

# BUZZSAW

ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



"The Greatest Rotary Club In The World"



In spite of the rains, Greater Kansas City Day on April 8 raised over \$74,000 for our Rotary Youth Camp and other children's charities.

Thanks to all who volunteered for this event. We hope you feel mighty proud as we do!

## CPR/AED Duty Schedule April 24, 2008

1. Leader — **Gopi Govindan**
2. Compress — **Ken Craven**
3. Defib — **Janet Ellis**

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

### April 24:

**Education Excellence**  
11:00 — Burgundy Room

### May 1:

**Membership C&Q**  
11:15 — Burgundy Room

**K.C.R.C. Foundation**  
10:30 — Lido Room

**Roster Photo Updates**  
11:15 — Trianon E

**Stand of Colors**  
1:15 — Trianon E

### May 8:

**Stand of Colors**  
1:15 — Trianon E

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

## Thursday's Meeting



April 24, 2008

### "HOW THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK CAME TO KANSAS CITY" TIM TODD, HISTORIAN, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK



Tim Todd is director of public information for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. He also serves as the bank's historian and is currently completing work on a book about the bank's history and a related documentary that is being produced by KCPT that will premiere at 8 p.m. June 10.

Before joining the Bank in 2002, he was a journalist for 10 years. As a wire service reporter, his stories appeared in numerous major publications in the U.S. and internationally.

Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room



**Invocation:**  
John Davis



**Welcome:**  
Thomas Walker

**GREETERS:** Members from our Greeting/Meeting Arrangements Committee will serve as this week's greeters.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

April 22 — Tuesday, annual bowling trip to Columbia

April 23 — Ecology Day at the Kansas City Zoo

April 25-26 — District Conference 6040, Hyatt Regency Crown Center

May 1 — Bob Berkebile, BNIM Architects, "The Greening of America"

May 8 — Dr. Jacqueline Snyder, chancellor, Metropolitan Community College

May 10 — Work day at Rotary Youth Camp, 8:00 a.m.

May 15 — Peter Brown, president and CEO, AMC Entertainment, Inc.

May 16-18 — Stand of Colors, Jerry Smith Park, 139th Street and Holmes Road in South Kansas City

May 22 — Annual Memorial Service at Rotary Youth Camp



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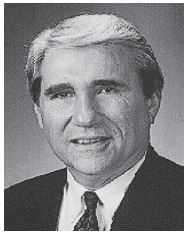
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**LAST THURSDAY --  
 April 10, 2008**



by  
 Harlan Burkhead

Worldwide, 6,000 children die each day from water-borne disease. That was the stark, startling and almost unfathomable message our speaker, Charlie Clemmons, delivered today. Charlie and his Rotarian wife Barbara have devoted their retirement from their occupations to a commencement of full-time Rotary service, including water and literacy action groups.

Charlie said that the ultimate goal of the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, which he heads, is to remove the scourge which unsafe water and improper sanitation is to the children of the world. Presently, 1.2 billion of the world's people, primarily in Africa, Asia and India, are without safe water and 2.5 billion are without proper waste and sanitation facilities.

Rotary, with its tremendous success in polio eradication, has created

the workable model to address one of the world's most serious problems today. To those of us who pass the perfectly potable water available to us at the tap in favor of spending money to buy bottled water, it truly is a staggering story. Read about it further and learn what you can do to help at the group's website, [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org).

Greeters for the day were members of the Greater Kansas City Day Committee, which, remarkably and heroically, managed to raise \$74,000 on a day when most drivers were reluctant to even slow and roll down their windows. Verbalizing the attitude of the volunteer paper hawkers, the quote of the day came from stalwart, drenched **Peter Ho**, "I am so good I could sell yesterday's newspaper!"

