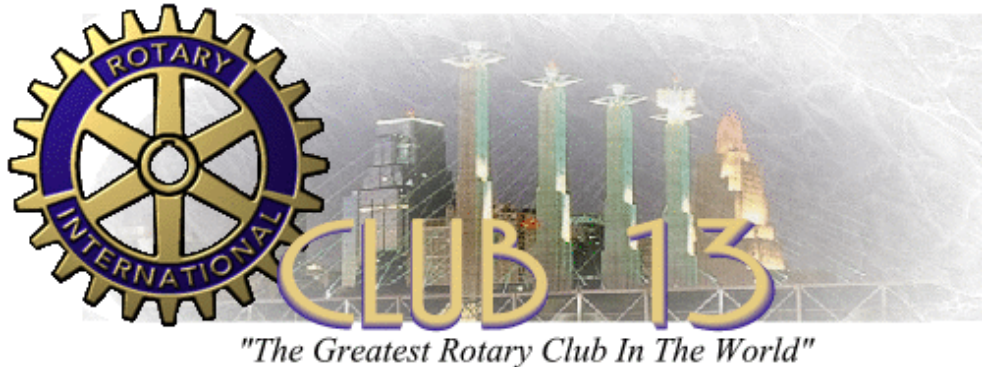


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"The Greatest Rotary Club In The World"

Rotary Youth Camp Ready For The Future

by Denny Bolte



There have been three major capital improvements at the camp since I became a member in 1978. Lloyd and Juanita Duncan lived in the old ranger house for more

than 40 years. It was old, drafty, small and inadequate in every way. In 1991 plans were laid and money was raised and with a certain amount of sweat equity on the part of many Rotarians we built a new house at a cost of \$125,000. It provides Laurie Mozley, our camp superintendent, and Rodney and Debra Hatton, our camp rangers, a full-time residence as they watch over and conduct the business of the camp.

In 1995 the camp board of directors realized that the pool had long since outlived its usefulness and was rapidly becoming a liability. The plumbing was obsolete and costly to repair. The pool leaked badly and all of the soil had washed away from one corner of it. It was an accident waiting to happen. Under the direction of George Matteson \$695,000 was raised, and with the very able assistance of Kermit Bright as our resident general contractor, we build a beautiful user friendly pool.

In 2005, under the direction of Jim Porter, we raised \$1.2 million to construct Cassell Hall. This new building is large enough to expand for the future: a new kitchen, storage space for everything, a safety place for campers in the event of a tornado. The building will be heated if necessary in the winter time and the kitchen will be air-conditioned for comfort in the summer. We owe a big debt of gratitude to John Malinee and Kermit Bright, who took charge of the project and brought it to fruition.

Club 13 can point with pride to these important additions. The camp has a future that is unlimited and we are grateful to everyone who made this possible.

Thursday's Meeting



June 2, 2005

ROTARY YOUTH CAMP -- CASSELL HALL DEDICATION



Rotary Club 13 will dedicate its new \$1.2 million, multi-purpose facility, Cassell Hall, at the Rotary Youth Camp on Thursday, June 2, 2005 at 11:30 a.m.

Cassell Hall will accommodate 240 campers. It is an all-weather facility, allowing the Rotary Youth Camp to accommodate camping requests throughout the year. It is twice the size of the former facility, at 8,200 square feet.

Cassell Hall is named for William L. Cassell, a Club 13 Rotarian for 54 years. His firm, W.L. Cassell and Associates, provided the mechanical and electrical engineering design work for many of the prominent public and private buildings constructed in Kansas City since the 1930s'. A generous contribution by his wife, Adelyn Holtzen Cassell, was made in his memory toward the construction of Cassell Hall. Mrs. Cassell will also be on hand during the dedication.

The dedication ceremony will include remarks by Becky Ottinger from the Joshua Center and former camper Joanie Reiser, as well as Royals Hall of Famer George Brett, a supporter of the Rotary Youth Camp for many years. Our own Denslow Bolte will serve as master of ceremonies and music will be provided by the Chuck Eddy Band with Tony DiPardo on trumpet.

