

# BUZZSAW

ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



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## Dining Hall Dedication



Thursday, June 2, 2005 will be the dedication of the new dining hall. The regular Rotary meeting will be held at the camp.

This building is a beautiful new structure designed for the future to accommodate groups of all kinds. This will be your opportunity to see the camp and to look at this state of the art building. Club 13 is proud of this accomplishment.

Rotarians, mark your calendars for this special day. More details to follow. You won't want to miss this!

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

### May 12: (Marriott)

#### The Rotary Connection

10:45 - 11:45 -- Count Basie "B"

#### Camp Enterprise

11:00 -- Yardbird A

### May 18:

#### Board of Directors

4:00 -- B & A, Inc.

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### May 19:

#### Rotary Singers

11:30 -- piano in Trianon Room

### June 9:

#### New Member Orientation

10:30 -- Lido Room

#### Membership C&Q

11:00 -- Burgundy Room

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

## Thursday's Meeting



May 12, 2005

## KATHLEEN SEBELIUS

Governor of Kansas



Kathleen Sebelius won election as the 44th Governor of Kansas in November 2002, thus becoming the first daughter of a U. S. governor (John Gilligan, Ohio, 1971-75) to serve in that same position.

She served four terms (1987-1995) in the Kansas House of Representatives and two terms (1995-2003) as the state's insurance commissioner, and was named one of *Governing* magazine's "Public officials of the Year."

Over her first two years in office, Governor Sebelius placed the state on sound financial footing, steered the Kansas Economic Growth Act to passage, and restructured the existing comprehensive highway package, insuring timely completion of all projects.

She also proposed sweeping educational reforms and has put forward several common sense health care proposals to reduce costs and increase insurance coverage.

Governor Sebelius serves as policy chair of the Democratic Governors' Association.

**Marriott Hotel**

**/ 12:00 NOON / Count Basie "A" Ballroom**



**Invocation:**  
Bob Lager



**Welcome:**  
Randy Williams

**GREETERS:** Dan Doty, Jim McKee, Bill Robison,  
Ray Weatherbee and David Westfall

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

May 14 & 21 -- Work Days at the Rotary Youth Camp

May 16 -- 17th Annual Rotary Youth Camp Golf Classic at Longview Lake -- Sign up TODAY!

May 17 -- Annual Bowling Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Figlio's

May 19 -- Edwin T. Long, M.D., will speak on "Health Care Crisis: What Can We Do?"

May 26 -- Annual Memorial Meeting--Trianon Room at the Muehlebach Hotel  
June 2 -- Dedication at Rotary Youth Camp



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**LAST THURSDAY --  
 April 28, 2005**



by  
 Scott Wagner

President **Sally** opened the meeting on a quiet note as the microphone wasn't operating properly. Despite this, tenor extraordinaire **Bob Lager** and Rotary maestro **Carl Bolte** lead the club in a rousing "My Country Tis of Thee." Then **George Bittner** proved that the power of a good invocation can work wonders as the microphone was restored to working order during his time at the podium.

President **Sally** recognized the many guests that were in attendance, including several from Midwest Research Institute. She also recognized **Jim Shultz**, who received the Kansas City Chiefs' first Lifetime Achievement Award. Among **Jim's** accomplishments is the creation of Red Friday, an event that has raised thousands of dollars for Kansas City charities.

She also reported that the camp multi-purpose building is only weeks away from completion. It's just in time, as campers return in early June. Also the club will have its golf classic on May 16.

Speaking of golf, this year the club will be participating in the Bayer Advantage Golf Tournament. We need lots of volunteers to work concessions and parking. Money raised goes to the camp.

This Thursday saw a number of new Paul Harris Fellows. President **Sally** introduced the new Paul Harris Fellows specifically for Polio Plus. These Fellows participated in the CD fundraiser that raised \$12,000 for the program. Then **Rowland Nofsinger** introduced the Paul Harris Fellows for General Operations. **Rowland** also recognized **Carl Bolte, Denny Bolte, Woody Davis, Gene Freeman** and **John Miller** for their continued support of Rotary. He also gave the club greetings from his son, stationed in Iraq.

President **Sally** announced the first Rotary Connections event on May 12 from the Vocational Services Committee. These roundtables will allow members to introduce their businesses to one another. These are volunteer events that will occur every quarter. She also announced the online version of Rotary Connections, which will be available by July 1.

**Leslie Dunn** introduced the Business Executive of the Year, Dr. James Spigarelli, CEO of Midwest Research Institute. The two met 29 years before when "Junior Scientist" Dunn went to work for Spigarelli. His integrity, ethics and professional morality made him her choice for Business Executive of the Year.