After President **Chuck Vogt** rang the meeting to order, **Charlie Huffman**, accompanied by **Carl Bolte**, did the musical honors, paying tribute to the club's birthday members. **Tom Kirkwood** gave thanks for our many blessings and, consistent with the program for the day, asked that we use those blessings toward the service of others, including working toward clean water and a clean earth. **Paul Searcy** welcomed two guests and a remarkable 11 visiting Rotarians. **Jim Wilbur** has joined **Jim Shultz** and **Tony DiPardo** in the recovery bay. They would all benefit from our cards, calls and prayers.

**Debra Shultz** gave thanks to **Charlie Huffman** and Lamar Outdoor Advertising for the 12 billboards which have gone up around the city advertising Stand of Colors. She also introduced **Jerry Cooke** who said that 18 new volunteers signed up last week. Thanks and congratulations to those 18, but when a total of 250 are still needed, **Jerry** would welcome your volunteering call at 816-942-0207.

President **Chuck** introduced former President and District Governor **Sally Bibb**, who accepted the Missouri-Kansas Border War trophy for being the district selling the most NAIA tickets, made an announce-

ment regarding the upcoming district conference and introduced our speaker.

Outside, the weather was anything but delightful. But, buoyed by the recent sports successes of our boys in blue (the Royals off to a Division-leading 6-2 start and the Jayhawks basking in the glory of a national championship finish) the spirits inside the room were sunny. Suggestion: If you, like me, were not one of those standing in the rain selling papers Tuesday morning, fish out your checkbook and do the right thing.

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

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The goal is for each Rotarian to contribute a minimum of \$100 annually to the Annual Giving Programs of The Rotary Foundation.

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**District Conference is set for April 25-26**

On Friday, April 25, this year's district conference at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center will be all about Rotary Shares. Share Friendships - House of Friendship; Share Ideas - Sessions and Exhibits; and Share Successes - Programs, Awards and Shoes.

Featured speaker for Friday's reception will be RI Representative, PRID Lynmar Brock, Jr. In addition there will be introductions of all president-elects in District 6040.

At Saturday's lunch, the shoes roll -call will take place and Rachel Garton, director from Buckner International, will speak.

There will be a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the Governor's Banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. where clubs and presidents will be recognized for club successes. The featured speaker will be David Forward, author of *A Century of Service, The Story of Rotary International*, followed by live entertainment by Mach 4.

You may register online at [www.rotary6040.org](http://www.rotary6040.org) and click on the links.

**Club 13 Auxiliary is booked for spring!**

Vivien Jennings, president of Rainy Day Books, Inc., will be the featured speaker at the May 1 Auxiliary luncheon at Milburn Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Vivien will suggest "fun" books to read for spring.

Social time begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by the noon luncheon.

Please RSVP to Marcia Beardsley at 913/648-7792 if you are planning to attend. Vivien is well-versed on all types of authors and her presentation is bound to be delightful.

**Exciting events planned for 2008 RI Convention**

Thousands of Rotarians attending the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles will gather on the evening of June 14 for the California Experience, an extravaganza planned by the Host Organization Committee in the Nokia Plaza, next door to the convention center.


The event will offer plenty of California wine to sample, a classic car show and three outdoor stages featuring local talent — from hip-hop dancers to mariachi bands — followed by a concert in the brand-new NOKIA Theatre LA live. Internationally acclaimed R&B singer Natalie Cole will entertain the audience with music from her latest CD and from her breakthrough album, "Unforgettable: With Love," which features songs written by her father, iconic crooner Nat King Cole.

But that's not all that will make this year's convention unforgettable. Other highlights will include:

- ♦The House of Friendship, where Rotarians can learn about Rotary club activities in different nations and visit countless booths offering international foods and products.
- ♦Myriad host hospitality events in Rotarians' homes and at exciting venues across the city.
- ♦A keynote address by Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, on Rotary's role in combating disease.
- ♦A keynote speech by Stephen Lewis, co-director of AIDS-Free World and former UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- ♦The Concert under the Stars at the world-famous Hollywood Bowl, where the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra will perform music from classic films as scenes from the movies play on a giant screen.