The former dining hall, which served as the camp's main facility, dated back to the camp's beginning in 1925. Built originally to serve homeless and economically disadvantaged youth, it has been unable to effectively accommodate the growing number of campers 80 years later. By 2002, it was obvious that the structural integrity was such that replacement was imminent.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin at noon. Please RSVP to the Rotary office at 816/842-2322 if you plan to attend.



Rotary Youth Camp / 12:00 NOON / Cassell Hall



Invocation:
Bill Gray



Welcome:
Sally Bibb

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**LAST THURSDAY --
 May 19, 2005**



by
 Jim Holmberg

Hats' off to **Harlan Stamper** for bringing the best of KC's young quartets to Club 13. The Miede Maids from Bishop Miede Junior High and Trail Mix from an assortment of Olathe junior high schools charmed the crowd with their musical presentations.

President **Sally Bibb** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our poet laureate, **Steve Schleicher**, personalized our invocation, sharing thankful sentiments from his family's dinner table. **Patrick Meraz** welcomed our guests and visiting Rotarians.

President **Sally** thanked sports chairman **Bob Hagans** and his committee for successfully organizing the Lee Triggs Memorial Golf Classic, which netted over \$17,000 for the Youth Camp.

Brandon Boulware introduced the "Birdies for Charity" program. Participants pledge a small contribution per birdie at the upcoming Bayer Advantage Tournament. When Club 13's pledges exceed \$3,000 we qualify for matching funds from the tourney which means the more we give, the more we'll get for the

Youth Camp. Contact **Brandon** or **Guy Martin** or the Rotary office this week with your pledge.

Jan Canterbury was recognized by R.I. Foundation committee member **Dave Norton** for her major (level IV) donation to the foundation.

Ann Johnson introduced our speaker, Rotarian **Ed Long**, regional co-chair of the Center for Practical Health Reform. **Dr. Long** addressed the state of U.S. health care saying we need to "look at the sickness and then maybe we can suggest a solution."

He identified four problems with our health care system. "Adverse Selection" simply means that healthcare insurers don't want to insure sick people. The underinsured or the poorly insured have to go somewhere for healthcare services and by using resources such as mandatory emergency room service they are "Cost Shifting."

"Moral Hazards" are the third major hurdle for U.S. healthcare. Abuse of the system comes from the hands of both patients and vendors. This abuse may be outright fraud or it might take the form of poor life style choices, which he says account for 40% of U.S. healthcare claims. He said the fourth problem is simply "Paper Medical Records." The surprising statistic is that 20% of medical tests have to be repeated because of lost paperwork.

RotarZoo

The Entertainment Committee has planned another FUN FAMILY night for you to enjoy. The Kansas City Zoo will be providing, of course, the wonderful animals as well as train tours. **Chuck Eddy** and his band will play wonderful music to enjoy and you may even choose to dance with the monkeys.

You can have a hotdog with the hippos; a soft drink with the seals; and who knows what else **Carl DiCapo** will be providing.

The admission cost is \$5 per person for adults; children under seven are free. Refreshments will also be \$5.

So mark your calendar for Friday, **June 10**, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and make it a night to remember. If you choose you may bring your own picnic basket or purchase hamburgers from the zoo vendors.

If you are interested in attending RotarZoo, kindly give the Rotary office a call at 816/842-2322 with your reservations. We need only numbers for planning purposes. No need to send any check in as monies for admission and food costs will be accepted at the zoo.

CELEBRATION

by President Sally Bibb



Our Rotary International theme this year is Celebrate Rotary and what a privilege we have to celebrate the dedication of our new multipurpose building. Through the years, Club 13

Rotarians have dedicated time and resources to the Rotary Youth Camp and they continue their commitment of service so that children with disabilities and disadvantaged youth are able to have a quality camping experience. As Rotarians join together on June 2 with camp users, camp donors and camp staff, we will enjoy fellowship, share the joy of this new building and look forward to the happy experiences it will bring to the children. Let's celebrate!

