

BUZZSAW

ROTARY CLUB 13
KANSAS CITY, MO



"The Greatest Rotary Club In The World"

Mark Your Calendars to Attend Our Annual COG Party

Rotary Club 13's annual "Changing of the Guard" (COG) party will be held on Thursday, June 29.

This is a great opportunity to honor our outgoing president, **Tom Terry**, and welcome our incoming president, **Rick Halterman**.

Your Entertainment Committee is finalizing details for a fun and entertaining night at the Pavilion at Arrowhead (south side of stadium).

More details to follow. Look for the invitation to be arriving soon in the mail!

CPR/AED Duty Schedule June 1, 2006

1. Leader— **George Heymach**
2. Compress — **Phil Kinney**
3. Ventil — **Bob Lager**
4. Defib — **Janet Ellis**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

June 1:

New Member Orientation

10:00 — Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:15 — Burgundy Room

Community Service

11:00 — Trianon E

June 15:

Camp Enterprise

11:00 — Burgundy Room

Program

11:00 — Lido Room

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

Thursday's Meeting



June 1, 2006

"A NEW STAR IS BORN" MARK ZIEMAN, EDITOR, *THE KANSAS CITY STAR*



Mark Zieman was named editor of *The Kansas City Star* in 1997, after serving as managing editor for news since 1992. As editor, he oversees both the newsroom and the editorial page staff.

Zieman founded the newsroom's Diversity Committee and helped lead efforts to revamp *The Star's* Code of Ethics and expand its coverage of community news. The newsroom also launched a book division and initiated charitable community efforts including Hooked on Books, which has distributed more than 400,000 books to area

school children, and the Coda Jazz Fund, which has raised more than \$100,000 for the funeral expenses of destitute jazz musicians.

As an investigative reporter and later as projects editor, Zieman directed several award-winning series for *The Star*, including one on the U.S. Department of Agriculture that won a 1992 Pulitzer Prize.

Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room



Invocation:
Marcia Bolton



Welcome:
Nick Scielzo

GREETERS: Newly inducted members, along with their sponsors, will serve as this week's greeters.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

June 8 — Eric Gearhart, director of business and industry partnership, SKILLS, USA

June 9 — Friday, Rotary night at the Zoo, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

June 15 — Robert Baer, former CIA agent and author of *Syriana*

June 22 — Jeffrey Kaczmarek, president and CEO, Economic Development Corp.

June 29 — Changing of the Guard Party —

Mark this date on your calendars!



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 May 18, 2006**



by
 Jim Holmberg

Last Thursday was a day to celebrate excellence in education as Club 13 recognized Kansas City schools. EE committee members **Doug Nelson**, **Gerry Moeller** and **Tanja Heinen** presented plaques to principals from N.E. High School, J.A. Rogers Academy, Sweeney Elementary, Mary Harmon Weeks School and the University Leadership Academy. Chairman **Doug** also invited Rotarians to serve as Advisory Committee members for the district's Excellence Fund. For more information contact the Rotary office or **Tanja Heinen**.

Sans Harmony Explosion winners we had to open the meeting in song. Fortunately we had **Carl Bolte** and **Charlie Huffman** to lead us in "God Bless America." President **Tom Terry** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jennifer Diaz offered our invoca-

tion and **Nick Scielzo** welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians. **Denny Bolte** offered eloquent memorial remarks honoring past President **Max McCallister** who passed away May 12. As many of you know, **Max** was responsible for inaugurating Greater Kansas City Day, which became major funding lifeline for our Youth Camp. We all joined **Denny** in saying "Here's to Max." Here-here indeed!

Tom Tupper and **Bob Edwardson** received this week's Service Above Self recognition. **Tom** was recognized for his community service efforts in Brookside and **Bob's** work with the Literacy Committee earned him a blue wristband.

