguished Service Medal, the United Nations Medal, and the Victorious Service Award along with many others.

As an attorney, the general has tried landmark cases that have served as precedent within the practice of labor law and other fields. As a combatant, he served as a member of the Bushmasters and of the elite Alamo Scouts. He holds the further distinction of being the last officer to retire who fought the Japanese in World War II.

To begin his remarks, General Shirkey proclaimed: "I am an American." He illustrated how people endure great hardship to migrate to our country - including his own ancestors, who traveled here from Norway generations ago as indentured servants.

The general said that when he looks at the American flag he envisions the span from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and beyond. When he charac-

terizes his own American heritage, he sees a span that encompasses the search for freedom, the fighting of war and the earning of freedom.

As to his service in Korea, he informed us on this Veteran's Day occasion that the odds of death in that conflict were one soldier in nine, versus 1:18 in World War II and 1:23 in Vietnam. He shared with us that through his service he has wrapped fallen comrades in our nation's flag countless times.

He also reminded us on this occasion that while veterans lie "deep in the tissue" of our community, so too do institutions like 4H, scouting and the community service of Rotary. He quoted the prophet Mica as cited at the Liberty Memorial as a guiding light: "Do Justice, Have Mercy, Walk with God."

He concluded his remarks by stating his belief that he was "given life that I could enjoy great things," and that he feels richly blessed. "The greatest carpenter of all time crafted me," he said in closing, "and when he calls I'll be giftwrapped in the most beautiful wrapping he could ever find." A most touching tribute to our American flag and to Veteran's Day.

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## District 6040 Foundation Dinner Wrap-Up Report

More than 350 District 6040 Rotarians, spouses, friends and children attended the 6th annual Foundation Dinner held at the Armacost Auto Museum in Grandview, Mo. on Nov. 5. Representing Club 13 were: Sarah and **Rick Beyer**, **Sally Bibb**, Tiffany and **Chris Boland**, Doris and **Dick Burnett**, Debby and **Pete Burgess**, **Jan Canterbury**, **Christy Chester**, **Bob Cohen**, Bev and **Bill Conklin**, Mary and **Walter Dickey**, **Fred Drummond**, **Janet Ellis**, Gayann and **John Hamilton**, Barbara and **Jim Holmberg**, Mary Sue Mulhern and **Henry Leonard**, Mary Ann and **John Miller**, Carolyn and **Ford Nelson**, Bonnie and **Bill Nofsinger**, Judy and **Rowland Nofsinger**, Liz and **Dave Norton**, Sandy and **Patrick O'Malley**, Marilynn and **Don Patterson**, Candace and Don Patterson, Jr., Molly and **Jim Porter**, **Don Seifert**, Kathy and **Don Smith**, **Tom Terry** and **Bob Weir**.

Foundation Dinner Chair Larry Lunsford has now reported that over \$40,000 was raised that night from contributions to the Rotary Foundation by clubs and individuals.

Club 13 was recognized and received a banner for contributing the most dollars in the district to the annual fund.

We heard a personal account of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina from CNN reporter Kathleen Koch, and the evening was topped off by the presentation of the prestigious Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service to past district governor Larry Lunsford.

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## RI Convention



Rotary's 97th convention will be in beautiful Malmo and Copenhagen on June 11-14, 2006. This is the first convention to be held in the northern part of Europe. It is also the first convention to be held simultaneously in two countries - Sweden and Denmark - and it has special significance as the first to be held during Rotary's second century of service.

Malmo and Copenhagen are linked by a bridge which inspired the event's theme to be "Bridging the World."

The weather should be ideal - not too warm, not too cool. Daylight hours are at their peak this time of the year. Malmo and Copenhagen are located not far from the Land of the Midnight Sun, which means that you can enjoy almost 24 hours of daylight.

If you are planning to attend, now is the time to make your reservations. Dec. 31 is the early registration deadline. Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to register on line.

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## 'Tis the Season Let Rotary Serve

Come and join us for our 95th Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

The Hyatt is always festive for our gathering and will be providing complimentary parking vouchers. The evening begins with cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30 p.m.

A fabulous dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Johnny I and the Receders will provide music for dancing from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Black tie optional.

Cost is \$60 per person. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 5 or if we run out of space. Don't wait. RSVP today.

## GSE Team Selected

The Group Study Exchange this Rotary year will be with District 9970 in New Zealand. The exchange will happen in March and April of 2006.

The team will be led by Gordon Hadden, a member of the Liberty Rotary Club. Team members selected were: Brock Legan, an agricultural loan officer at Macon-Atlanta State Bank in Macon; Jesse Heimer, an entrepreneur and owner of an agricultural supplies business in Taylor; Cindy Terwilliger, a senior operations manager for the Federal Transit Administration in Kansas City; and Sarah Low, a research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City.



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**Neil Barnett**

**The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive  
Thursdays, Dec. 1 & Dec. 15**



Rotary has again partnered 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.

With the cooperation of the Marriott, drop-off containers will be available for you to bring your coats and warm clothing to Rotary on Thursdays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. This drive is important to the many people in Kansas City who need 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.

If you have any questions, please contact **Bill Strout** at 913/236-3050.

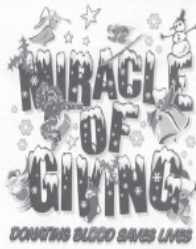
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**Annual Blood Drive Set for Jan. 5, 2006**



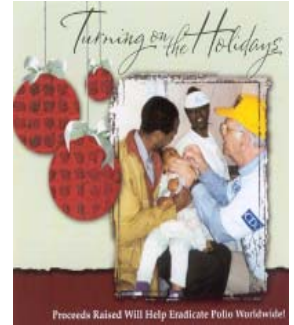
Our Community Service Committee has coordinated with the Muehlebach Hotel and the Community Blood Bank and has set Thursday, **Jan. 5**, as Club 13's Blood Drive. The

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.

**Turning on the Holidays CD**



The Turning on the Holidays CD, a collection of 20 songs, will be available for sale for \$15 at our December luncheon meetings.

The net proceeds will be donated to Polio Plus, which will help eradicate polio worldwide.

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