Rotarians may register for the convention at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) until May 31. Tickets for host events can still be purchased at [www.rotary2008.com](http://www.rotary2008.com) until June 2.


Make tracks for the Rotary Youth Camp on Saturday, **May 10 8:00 a.m.** for our second Spring Work Day. We still need your help!




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## BOWLING NEWS:

by Dick Retrum

They drew a line in the sand on lanes 3 and 4 this afternoon. The first and second place all-women teams faced off to determine which one would compete against the Past Prez for the championship trophy next week. Would it be Glitzy Gals with 39 wins or Babes Rule with 38? A small crowd gathered to watch.

But first let's take a look at today's high achievers: Maurice Brownlee 244, Dan Couch 205 & 233, Bill McGovney 223, Dave Boone 215 & 217, **Norm Waters** 201 & 215 and Bob Katcha 202. This was Bob's first 200 game in the past two years of league play. He's been using a 40-year-old, 16-pound ball. Nothing fancy.

Oh, one more achievement noted today. **Ann Johnson** had her first turkey ever. This probably would have gone unnoticed had it not been for the fact that she ran up and down the lanes yelling and screaming about it. Well, maybe not screaming.

Back to the action. By the start of the third game the Gals had won the first game and Babes the second. The Babes had to win the third and the most pins overall to take total and the honor of playing for it all. This is pressure bowling folks. It was going to be close. The Babes must win the third game by at least 40 pins to move on to the final match against the Past Prez next week. Every strike and spare is critical. There is no room for errors or at least not many of them. But the Babes lost the last round. So last year's second-place team would not get a chance at the top prize this year.

When asked about this defeat, Team Capt. Carol Retrum said, "Well, my game was off... I didn't come close to my average. I stayed up to watch the KU game last night and then woke up at the crack of dawn to sell papers in the rain for Greater Kansas City Day. I'm sure that impacted my bowling skills. We'll be ready next year."

Glitzy Gals handled the win with dignity. They know they've secured the second-place trophy. Team Capt. Marilyn Lager summed it up with quiet resolve: "We've been thinking about this game all year long. We wanted to get here. We talked about it and six weeks ago we really started to believe it was possible. And now we are living our dream. We never had our eye on second place... we want it all."

Staytuned.



## BEHIND THE SCENES: Stand of Colors

by Dick Retrum

Act four, scene one. Sgt. Maj. Melinda Minks has positioned herself right in the center of this project. A battle-hardened veteran of more conflicts than she would like to remember and has the scars to prove it. Most of her engagements took place on tours of duty over the past 40-plus years while employed by Kansas City Parks and Recreation. Her motto: "Get it done and done right." This is the attitude she brings to the Stand of Colors.


From the moment she agreed to join the project she was committed to making this an overwhelming success. All of her knowledge and experience in event planning would be brought to bear. She knew her skills would be tapped by others on the committee. "It's a good place to be" she said confidently. "Leading the charge so to speak is when I bring my best to the table. I don't know any other way to do it."

The Sergeant Major has all the background necessary to provide sound, tried and true advice to her fellow committee members. However, to truly be an asset and help guide this project effectively she would need to research and consult with groups who have a history of successful reenactments. With that idea in mind she paid her way to both California and Kentucky to learn the process from the inside out to include viewing a battle performance.

Now armed with this first-hand experience, she is the fountain of guidance and knowledge the Stand of Colors committee has learned to respect and depend on. Due to her outstanding contribution to this effort to date, she was being considered for a promotion to the rank of first lieutenant. But when this rumor reached her, she said: "No thanks. I like it right out here in the trenches. Besides, we have enough chiefs as it is. We need more Indians." She went on to say, "We know how the Battle of Westport turned out. We can insure this reenactment will be historically interesting. But when the smoke clears, I hope it will be apparent that our work has insured that Rotary Club 13 and Kansas City will glow bright in the Stand of Colors."

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