Dr. Spigarelli received Club 13's Business Executive of the Year award. District Governor **John Miller** presented him with the Rotary Centennial Award for Professional Excellence, signed by Rotary International President Glenn Estess.

Dr. Spigarelli then addressed the Club and thanked it for the award. He explained more about the Midwest Research Institute. The company was begun 60 years ago toward the end of World War II by local leaders who wanted to keep federal money coming to Kansas City. Among the original trustees was Harry Truman.

During its first phase the company did research for a variety of companies. The prototype for the Mr. Coffee machine and the candy coating for M&M's were among MRI's early accomplishments.

During its second phase the company increased its involvement with the federal government. In 1977, MRI won a grant with the State of Colorado to investigate renewable energy and efficiency. This partnership still exists today.

Today, MRI works hard on taking discoveries and translating them to products for the consumer. Its client partnerships have resulted in spinoff businesses that have become new revenue streams. MRI has also done a number of projects with national ramifications including mobile lab modules in Iraq and an analysis lab in Washington, D.C., that is tracking biological threats.

MRI's role in Kansas City continues to grow as it is taking a lead in the life sciences, Science Pioneers and even doing a solar Habitat for Humanity home.

**THE ROTARY CONNECTION**

The Vocational Services Committee invites you to attend the inaugural event of The Rotary Connection. The Rotary Connection is a program of Rotarians helping Rotarians succeed. The first event will be this Thursday, **May 12**, at 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. in Count Basie "B" Ballroom. In a friendly setting with fellow Rotarians you are invited to share your "15 Second Elevator Speech" (copies of the document explaining how to create such a speech can be obtained from the Rotary Office). You are encouraged to share any other marketing material you would like to share as well as talk about your business for about five minutes to an audience of nine other Rotarians sitting around a table with you. For a little fun and perhaps profit (if you win) we will select a winner of the "15 Second Elevator Speech," who will be able to share his/her speech from the podium at a future club meeting. Together we serve and grow and conduct business for a better community and life.

**Reflections**



A book of Memories about Rotary in Missouri has been compiled by Mary Ann Miller. Club presidents, scribes and historians, governors, and youth exchange students contributed their stories to this collection. This book was

put together in celebration of Rotary's 100th birthday in February 2005. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Rotary Foundation. Copies will be available in our Rotary office for \$10 and at our luncheon meetings. Make your check payable to The Rotary Foundation.

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## Looking back into history ... Club 13 celebrates it's 95th Anniversary!



by Scott Corbin

Club 13 was founded on May 15, 1910 with 58 members. Its first president was Lee Mettler, who is pictured to the left.

I thought everyone might find it interesting to read a somewhat edited version of Lee Mettler's recap of that first year:

"It was five years after that prophetic meeting in Chicago in 1905 between Paul Harris and a few of his business cronies before much was heard in Kansas City about the new Rotary idea. Twelve clubs were organized and were prospering before any definite action was taken here to interest business men in Rotary.

"Three years after the convention in Chicago in 1908, San Francisco lead off and in 1909, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles joined the parade. The idea was gaining momentum in the early months of 1910, New York, Boston, Tacoma, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis and New Orleans were in the fold. Kansas City fell into rank this same memorable year of 1910, 13 from the head of the column.

"On an April Sunday morning the conversations were begun that lead to the making of a Rotary Club in Kansas City. The St. Louis club had been organized the preceding February and a gentleman bearing the name of Bruno Batt had been elected its first president. Bruno Batt was a piano dealer and made frequent visits to Kansas City and on the Sunday referred to was a guest with Dr. Archie N. Johnson at the home of a mutual friend.

"Doctor Johnson was considerably impressed with what he heard about this new club and he was asked to take the initiative required to start a club in Kansas City. A few days later he had lunch at the Elks' Club with Lee Mettler, the local manager of the Pittsburg Water Heating Company. Another luncheon discussion resulted and the four original starters of this Rotary Club elected themselves to office in this order: Lee B. Mettler (Water Heaters), President. Dr. A. N. Johnson (Physician), Vice- President. Daniel E. Bird (Attorney), Treasurer. Otto Wittmann (Auto Supplies), Secretary.

"They set the dues at \$1 per quarter and began soliciting their friends and acquaintances to join. There was a fine of 10 cents for being late and a 25-cent penalty for calling a fellow member "Mister."

