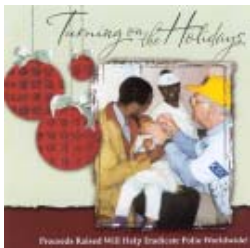
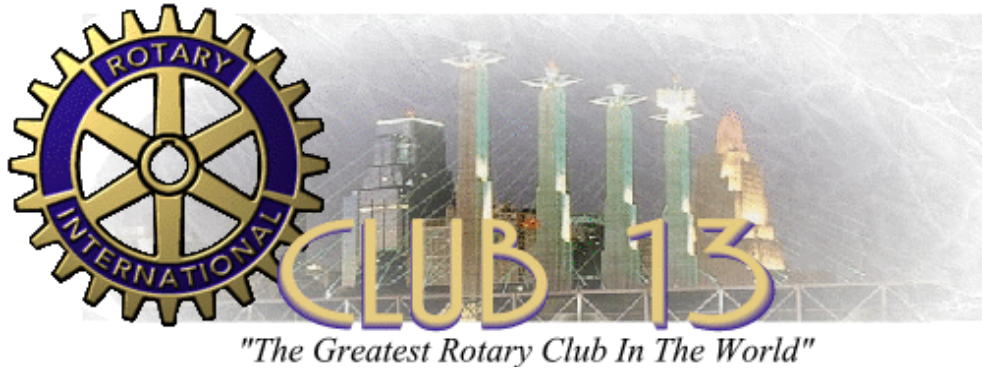


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The Turning on the Holidays

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.

These CDs will make great Christmas gifts for yourself and your associates. Buy early and keep one for ourself.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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 15, 2005

"HALLMARK'S CREATIVE PROCESS"

CARD WRITER, MOLLY WIGNARD AND ARTIST, STACEY LAMB



Hallmark has always enjoyed listening to stories about how its greeting cards have touched people's lives.

To hear even more personal stories, a Hallmark greeting card writer and artist will join us to hear firsthand how cards have impacted our lives. They will share their own sources of inspiration and uncover the secrets to creating beautiful holiday cards.

Molly Wigand recalls that at a young age she thought that writing greeting cards for a living would be "halfway fun." "I was right," Wigand says, "except it's not halfway fun, it's just plain fun."

Stacey Lamb truly enjoys her job as a senior illustrator for Hallmark. She has worked on a variety of projects but mentions cards for children are her favorites.

Hickman Mills High School Music Group will be singing holiday music prior to today's meeting. Don't miss it.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Trianon Room



Invocation:

Don Stebbins



Welcome:

Dan Gabbert

GREETERS: Keith Smith, Jim McKee, Bill Mumford, Frank Toplikar and Tom Van Dyke



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

SERVICE Above Self

December 15 — The Bill Brown Memorial Coat /Warm Clothing Drive
Bring your donations to the Rotary luncheon meeting

December 22 — Tom and Jerri Party — Another Club 13 tradition

December 29 — Kids & Grandkids Day

January 5 — Club 13 Annual Blood Drive

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**LAST THURSDAY --
 December 1, 2005**



by
Jim Holmberg

ci-vil-i-ty: courtesy; politeness.

The Rev. Emanuel Cleaver's passionate plea for civility in politics from Kansas City to the halls of Congress struck a responsive chord last Thursday. Returning to Club 13 in his first visit since being elected to Congress, Cleaver summarized his comments in one of his first sentences: "These are very, very tough times and very, very mean spirited times in Washington."

Cleaver simply stated, "Hatred is dumb!" He went on to say that nothing in the Abrahamic tradition, nothing in the Torah, the New Testament nor in the Koran tolerates hatred. He asked, "How is hate going to solve the major problems that this nation faces"? He said civility starts with him and with a bipartisan "civility caucus" he is working on starting.

He went on to say that the federal budget deficit is the second most im-

portant issue for Congress. Displaying a large chart, Cleaver pointed out that interest alone on the federal deficit is the third largest expenditure in our national budget. To emphasize his point, he stated that the minute a baby is born in the U.S., he/she inherits a \$26,000 chunk of the national debt.

Emanuel Cleaver was introduced to Club 13 by our "world champion MC and joke meister," **Myron Sildon**, who set the bar high for the congressman's presentation. The silver fingered **Carl Boelte** and the silver throated **Ted Dahlberg** helped us honor Rotarians with December birthdays and then pulled us through "Winter Wonderland". President **Tom Terry** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Dan Pearson** offered our invocation and **Mary Lou Nash** introduced a dozen visitors and one visiting Rotarian.

Diane Scott received Service Above Self recognition for her work on numerous projects, especially the Turning on the Holidays CD. These CDs are now being sold to Rotarians world wide through an ad in the Rotarian magazine. If you want to pick up a copy or a dozen while inventory exists contact **Diane** or the Rotary office. By the way **Diane's** apartment complex was the location of the successful Plaza Lights Fellowship last Tuesday. **Kirk Carpenter, Mary Lou Nash** and **Nancy Trager** teamed up to make that event a success.

Prez. Tom acknowledged that **Susan Bell** will be traveling to Guatemala with a delegation from Rotary District 6040 to deliver and distribute approximately 70,000 pairs of shoes the district collected for orphans. **Susan** and **Steve Corbin** spearheaded Club 13's shoe donations.

Jerry Clark announced the formation of a committee to raise funds from the community to cover the annual shortfall in camp funding. The first community donor to "step up to the plate" is UMB Bank.