George Brett to give remarks at Dedication Meeting



George Brett is in his 12th year as the Royals vice president-baseball operations, continuing his long-time association with the organization. The 51-year old Hall of Famer, who was selected by the

Royals in the second round of the 1971 June Free Agent Draft, spent his entire big league playing career in Kansas City before moving into the front office following his retirement in 1993.

Brett is involved in numerous charitable causes as well as several enterprises. Brett has served as honorary co-chair of Greater Kansas City Day for a number of years.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

June 9:

New Member Orientation

10:30 -- Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:00 -- Burgundy Room

June 15:

Board of Directors

4:00 -- B & A, Inc.

3131 Broadway, KCMO 64111

June 16:

Program

11:00 -- Burgundy Room

Rotary Sing-a-long

11:30 -- Piano in Trianon Room

William L. Cassell



William L. Cassell was chairman of the W. L. Cassell & Associates mechanical and electrical engineering firm. Mr. Cassell opened his engineering company in the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. building in 1933 and worked from the Union Carbide building in downtown Kansas City from 1940 until he retired in 1981. He remained as chairman of the board. Earlier he worked for York Refrigeration in St. Louis for two years, for Walter E. Gillham, Architect, and then for Holt Price and Barnes Architects for 10 years. He was past president of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers. He graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

He worked on buildings in Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas. He did the Kansas City Main Library, the Power and Light building, St. Luke's and Research hospitals, Commerce Tower, Ten Main Center, Hallmark Cards, and buildings at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and Columbia, and Rockhurst and Avila colleges and high schools.

Mr. Cassell was president of the Metropolitan Junior College trustee board in 1969 and 1970 and the president of the former Rock Creek School Board in Kansas City for 21 years. He was a 54-year member of Rotary Club 13 and a 40-year member of the Kansas City Club. He was a member of the Ararat Shire, the Scottish Rite bodies and the McDonald Masonic Lodge, Independence. He was a member of the 40Years Ago Column Club and a member of the Blue Ridge Methodist Church.

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Preserving The Past – Building For The Future

Jim Porter, Chair, Preserving the Past- Building for the Future Committee



It takes a community to rear a child and it takes a community to build a building. Three and a half years ago, Nov. 1, 2001, our first requests went out to local foundations and corporations. We began a capital campaign to replace our World War I surplus building, which had served our camp for 80 years.

The original dining hall was built to serve homeless and economically disadvantaged youth – not the young people with physical and emotional disabilities we serve today. Better ventilation and more space for wheelchairs were required. In addition, year-round weekend usage required heating, which was not needed when we were only a summer camp. Now, the only weekends we are closed are Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Easter. Finally you will see a new kitchen that is up to code with a storage area added and an existing basement that can be utilized for a storm cellar. In short, we're ready to go for at least another 50 years!

Our dedication today would not have been possible without the generosity of the following foundations, corporations, trusts and individuals: American Century Foundation, R. A. Barrows Foundation, H & R Block Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield in honor of Dave Bywaters, Brace Foundation, Harlan Burkhead, Cameron Irr. Trust, Cumonow Foundation, Vivian Curtis, Dunn Construction Co., William N. Gillmor, Arvin Gottlieb Foundation, Hall Family Foundation, Garratt L Holland, Wm. T. Kemper II Charitable Trust, W. T. Kemper Foundation, Kirk Foundation, Kuehn Foundation, Mary E Martin Trust, McGee Foundation, Stinson Morrison Hecker in honor of Robert Kroenert, Miller Nichols Foundation, Northwestern Mutual Foundation, Oppenstein Brothers Foundation, Doyle Patterson Trust, J. B. Reynolds Foundation, Sprint Foundation, Stilwell Foundation, Sunderland Foundation, and George & Ada Ultch Foundation. Bank of America, Commerce Bank, UMB Bank and US Bank have provided individual assistance in locating pertinent trusts. In addition, two individual Rotarians, Bob Hagans and Fred Merrill, made substantial cash gifts.

