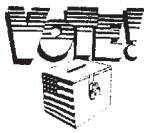
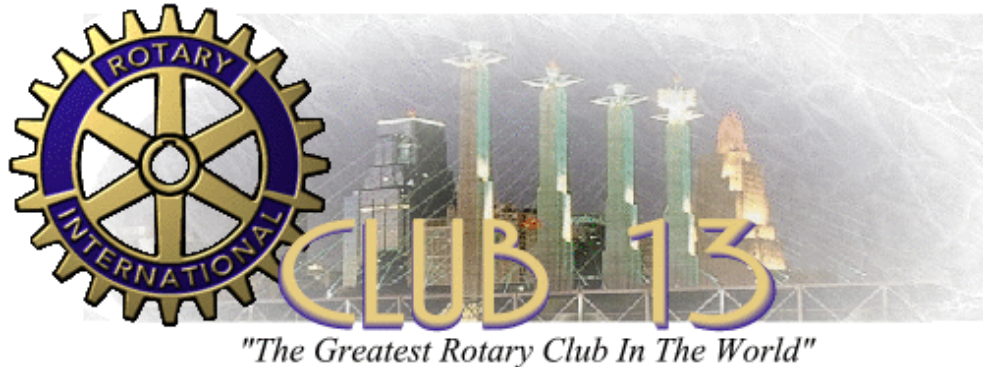


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ROTARY CLUB 13
KANSAS CITY, MO



Be sure to return your Rotary election ballot to the Club 13 office by noon on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Ballots are required to be signed in order to be counted so please sign the back of your ballot envelope.

Results of the election will be announced at our Tom & Jerri Party luncheon on Dec. 20.

Thursday's Meeting



December 13, 2007



Come and join us for our
Club 13 Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Pershing Hall

6:30 p.m. - Cocktails - Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. - Fabulous Dinner

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Dancing

Featuring the Chuck Eddy Band

Black tie optional, complimentary parking, \$55 per person
RSVP by December 10, 2007

CPR/AED Duty Schedule December 13, 2007

1. Leader — **George Heymach**
2. Compress — **Bob Lager**
3. Defib — **Janet Ellis**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

December 19:

Board of Directors

4:00 — All Star Awards

835 W. 39th Street, 64111

January 3, 2008

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:15 — Burgundy Room

Blood Drive

10:30 - 2:00 p.m. — Trianon E

January 10:

Tyrotarian

11:00 — Trianon E

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

Menu consists of:

Tossed field greens with balsamic tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella
white balsamic vinaigrette

Assorted rolls with butter

KC strip steak with Jack Daniels demiglace

Cheddar mashed potatoes

Asparagus and red pepper strips

Pumpkin cheesecake with carmel sauce or pate trio with

dark chocolate pate with peppermint schnapps, white chocolate

pate with raspberries, and milk chocolate pate with walnuts

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

December 13 — Club 13's Annual Holiday Party at the Hyatt
No luncheon meeting at the Muehlebach this week

December 20 — Annual Tom & Jerri Party — Colonial Ballroom

December 20 — Bill Brown Memorial Warm Coat/Clothing Drive

December 27 — Kids' and Grandkids' Day

January 3 — Annual Blood Drive (see page 3)

January 3 — Tom Hoenig, president, Federal Reserve Bank



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 November 30, 2007**



by
Jim Holmberg

Last Thursday an appreciative Rotarian asked Chris Kuehl what gives him unique insight into the world's economics. Kuehl, managing director of Armada Corporate Intelligence, replied that his secret weapon is a host of former students and colleagues around the globe. Whatever the source, we enjoyed his unique point of view and sense of humor as he shared his thoughts on a wide range of topics including housing, transportation, oil, international currency and the Abu Dhabi investment in Citigroup.

Kuehl told us that considering the technical definition of a recession we aren't headed into one; however, certain parts of the economy such as housing are already in recession. Proclaiming 2008 as a year of transition, his positive outlook is rock bottom prices, low mortgage rates and pent-up demand pointing to a housing re-

bound.

"Oil is an easy way to keep score" so it is used as a benchmark, he said, but he views high oil prices more as an imposition and not a killer to the economy. He noted Saudi Arabia is "losing patience with OPEC" and is already increasing production. It will be interesting to watch the Saudis' presence in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations since Kuehl claims some 80% of the workers in Saudi oil fields are Palestinian.

Is a weaker U.S. dollar a good thing? Kuehl told us many economists says the dollar "is just right" because it aids our ability to export. He noted that much of the 3.9% economic growth in the fourth quarter came from exports.

When we arrived last Thursday we were greeted by genuine members of the greeting committee. Almost before the call to order bell stopped ringing, the ever ready **Harlan Stamper** bounded to the podium, leading us in singing *God Bless America* with **Carl Bolte** manning the piano.

Alan Corbet offered our invocation, asking for strength to live out the 4 Way Test. **Debra Shultz** welcomed our guests and a visiting Rotarian. In an "interlude," President **Chuck Vogt** stepped to the podium, commending **Debra** and her committee for the excellent work they are doing in preparation for the Stand of Colors event next May.

