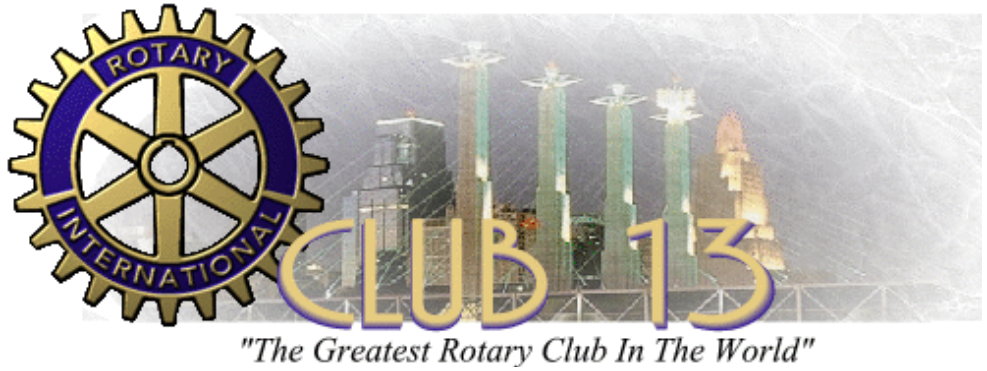


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ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



## The Rotary Connection

*Rotarians Helping  
Rotarians Succeed*

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005**  
**10:45 — 11:45 a.m. -- Trianon E**

The Rotary Connection is this Thursday beginning at 10:45 a.m. in Trianon E.

Come with your 30-second infomercial, marketing material to pass out and a willingness to make new business contacts. In case you do not know about Speed Connections, the concept is similar to "Speed Dating." Each Rotarian will have up to 10 face-to-face "marketing opportunities" in one hour to connect with other Rotarians. You will have four minutes in each opportunity to exchange your respective marketing message, develop business relationships and/or just get to know each other. It is a great opportunity to exchange business cards, collateral materials and/or practice your marketing pitch (*be creative*).

RSVP to the Rotary office if you are planning to participate.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**November 17:**  
**Literacy Kansas City**  
11:00 — Rendezvov Area

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

Thursday's Meeting



November 10, 2005

## "I AM AN AMERICAN" MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT L. SHIRKEY



Three years ago this month retired Maj. Gen. Robert L. Shirkey was honored at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth with the presentation of a Green Beret and Special Forces Tab. The award was belated recognition of his service as a member of the Alamo Scouts, a small, daredevil band of warriors who operated behind enemy lines in the Southwest Pacific during World War II.

General Shirkey led a team comprised of one officer and five enlisted men who infiltrated Japanese-held islands to gather information about fortifications, troop numbers and suitable beaches for invasion forces. His and other Alamo Scouts teams were forerunners of the Army Special Forces Green Berets.

General Shirkey, who still practices law in Kansas City, retired from the Army in 1984 after more than 44 years of service.

**Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room**



**Invocation:**  
Neal Colby



**Welcome:**  
Bill Conklin

**GREETERS:** Army Veterans — Dave Bryan, Bob Cohen, Dave Norton and Dick Retrum  
Navy Veterans — Ed Knisley, Jerry Moeller and Ray Rowland

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

November 11 — Rotary Night at the American Heartland  
November 12 — Salvation Army bellringing begins  
November 17 — Steve Hunter, author of "The Assassination of Truman"  
November 24 — Thanksgiving Day — No meeting  
December 1 — Congressman Emanuel Cleaver  
December 8 — Club 13 Annual Holiday Party



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**LAST THURSDAY --**  
**October 27, 2005**



by  
 Jim Holmberg

It's all about people. Add up the billions of dollars, count the destroyed buildings, add in the shattered infrastructure, but when you calculate the devastation of a disaster like Hurricane Katrina the real measure is the impact on people. Last Thursday we had the benefit of Rotarians **Matt Meyer** and **Ted Dalberg** with KC Southern Industries executive Emerson Bouchard sharing their perspectives of Katrina's impact on people.

**Matt**, CEO of the American Red Cross in KC, detailed for us the enormity of executing a plan to house and feed the thousands of homeless in 21 shelters in just one parish. The storm lashed not only the general population but also the local staff that organizations like the Red Cross have in place. He reported that 90% of the Red Cross staff based in southern Louisiana also lost their homes.