Gifts in kind have been a most important part of our new building and were received from the following companies, thanks to the listed Club 13 members: Structural Engineering Assoc, [Kermit Bright], Junk Architects [Rob Junk], W. L. Cassell & Assoc. [Bill Mumford], Quality Roofing Co. [Chris Boland, Norm Waters and Dick Harmes], Desco Coatings [Rich Crouch], Overhead Door Co. of K.C. [Ed Newcomer], Metal Doors & Frame Co. [Kevin Smith], Roscoe TV-Video [Karl Roscoe]. In addition, USG Corp., W.C. Tingle Co., and Neighbors Construction Co. were generous with gifts in kind. Also, a gift in kind was given in memory of Rotarian Bob Brownlee by Marc Horner.

Finally, Adelyn Cassell's substantial gift in memory of her husband halfway through the campaign, gave us great momentum and enthusiasm to "keep making those calls." Fortunately – in making those calls" and "writing our requests" – our fund raising team stayed focused. Thanks go to Denny Bolte, Jeffrey Byrne, Chris Heller, Phil Kinney, George Matteson, John Malinee, Gary McEachen, Don Patterson, Joanna Sebelien, Michael Tarry and Marie Whitmer for a Herculean effort!

I'd like to close with two stories of the campaign. During the campaign I received a Boy Scout Newsletter celebrating Eagle Scout Ben Champion's receipt of a 2003 Rhodes scholarship. In his biography it had mentioned that he had served at the Rotary Youth Camp for the disabled. I contacted him and asked if he could share any of those experiences. He e-mailed me a four-paragraph piece entitled, "The Value of Serving Others." It's noteworthy to me that Ben said, "I spent a week teaching and *learning from the campers...*" Not only are the disadvantaged and disabled served at our camp, but a Rhodes scholar as well!

Three weeks ago I played in a charity golf tournament for Joshua Center – a camp user. As I was leaving, a woman was working on the computer and I asked her if she was totaling golf scores. She said no, she was getting ready for the Rotary Youth Camp, as they were the first users this summer. (She had no idea I was a Rotarian.) I said "sounds like fun!" Her response – "They change lives out there," followed by "and they've got a brand new multipurpose center!" She was excited and so was I. I introduced myself and asked her name. It was Becky Ottinger, who will speak to us today. Her spontaneous remarks made my day.

So thanks to all of you who are about "changing young lives."

History of Youth Camp Management

by Phil Kinney



1924-1990: The Youth Camp Board of Directors, elected by Club 13 members, delegated operational responsibility to Youth Services Committee, with a resident caretaker family at the camp. The major weakness of this operational structure, brought about by the almost annual change in the committee's chairperson, became more and more apparent during the 1980s'.

Resident caretaker families:

1929-1951 Mr. & Mrs. Ravenscroft

1952-1955 John & Betty Kiniary

1956-1990 Lloyd & Juanita (Cookie)

Duncan—For most of those years Juanita was the camp cook during the summer.

1991-1996 Dean Olsen

& Carol Block

1997-2000 Don & Becky Shields

2000-2005 Rod & Deb Hatton

1991-2005: The Youth Camp Board of Directors was restructured in 1991 with a president plus five other members appointed to staggered five-year terms by the Club 13 Board. This provided the needed operational continuity, and the camp board continues active management of the camp.

Youth Camp Board presidents:

1991-1994 Don Patterson

1994-1998 Phil Kinney

1998-2001 Bill Gray

2001-2003 Marc Horner

2003-2005 John Malinee

Starting in 1991, with the retirement of the Duncans and the management restructuring, the position of camp superintendent was created to provide a professional hands-on operational presence. This allowed us to meet the ever-growing regulatory and environmental requirements we were facing while also providing a more complete camping opportunity for our users.