Phil Kinney reminded us of the opportunity to serve at the Greater KC Golf Classic and earn funds for the Youth Camp. You can sign up with the sheets on your table or at Club 13's web site www.rotary13.org. **Randy Wistoff** encouraged us to make plans for Rotary Night at the Zoo on Friday, June 9. **Gene Freeman** introduced 14 new Paul Harris Fellows on behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

The room nodded in agreement as Sr. Vickie Perkins said a quality education is the only thing that will change the status quo in the urban core. Sr. Perkins, the president of the soon to open Christo Rey High School, told us about the new school that seeks to integrate a college preparatory education with good work skills. The students will "pay" for their education with a job share program where one day each week finds them in a real job.

The school's goals extend beyond education to teach leadership skills, workplace skills, a broadened scope or worldview and hope. Completion of high school is just a short-term goal as Sr. Perkins says that she'll only consider their efforts with a student successful when the student graduates from college. Christo Rey High School will serve students from both sides of the state line.

The Kansas City Rotary Club
 Foundation needs your
 contributions to support our
 Youth Camp.

Education Excellence Awards

The Education Excellence Committee of Kansas City Rotary Club 13 presented its annual Education Excellence awards Thursday. Utilizing year over year test score improvement using the MAP tests, the following schools and their principals. were recognized.


Edward F. Swinney Elementary School-Don Bell; Mary Harmon Weeks Elementary School-Yvette Hayes; J. A. Rogers Middle School-Arlene Penner; Northeast High School-Vicki Murillo; University Leadership Academy (Charter School), Patricia Henley.

This is the first year that the Education Excellence Committee recognized the accomplishments of a charter school. Measurement was based upon movement of students out of the lowest quintile, as well as movement of students into the highest quintile, in communication arts and mathematics.

Also in attendance were Philomina Harshaw and Dr. Phyllis Budesheim, Executive Directors, KCMUSD, Robert Stevenson, University Leadership Academy board of directors; and Edwin Birch, Director of Public Information, KCMUSD.

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2006 Greater KC Golf Classic



The Senior Tour is coming back and we are running the parking lots again this year. In 2005, 156 volunteers raised over \$14,000 for our Youth Camp in the worst weather week (13 inches of rain with two days of tournament play cancelled) in Senior Tour history.

For 2006, the tournament week has been changed to a much drier time, Monday, June 26, to Sunday, July 2. With good weather we should be able to raise over \$25,000. We have learned from last year's experience and this year we only need 126 volunteers.

That means that each volunteer opportunity will mean a \$200 contribution to our Youth Camp. At the May 4 meeting 46 volunteer opportunities were snapped up. Don't miss out — sign up NOW!

Every day that week we have morning and afternoon shifts available. Our greatest need is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

BONUS: Every volunteer will get a FREE one day pass to the tournament for each shift they work. You can use it or give it to a friend.

Go to our Club 13 website www.rotary13.org and click on 2006 Greater Kansas City Golf Classic — Parking Volunteers to find out what shifts are still available.



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE ZOO

JUNE 9, 2006 (FRIDAY) 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

The ROTARY NIGHT AT THE ZOO is back by popular demand. Mark your calendars for Friday evening, June 9, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. **Randy Wisthoff**, zoo director, has been in negotiations with all the animals to request that they be available after hours for this special Rotary event. There were rumors of a strike by some of the animals. They would agree to entertaining Rotary humans only if extra rations of food would be served and that they be allowed to sleep in on Saturday morning. A representative of the monkey faction of the animal negotiation team insisted that all the Rotary Clubs in the metropolitan area be invited to join Club 13 at the zoo. This concept was almost a deal breaker but **Randy** agreed and invitations have been forwarded to all local Rotary clubs. Some of the animals thought it would be nice if we could combine our picnic dinner with their feeding time. In other words, share a meal together. This idea was given a lot of thought before it was dropped. There was concern about who might end up being a meal.

So all the details have been worked out. The sea lions will put on a show along with some very talented birds. There will be free train, tram and boat rides. Children three and under are free. Everyone else is a \$10. ticket purchased at the zoo gate. Please call Janet at 816-842-2322 to RSVP or you may go to our website at www.rotary13.org and click on the Zoo link. Remember....the zoo is kid friendly...so bring lots of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

Your board of directors met on May 17 for its regular monthly meeting.