Leslie Dunn led the introduction of two new Club 13 Rotarians.

See you next Thursday. Remember to bring a warm coat to donate to the Bill Brown Coat and Clothing Drive.

The KC Rotary Club Foundation needs your support!

Kids/Grandkids Day at Rotary

If your kids or grandkids are wanting to do something fun during the week between Christmas and New Year's, bring them to Rotary lunch on Thursday, December 29. The program will be magician Devin Henderson who will be entertaining to all "kids" ages 4 to 94. Devin is funny and fun. Please call Janet in the Rotary Office with your number of guests.

The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive Thursday, Dec. 15



With the cooperation of the Marriott, drop-off containers will be again available for you to bring your coats and warm clothing to Rotary this

Thursday, 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.

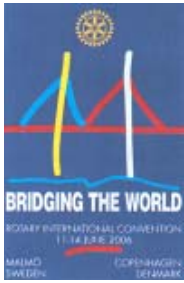
If you have any questions, please contact **Bill Strout** at 913/236-3050.

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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 to register on line.

Topcoat Weather



Just a reminder for members to place their business card in the pocket of their topcoat. This could save a few phone calls trying to find out who has worn your topcoat home by mistake.

Have you remembered the Rotary Club Foundation with a contribution?

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Literacy Committee needs your help!

Club 13's Literacy Committee is in need of volunteers to assist with support of Dictionary Project - Kansas City. We will be delivering dictionaries to eager third graders in approximately 12 schools in at-risk areas. Volunteers will be assigned in pairs to one or more schools to deliver the dictionaries and make a 30-minute presentation to the class, helping them get started in their use of the dictionary. A script for the presentation will be provided. The total time requirement, including preparation and travel time, should be about 2-3 hours or less and can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for the volunteers. Presentations should be completed by mid-January. Your contribution of a few hours to assist a young student in their use of a dictionary may have a significant positive impact on their learning potential. If you can help out, please contact the committee chair, **Bob Edwardson**, at 816/665-5972 (cell), or via email at edwardson@reeceandnichols.com.

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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.

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Bowling News

by Bob Weir

It was a get-even night for our Rotary bowlers as the alleys gave back big scores for some of poor nights previously, and maybe to compensate for the scheduling conflict with the entertainment committee Plaza party.

Games of 200 -plus with over 500 series were accomplished by Dan Couch, **Norm Waters**, George Moody, **Ted Middendorf**, Maurice Brownlee, **Bob Weir**, and even Past President **Karl Roscoe** had a 214! He claims it to be his first ever. (He does this every year...poor memory.)

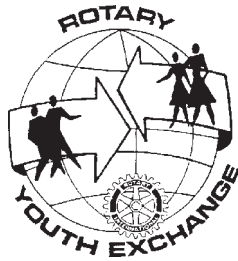
Just to show he's not a has been, last year's bowling league president, **Dick Harnes** put up a 214 with a 198, 199 for a pro-like 611! Then there's substitute Bill Riney with a measley 180 average scoring 247, 213, 218 - 678 series. (As they used to say about the N.Y. Yankees, "Ho Hum, so what else is new.")

I was going to report the standings, but I lost the sheet... it's very close and we only have eight games left in the first half.

We need Club 13 bowlers! Join now to be on a team for the final half of the season.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

HELP YOUR 16-19 YEAR OLD YOUTH EXPERIENCE THREE WEEKS WITH A EUROPEAN HOST FAMILY



During these holidays help your 16 to 19 year old apply for the low-cost Rotary summer youth exchange in France, Germany or Sweden. Rotary International matches your youth with a student about the same age for a three-week home stay abroad next summer. After three weeks abroad, your youth's new European friend lives with your family the following three weeks. The quality of the European hosts has been outstanding and the contacts made through these exchanges have often created life-long friendships.

THE PROCEDURE:

- A.** Request a Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange application from your Rotary Club office or the Rotary District 6040 youth exchange coordinator listed below.
 - B.** Submit the completed application to your local Rotary club or to the district YE coordinator ASAP. First come first served. The deadline is March 15 (Feb. 10 for Sweden.) Include photographs. Order passport.
 - C.** A Rotary Club president must approve the application for the district coordinator. The coordinator then forwards the application to his Rotarian counterpart in the chosen European country for "matching." Both Rotarian and non-Rotarian families are welcome.
 - D.** About May, we receive the matched European youth's application. When you approve this match let your club, district and European host know you accept, then the youths start getting acquainted via e-mail and/or telephone!
 - E.** The District Youth Exchange Committee makes group travel arrangements and schedules a family orientation meeting in May to discuss travel rules, customs, etc. Probable travel dates: Leave U.S. July 6, 2006, return from Europe July 27. European youths leave the U.S. August 17.
- COST:** Only transportation (est. \$1300), Rotary approved health insurance (est. \$115), and personal spending money! Each host family agrees to provide room, board and entertainment for its visiting guest.
- Questions can be directed to Rotary District 6040 Short Term Youth Exchange Coordinator **William C. Buckner**, 6526 Pennsylvania Ave., Kansas City MO 64113; wbuckner @kc.rr.com; Voice and Fax: 816/333-8807.



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Eberhard Hibben -- Dusseldorf (x12), Wiesbaden (x4) **Eberhard** says "hello" to his fellow Rotarians.

Janice Newberry -- Telluride, CO (x5)

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