Camp superintendents:

1991-1999 Bob Walden

2000-2005 Laurie Mozley

The Rotary Youth Camp provides camping experiences available to youth service organizations in the Greater K.C. area without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

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MY REFLECTIONS OF THE ROTARY YOUTH CAMP

by Bill Gray



Shortly after I joined the Camp Board, Bob Walden announced his retirement as camp director. Bob had lived and breathed his work for many years and we knew he would be hard to replace. Laurie Mozley had been swimming pool director, had worked with all of the camper groups and had excellent educational background. Although we had many applicants, Laurie stood out as the best. We are fortunate both Bob and Laurie have been devoted to our camping mission.

In early 1999 the dining hall roof developed numerous leaks. Also, we noted that camp sessions in early June and late August were more difficult to schedule because of school vacation changes. Long-range planning required an "all weather" building, since future camp sessions may occur during spring and fall school breaks. The old roof was patched. The Camp Board requested that Club 13 President Jerry Moeller appoint a committee to plan and finance a new hall.

Six years later, after lots of Rotary effort and much generous community support we can now dedicate this wonderful place. If only we could each witness the faces of the Campers as they see it for the first time this summer.

My Memories of Youth Camp

by Marc Horner

My earliest memories of Rotary Youth Camp go all the way back to my Boy Scout days when I was nine or 10 years old. The camp seemed miles out in the country then from my school at 89 and Wornall. I remember cooking out at the fire circles and running into a metal pole while we were playing hide and seek after dark.

Then in the 1980s' I remember working on multiple electrical fix-up projects for the Electric Association before I was even a Rotarian. My father in law, Bob Brownlee, got the Association involved in a lot of electrical improvement projects in that era and we worked many weekends cleaning up very old and very scary electrical issues at the camp.

I remember many Camp Enterprise sessions over the years and how the kids complained about the rustic nature of the camp when they got there, but were very sad to leave at the end of the weekend.

And I remember so many friends showing up to help on workdays. Cold, wet and miserable days with lots of hard work that left our muscles aching for days afterwards. The camp would not be what it is today without the efforts of so many wonderful people.

A LOOK BACK

by Tom Terry



As a new Boy Scout in Troop 16, my early camping experiences were not positive. Being homesick and cold did not make my first two overnights a good experience. I could not imagine that my third overnight at the Rotary Youth Camp would be any different. This was where Troop 16 held one of its winter overnights each year. When we arrived that Saturday morning, the snow and the temperature both began to fall. However, the protection of the cabins and the serenity of the surroundings made that overnight one of the best ever. I look back at that overnight as the turning point in my scouting career. Four years later I was back at the Youth Camp at the Rotary Picnic as the son of a Club 13 Rotarian, I was 14 years old and playing bingo in the dining hall. I won a red windbreaker! I had no idea that 27 years later I would be the President-Elect of Club 13 and participating in the dedication of Cassell Hall. The Rotary Youth Camp has impacted thousands of lives (including mine) and will impact thousands more!

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This Year at the Rotary Club Youth Camp

Laurie Mozley, Camp Superintendent



This is the 81st summer for the Rotary Club Youth Camp. There will be 12 sessions of campers and staff using the camp this summer. That means about 1,200 people will benefit from the experiences they have out here during the summer. We did not have as many off season campers this year due to the construction of the multi-purpose building. Normally we have between 4,000 and 5,000 campers from September to May. The camp's annual operating budget this year is approximately \$250,000. This money is provided by a portion of the club members' dues, USDA government funding, and fundraisers held by Club 13. The Rotary Club Youth Camp Foundation makes up the difference.