Following are meeting highlights:

Classification changes were approved for **Steve Clarke** from Active/Mortgage Financing to Active/Insurance-Healthcare, **Fred Drummond** from Active/Insurance-Education & Training to Active/Financial Services-Business, **Neal Colby** from Active/Religion-Catholic Social Services to Active/Consultant - Health & Human Services, **Lori Hewitt** from Under 35/Non-profit-alliance of Community Educators to Under35/Education-Workforce Development, and **Madaline Walter** from Active/Consulting-Organizational Development to Additional Active/Mortgages-Reverse Mortgages.

Resignations were accepted with regret for the following: **Rob Ault**, **Robert Becker**, **Jack DiCapo**, **Sarah Hatfield** and **Brian Standage**.

Exception Policy request was granted for one year to **Peter Young**.

Membership proposals published in the May 18 *Buzz Saw* were approved.

The Rotary Volunteer of the Year, Tyrotarian of the Year and Committee Chair of the Year were voted on and will be announced at the June 22 Rotary luncheon meeting.

A presentation on our club's new website business directory was given by **David McCaughey** and **Phil Kinney**. This project will be announced to the membership in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at a location to be determined.

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New Paul Harris Fellows



At the Thursday, May 18, Rotary luncheon meeting, **Gene Freeman**, a member of the R.I. Foundation Committee, recognized our newest Paul Harris Fellows. They are: **James Brenneman, Frank Cockrell**, Bruce Cohen posthumously by **Bob Cohen, Gopi Govindan**, Sudha Govindan, **Paul Lovegren, Jay Menitove, Janice Newberry, Doug Nelson, Charlie Rogers, Myron Sildon**, Sharon Van Dyke and **Cynthia Weber**.


Invocation Guidelines

by Dan Doty

It seems time to once again talk openly about a topic that in today's world is unfortunately controversial. Over the last few months, I've talked to fellow Rotarians who had opinions about our invocations they wanted someone to hear. Some felt that at times our invocations were offensive to non-Christians (those who prayed in Jesus' name for example). Others felt they didn't want to do an invocation for fear of offending someone or having someone "correct" them for their heartfelt but politically incorrect prayer. Still others felt that if they were asked to give the invocation they would want to have the liberty to pray according to their religious convictions — as they would in their own homes, churches, synagogues, mosques or temples. Still others felt that Rotary prayers should always be generic so as not offend anyone.

Because we are from many backgrounds and various faiths we will not come to a unanimous agreement on this topic. What I would propose is that we: 1) recognize and appreciate our differences; 2) grant one another liberty to pray according to one's individual faith and beliefs; and 3) be sensitive and thoughtful as we pray (e.g. if you typically would close your prayer, "in Jesus' name," make sure to say "I pray," rather than "we pray." Former Club 13 member Rabbi Zedek actually offered that advice.

I personally have not been offended as a Christian when others have offered some prayers that were far from where I am. I guess I've always felt that in a group like Rotary, people of other faiths should be allowed to express that faith. I personally am never offended at the prayers offered by my Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish or Hindu friends. I expect them to pray as they are comfortable and in a way that expresses their faith. Can we all agree to grant one another the liberty to pray according to one's own personal faith?



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In Memoriam



Max B. McCallister
1918-2006

Max B. McCallister, a member of Club 13 since 1977, died May 12 at John Knox Care Center.

Max served as president of Club 13 for the year 1986-87. Prior to that, he served on our board of directors during 1984-86, and also as secretary-treasurer during 1981-82.

Max served as a member of the 1985 R. I. Convention Host Committee, and was chairman of the speakers subcommittee, which was directly responsible for making presentations to clubs in the metro area, District 6070, and the districts contiguous to 6070 promoting the convention and gathering support.

While president, **Max** had the desire to establish a yearly fund-raiser to increase Club 13's endowment fund (the K.C. Rotary Club Foundation), and thus insure the continued perpetuation of our Youth Camp, which led to the very successful Greater Kansas City Day fund-raiser.

In addition to his participation in Club 13, **Max** was active in many civic activities, including on the board of directors of Junior Achievement and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Club and ISIS Shrine.

Max was a Paul Harris Fellow as well as a K.C.R.C. Foundation Fellow.

A contribution to the K.C.R.C. Foundation has been made in **Max's** memory.