Emerson said that even though KC Southern suffered company losses in the storm it was physically up and running within 48 hours. The economic devastation of Katrina was felt in lost revenue as there was little to ship because of the refineries and industrial plants out of commission. But he pointed to people, the 80-plus employees were homeless and some MIA and the storm's real toll. He told us of the steps taken by KCSI to help those employees, even down to small things like paper towels, bottled water and gasoline.

**Ted** took slightly more than "the 2½ minutes remaining" to reveal an important aspect of this or any disaster situation. Yes the Salvation Army housed and helped feed and clothe people but it also reaches out to people with hope. He gave a ten-dollar acronym, CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management), that boils down to helping people with shattered lives recover and re-establish. This is more of a one-on-one activity than the massive food and shelter needs. Ted pointed out that people need individual attention and counseling because they are overwhelmed with endless lines and moving en masse and sleeping with little or no privacy.

**Col. Ted** pulled double (and potentially hazardous) duty teaming up with **Carl Bolte** to lead us in singing "America the Beautiful". President **Tom Terry** welcomed us and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tanja Heinen** gave a thoughtful invocation and **Mary Kingsley** welcomed a half-dozen guests and three visiting Rotarians. Prez **Tom** announced good news in that **Gene Freeman** is recovering following surgery last week and sadly noted the death of Adele Cassell, a prime benefactor of the new Cassell Hall at the Youth Camp. Service Above Self recognition went to **Scott Burnett** for his efforts on behalf of the Youth Camp in negotiations with Jackson County.

Past President **Sally Bibb** announced our slate of Club 13 director and officer candidates.

**Jerry Cooke** said he was grateful for the enthusiastic response from Club

13 volunteering to ring bells for the Salvation Army. He still needs almost 40 volunteers for the first weekend so sign those forms and ring those bells! **Peter Ho** encouraged all Rotarians to participate in the next Rotary Connection event and **Dick Retrum**, sans guitar, promoted Rotary Night at the American Heartland on Nov. 11.

See you next Thursday.

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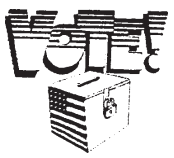
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## These Are Your Officer Candidates in the Upcoming Election!

It's nearly time to elect the new leadership of Club 13 to take office in July 2006. There are two candidates for president-elect, two for secretary-treasurer and six candidates for three board seats. Ballots will be mailed out Nov. 21 (before Thanksgiving) and must be returned to the Rotary office by Dec. 8. (Returned ballots are required to be signed on backs of envelopes.) Announcement of election results will take place at the Dec. 15 regular luncheon meeting.

### Candidates for President-Elect

**Ford Nelson**



A partner with Armstrong Teasdale, Ford joined Club 13 in 1999 holding the classification, Law-Business Practice. He currently is Secretary-Treasurer of Club 13. He has served as a board member and on the History, Ecology and Downtown committees and has served as either chair or co-chair of those committees. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and is active on GKC Day, as a Salvation Army bell ringer and on work days at the Youth Camp. Ford is active in the community and is a board member and on the executive committee of both the Citizens Association and the Friends of the Zoo. He is active and a committee member for the Downtown Council and the Greater K.C. Chamber of Commerce.

**Chuck Vogt**



Chuck joined Club 13 in 1996 with classification of Promotional Items-Awards. He is co-owner and vice president of sales of All Star Awards and Ad Specialties. He has served on the Board of Directors and as Service Division leader. He is the current Membership Development chairman and has chaired the Camp Enterprise and Urban Peace Committees. In addition to the committees he's chaired he has served on the Public Relations and Youth Camp 75th Anniversary committees. Other Rotary activities include the Bowling League, Salvation Army bell ringing and being an area coordinator for GKC Day. Outside of Rotary Chuck serves on several boards including the Greater KC Sports Commission and the Centurion Alumni Board of the GKC Chamber of Commerce.

### Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer

**Jerry Clark**



Jerry has been a member of Club 13 since 1994. His classification is Past Service, Insurance-Casualty. He was vice-chair of the Downtown Committee in 2003-2004 and served as chair of the Camper Sponsor Committee last year.