This year there is a staff of 22 people for the summer; 17 are returning staff members. Five of the returning staff members have been on staff for five or more years and six are new staff members. Each year Club 13 volunteers come out two weekends in the spring to prepare the camp for the upcoming season. This year was no different. There was much more to do with the completion of construction of the multi-purpose building. The camp would not look this great without these dedicated Rotarians. The Auxiliary provides crafts and other supplies for the Girl Scout session each summer and many come and help the campers do the projects. The Auxiliary also brings cookies that are the highlight of the lunch that day! The camp operations and long-term plans are overseen by the Rotary Club Youth Camp Board. These Rotarians are committed to making sure the camp stays true to its original purpose of serving the disabled and disadvantaged youth of the Kansas City area and beyond. The groups that will be using the camp this summer are:

ARC of Clay and Platte Counties: This group brings out individuals who are mentally disabled. Many of these campers are over 18 and live in group homes.

The Bridge Home for Children: This group brings out youths who are placed in their care by the courts. They are primarily emotionally disabled and economically disadvantaged inner-city youth. This center started out as a Home for Boys, but has expanded to also include girls.

Camp Opportunity: This group is made up of children who are in the Missouri foster care system. They have been removed from their homes and placed in a foster home. They are emotionally disabled. This group sets up a one-to-one counselor/camper relationship much like a big brother or sister relationship.

Heart of America Council of Boy Scouts of America: The Boy Scouts bring out their disabled campers. There is a wide spectrum of disabilities with this group. They set up a one-to-one camper/staffer relationship. This group has a troop that stays out at the "outpost" the entire session and cooks out many of the meals. This group stays at camp for nine days. The campers come for five days and the staff has three days of training before and one day of cleanup after the campers leave.

Heart of America Indian Center: This group serves the Native American youth of the Kansas City area. These campers are economically disadvantaged. The staff teaches Native American culture and history. The campers have a mini pow wow during their session. This group has started a Counselor-In-Training program to help keep the older youths (14-16 yrs) involved. This is the second year for the CIT program.

Martha Kurtz Hillman Joint Adventures: This group was originally sponsored by Children's Mercy Hospital in KC, but is now sponsored through a grant from the Martha Kurtz Hillman trust out of Children's Hospital in St. Louis. The campers from this group have been diagnosed with arthritis, lupus or other rheumatology conditions. Hot tubs are brought out for the campers to use in the mornings and evenings.

Joshua Child and Family Development Center: This group brings out campers who have Tourettes Syndrome. Many of the campers have other related disorders along with tourettes. Most of their staff is made up of family members and staff from the center. Campers come from all over the Midwest region.

Marillac: This group brings out children who have been removed from their homes and placed at the facility by the courts. Marillac has been helping the emotionally disabled children in Kansas City for over 100 years. During their session their regular staff reports out to camp instead of to Marillac. The youngest campers usually come out for the day, returning to the center after the evening activity to sleep in their own beds. There is a group that stays out at the outpost to sleep every night.

A Mother's Thanks

by Laurie Mozley



I am writing this to you as a mother who wishes to express my heartfelt thanks to you all. My daughter, Megan, and I first became involved with the Rotary Club Youth Camp when she was five years old. She spent the next 13

years growing up in an environment that did not condemn or judge people who were different. She experienced the diversity of our culture in a safe atmosphere. She got to meet, interact with and observe the adults who made sure that this place continued to exist year after year. She saw Rotarians in action serving other people and caring. All of these experiences enabled her to grow into the wonderful young woman she is today.

I want to thank those Rotarians who took the time to talk with her each time they were at camp. She remembers you and the way you made her feel she was important. Rotary and what it stands for has become important to her. She has learned to look beyond herself and discover ways to serve others. She is excited every year as the camping season draws nearer; she loves the camp most when it is bustling with the activity. She became a volunteer at the age of five and has continued to help out where she was needed throughout the years. She encouraged her friends to come and all of them walked away changed by what happens out here.

I look at her counting down the days until graduation and I count you all among the blessings she has received through her experiences at the Rotary Club Youth Camp. Thank you for taking the time to visit with Megan when you are here, and for asking about her when you are not. I know that she takes the spirit of Rotary with her as she goes off to college.