"The first Rotary luncheon was held at the Elks' Club a few days after the organization meeting with the following in attendance: Lee Mettler (Water Heaters); Dr. Johnson (Physician); Dan Bird (Attorney); Otto Wittmann (Auto Supplies); Thos. Cusack (Outdoor Advertising); George Wasson (Baking Powder); John Wiles (Crackers); Bill Hendricks (Stamps and Dies); Dr. C. W. Gosney (Eye and Throat Specialist); C. W. Jones (Ticket Agent - C.R. I. & P.); G. F. Beach (Auto Turntables) (whatever those are!); Lyle A. Stephenson (Insurance-Accident, Health and Life); Albert Pico (Automatic Registering Machines); Thos. P. Watts (Plumbing); and L. J. Ingalls (Laundry).

"In June of 1910 the Chicago Rotary Club sent out invitations to the 13 clubs then organized to send representatives to a Rotary convention in Chicago in August. On the basis of membership Kansas City was entitled to two delegates and Albert Pico and Lee Mettler were this club's representatives.

"Within a few months after Chicago convention the Kansas City Club membership grew to 200. Dues were increased from \$4 to \$10 and the weekly luncheons were moved from the Elks' Club to the Dixon Hotel. Members paid for their food at each luncheon.

"The winter of 1910-11 was filled with club activities. The first night affair was held with the ladies as guests and the two speakers that night were Senator James A. Reed and Reverend E. Combie Smith."

Lee Mettler, President, 1910-1911



Dixon Hotel, 12th & Baltimore

## ANNUAL PGA CHAMPIONS TOUR 2005

Rotary Club 13 has undertaken this fundraiser opportunity to provide volunteers at the PGA Champions Tour event, June 6-12, 2005. We will need a total of approximately **400** volunteers over the course of this seven-day event. We will be staffing the parking lots and the concession stands for this exciting event and plan to raise thousands of dollars for our Rotary Youth Camp. Parking will involve direction and control of cars parking in specified parking lots, plus collecting \$5 per vehicle in the general parking lot, all of which goes to our Rotary Camp. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed for parking control. Concession volunteers will sell food and beverages to the attendees of the event. Our Rotary Camp will receive 10% of the gross take of concessions!

Volunteers get free parking + free food + free one-day admission to any day of the event.

Some restrictions and limits apply, especially to the amount of food which is available on the day you volunteer. Volunteers may use their free tickets for different days other than the days they work if they so desire. Additionally, they may volunteer for multiple days and get multiple tickets. Friends and family are eligible for this great, wholesome, family event. Minimum age is 15 with a parent or 18 without.

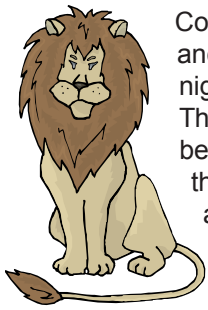
Parking control shifts require orange safety vests and traffic cones, which will be provided. Golf course clothing requirements applies to both areas: no denim, no short shorts and you will need a collar on your shirt. Monday's first shift is at 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., p.m. shift from at noon until 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday's first shift is 5:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; p.m. shifts is at noon until 6:00; Wednesday through Sunday the a.m. shift is at 5:00 a.m.-noon; p.m. shift 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Concession tent shifts begins Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday a.m. shift from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with p.m. shifts from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Your sons, daughters, grandkids and friends are welcome to participate.

Please contact **Chris Boland** at **816/472-4000** and let him know how many volunteers you can provide.

## 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.

*Have you remembered the Rotary Club Foundation with a contribution?*

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## 17th Annual Rotary Youth Camp Golf Classic (The Leon Triggs Memorial Golf Classic)

**Monday, May 16**, Fred Arbanas (Longview Lake) Golf Course, 11:00 a.m. shotgun start —

\$150 per player

Includes: golf fees, carts, lunch, goodie bag, prizes, cocktails & steak dinner. On-course prizes and four hole-in-one contests.

Name _____	Name _____
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Address _____	Address _____
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Make checks payable to : Rotary Youth Camp  
 Proceeds of this event go to the operations at the camp.

- I will be a hole sponsor for \$150.
- I will donate a prize (minimum \$25 value).

*The KC Rotary Club Foundation needs your support!*

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## Tyrotarians Achieve their 100 Participation Points in Tyro Orientation Program

This week, **Dick Crovisier** (sales manager with ABC/Fry-Wagner, Inc.) and **Gene Renner** (chairman, Delden Manufacturing Co., Inc. completed their 100 participation points.

**Dick and Gene**, you may remove the red ribbons from your badges. Great job!



Dick Crovisier



Gene Renner

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