A Paul Harris Fellow, his Club 13 activities include GKC Day, Salvation Army bell ringing, Fireside, Camp Enterprise, Camp Maintenance and Royal Round Up for Kids. His community involvement includes The American, the Porsche Club of KC, the JOCO Chapter of Pheasants Forever, the Meadowbrook Country Club and his church.

**Doug Nelson**



A financial advisor for AIG VALIC, Doug holds the classification of Financial Planner. He was named Committee Chair of the Year for his work as chair of the Education Excellence Committee in 2003-2004. He continues to chair the EE committee that he has served since joining Club 13 in 2001. He has also served on the Camp Enterprise Committee. His Rotary involvement includes Salvation Army bell ringing, Royal Round Up for Kids, GKC Day and Camp Enterprise. Outside of Rotary Doug is a Royal Lancer, on the American Royal Government and Education Committee and a member of the KC Blazers Water Polo team.

## American Heartland Theater



Friday, Nov. 11, is Rotary Club 13 night at the American Heartland Theater. Rotarians and their guests will enjoy "The Buddy Holly Story," which

brings to life those magical early days of rock 'n roll when a skinny kid from Texas burst onto the scene with a new sound and songs destined to become classics. You'll hear them all: "Everyday," "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be the Day," "Johnny Be Good," "Rave On," "Oh Boy" and more. Plus you'll be wowed by "guest" appearances from the Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens in a roof-raising finale. Cost is \$17 per person. An added value of the evening is the option to have a wonderful dinner at Milanos for only \$15 per person. Don't miss this great evening of good food and entertainment.

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**Chuck Vogt, Jr.**

## Ring Bells for Salvation Army



Rotarians from Club 13 have been bell ringing for Salvation Army for many years.

This year, we will have eight locations and four Saturdays to fill, from Nov. 12 through Dec. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The locations are: J.C. Penney's (Oak Park Mall, inside upstairs); Hy-Vee (135th Street); Hy-Vee (119th & 169 Hwy.); Price Chopper (95th & Mission Rd.); Barnes & Noble (Plaza); McDonalds (Plaza); Halls (Plaza -East Door); Halls (Plaza-West Door).

Nov. 12 is approaching quickly so we must get volunteers as soon as possible. Each shift is two hours in duration.

Signup sheets for each date will be on the tables at the weekly luncheons. We are in need of 192 volunteers.

Help chairman **Jerry Cooke** out and give him a call at **816/942-0207**.

Tyros can earn six points for each shift.

Let's get in the giving mood and serve some of our time for this worthy cause. Isn't that what Rotary is all about?

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## Start Thinking Now About Candidates for the 2007-2008 Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Rotary Club 13's Scholarship Committee is looking for applicants for the \$25,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship for study abroad for the 2007-2008 program year. Due to the lengthy application process, the Scholarship Committee requests that you forward names and contact information for potential applicants as soon as possible to **Tom Davis**, 816/691-3439 or via email to [thdavis@stinsonmoheck.com](mailto:thdavis@stinsonmoheck.com). If at all possible, we request that applications be turned in before the end of the year, but applications will be accepted through January 21, 2006.

The goal is for Club 13 to submit one candidate to the district for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. More information is available about the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program from the "Educational Programs" section at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Potential candidates are encouraged to visit the website and investigate the qualifications and expectations thoroughly before applying.

Generally speaking, college students who are graduating this year or next year, and who want to study abroad as part of their post graduate studies, are best suited to apply for the Ambassadorial Scholarship. Candidates should be outgoing, have a good grade point average, excellent communication skills and be willing to fulfill the "ambassador" function by representing Rotary Club 13 at Rotary Clubs and other public events in the chosen country abroad.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

Applicants must have completed at least two years of college-level coursework or equivalent professional experience before commencing their scholarship studies abroad in the fall of 2007.

- Initial application must be made through a Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment.
- Candidates cannot be Rotarians, Honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood or legal adoption), spouses of lineal descendants, and ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood) of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible. Please note that Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has resigned from club membership.
- The scholarships are not appropriate for students seeking to continue studies already begun at a foreign institution.
- Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.

In addition to the criteria listed above, applicants for academic-year and multi-year Ambassadorial Scholarships must be proficient in the language of the proposed host country. Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship applicants must have completed at least one year of college-level coursework or equivalent in the proposed language of study.

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