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This Year at the Rotary Club Youth Camp *(continued from page 5)*

Mid-Continent Council of Girl Scouts of America: This group also brings out a variety of disabilities. They can be mildly disabled all the way to needing to be fed and cared for 24 hours a day. The campers range in age from eight to 24 years old. The counselors come from all over the world. This is a Destination Opportunity provided for older scouts. The counselors go through an application process and must do research in order to qualify to be on staff. Many of these counselors go on to work in health or education-related fields. They also have a group that stays out at the outpost cooking several meals there. This group has two sessions of campers. The campers are here for seven days. The staff does training at the camp before the campers arrive and clean up after they leave.

MidWest Brachial Plexus Network: This is our newest group. They heard about the camp through the advertising of the Camp's 75th anniversary. This group comes out in family units. The children are physically disabled: their brachial nerve bundle was damaged during the birthing process and one or both arms are effected. This group typically comes out over a weekend so that the families can come together. The campers are younger than most other groups, some being as young as two years.

The Rotary Youth Camp RYC By the Numbers !

Did You Know:

by John Malinee



- Cassell Hall is approximately 9,835 square feet, consisting of 5,488 square feet of dining space, 1,960 square feet of kitchen, and 1,883 of basement, which can be utilized as a storm shelter.
- Cassell Hall was constructed at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million - \$127 per square foot - and was designed by Junk Architects. P.C.
- Structural engineering services were provided by Structural Engineering Associates, Inc.; mechanical and electrical design services were provided by W.L. Cassell & Associates.
- Food facility design consultants were provided by Santee/Becker Assoc., LLC.
- The general contractor was Neighbors Construction Co. Inc. and approximately 30 subcontractors were required to complete construction.
- The RYC will host 6,925 full-funded camper days this summer for our special needs campers.
- The RYC will serve 18,390 meals this summer to our special needs campers.
- The RYC will serve these meals at an average cost of \$1.62 per meal.
- That RYC 2005 annual budget is approximately \$250,000.
- The RYC Pool requires 110,000 gallons of water to fill to capacity.
- The RYC encompasses approximately 40 acres of land.
- It takes approximately 18 man hours per week to cut grass at the camp.
- The RYC paved nature trail is approximately 1/4 mile long.
- The RYC camp features 13 cabins which sleep 12 persons per cabin.
- The RYC "outpost facility" consists of 15 platform camping sites which will accommodate a total of 30 campers.
- The RYC equipment barn was previously a Kansas City Trolley Barn, which was moved to the camp grounds.
- The RYC has two full-time rangers and a full-time camp director who live on the property year round.
- The summer camp staff will consist of 24 associate workers performing jobs consisting of dishwasher, cooks and life guards.

My Experiences at the Rotary Camp

by Christy Chester



I'm not the best writer in the club or even the world. I have been given the task of telling what the dining hall means to me. Well, when I joined, the first big event was KC Day, which meant I was raising money for a place that I had only seen once and in the winter time at that. I could tell just by the dining hall that this was a great place for kids to come and have a great time. It remind me of my days at Camp Bob White.

Shortly after KC Day they had a work day at the camp to get it ready for summer. I worked with Denny Bolte, Don Patterson and Phil Kinney. Our first job was to take the shutters off the windows. Boy, was that work. The shutters were bigger than I am. Well, I guess that's not saying much. Once we got that done someone said that the gutters needed to be done. I just said where's the ladder. If someone will move the ladder for me I will be glad to climb up and down and clean them out. Could not move the next day, but it sure was a lot of fun. I think the guys were surprised to see me jump right in. We also helped clean the inside of the hall. Looking at all the banners a lot of the guys would say, "I brought that one back from this vacation or that one." Made me understand that I had joined a group of people whose hearts are as big as the world. I miss the looks of the old dining hall, because it just fit, but the new hall will do the old one proud. I know that it will mean just as much.

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