Good news from recovery bay: **Vince Rawson** is now home and making progress. Recognizing Rotarians in the news, **Prez Chuck** cited **Paula Willett**, who was honored by the Police Athletic League for her leadership contribution, and **Tony DiPardo**, who was honored by NFL films for his musical contribution to professional football. **Alan Warne** took his moment in the Rotary Spotlight to tell us about Silver Fox Associates and the contribution of seasoned citizens to the workplace.

You're down to the deadline to send in your ballot for Club 13 officers and directors and to make your reservations for the annual holiday party at the Hyatt. See you next Thursday.

Attention: All Members
This is a reminder that our roster is intended for the personal use of MEMBERS ONLY and is NOT for general distribution, nor is it to be used as a commercial, charitable, political or personal mailing list.

The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive



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

Tom & Jerri Party on Thursday, **Dec. 20.**

This will be the last day of our drive. Remember, it 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, contact **Bill Strout** at 913/236-3050.

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Annual Blood Drive Set for Jan. 3, 2008



Our Community Service Committee has coordinated with the Muehlebach Hotel and the Community Blood Bank and has set Thursday, Jan. 3, as Club 13's Annual Blood Drive. The Trianon E room will be the location for us to donate from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At this time of the year, especially after the holidays, blood is needed.

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 or e-mail janet@rotary13.org and schedule a time before lunch or after to donate.

Tyros can earn eight points for donating. Who says we won't take blood for Tyro points?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

Your board of directors met on Nov. 28 for its regular monthly meeting, although a week late due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Following are meeting highlights.

Camp superintendent Laurie Mozley presented the 2008 Rotary Youth Camp Association budget for review and fielded questions for better understanding how the budget was arrived at.

A Membership Classification change was approved for **Bill Mitchell** from Active/Architecture-Engineer to Past Service.

The membership resignation request of **Dale Palmer** was accepted with regret.

The membership proposals of Paul Van Dyne and Thomas Walker, Jr., published in the Nov. 15 *Buzz Saw* were approved via e-mail since the board meeting was moved up one week.

Treasurer **Doug Nelson** reported on the September financials and noted that our expenses were less than budgeted. He commented that we are continuing to take in new members and our resignations are few.

The board reviewed a request for funds for Costa Rica Village Playground equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded that we partner with the Lee's Summit Sunrise Rotary Club and send \$500 for the Central American kids' play equipment. Motion carried.

It was noted that our meal cost would increase after the first of the year. An open discussion regarding a dues increase took place. It was decided that a letter from our president will be included with the '08 dues statements informing members that we will NOT have a dues increase if we continue to bring in new members. There is also the possibility that we could lower our dues if we maintain a higher number of members in the club.

The next board meeting will be Dec. 19, 4:00 p.m. at All Star Awards & Ad Specialities.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
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BOWLING NEWS:

by Dick Retrum



Let's start by acknowledging today's high game bowlers: **Gordon Gilpin** 234 (his first 200 game this season), **Bill Riney** 234, **George Moody** 208-215-235 (a 658 series), **Linda O'Dell** 222, **Steve Schleicher** 218, **Dan Couch** 214 and **Ted Middendorf** 206.

It should also be mentioned that **Sherilyn Seitz** rolled a 160. This is her highest game ever. She's using the same ball her mother used 20 years ago.

The Past Prez's are five games ahead of the second-place Merry Democrats. Team Captain Kay Roscoe is determined to catch them. "Those guys are good.....but their name says it all....PAST." "It's the Democrats who will win in the future." Are we still talking about bowling?

Heard on the lanes today: I'm still stuffed from Thanksgiving. Are there rules in bowling about delay of game? I've asked Santa for a new ball and bag this year.

Does Rotary have a Bowlers Hall of Fame? I'll be in Germany next week. There's no way that wasn't a strike. Where is Triggs? And the most stunning thing heard today was: Who won that MU-KU game?

Remember our Best Cheerleader trophy winner last season? He just turned one. As in one year old. Congratulations Brendan Sotta and thank you Mom for bringing a birthday cake to the lanes today to celebrate this event.

Have you remembered the Rotary Club Foundation with a contribution?

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In the name of the Youth Camp, Club 13 has taken on the responsibility for cleaning up all the roadside trash on Colbern Road in front of the Youth Camp. The area of responsibility runs from County Park Road (Randy's Nursery) on the west to Blackwell Parkway on the east, a distance of approximately 0.9 miles.

We are obligated to pick up trash on both sides of the road a minimum of once a calendar quarter.

Initially I am looking for five volunteers willing and able to take advantage of this opportunity. We will do each clean-up on dates (weekday or weekend) that work best for all involved. Our first clean-up must be done before Dec. 31.

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Some Highlights from Bell Ringing ...

by **Bob Weir**

Sherilyn Seitz and **Dick Brown** dressed the part and I understand want to put dry ice in the pot so that their story to little donors "that putting money in will cause the pot to boil, see the smoke!"

And talk about taking advantage of the situation, **Al** and **Mary Tikwart**, on the Plaza the day of the MU-KU football game, probably set a record take by instigating a rivalry of who could outdo the last donor, MU over KU and vice versa.

Anybody else have a story?



Sherilyn Seitz and Dick Brown having a delightful time with the kids.



Jim McLarney and Howard Mick followed **Sherilyn and Dick** and had to come up with their own story.

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