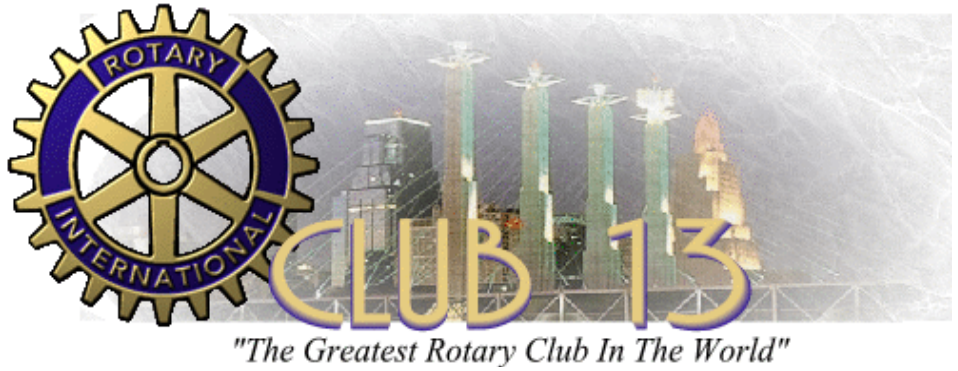


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Plaza Lights Party set for Jan. 7, 2009

On Wednesday, Jan. 7, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., top floor of the Intercontinental Hotel, you will have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and the awesome Plaza Lights. Lite fare and cocktails will be served. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to the Rotary office by calling 816/842-2322 or e-mail janet@rotary13.org.

This event was well received last year and by the early response should be again. Don't miss out, RSVP today.

CPR/AED Duty Schedule December 18, 2008

1. Leader — **Dr. Gerald Lee**
2. Compress — **Jan Armstrong**
3. Defib — **Janet Ellis**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

December 17:

Board of Directors

4:00 — Crescent Electric Supply
917 E. 19th St., KC, MO

January 8, 2009

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

Membership C & Q

11:15 — Burgundy Room

January 15, 2009

Centennial

11:00 — Lido Room

KCRC Fdtn. Investment

10:30 — Burgundy Room

January 22, 2009

KCRC Foundation

10:30 — Lido Room

Thursday's Meeting



December 18, 2008

"TOM AND JERRI" LUNCHEON



This is our traditional party and it is always enjoyable. There is no planned program for the day; however, the election results will be announced.

Our December birthday celebrants will serve as the greeters for the day. Enjoy holiday fare, fellowship and music provided by the Salvation Army brass ensemble and Club 13 Rotarians **Ted Dalberg** and **Jeff Smith**.

If you are planning on bringing guests, please contact the Rotary office either by e-mail at janet@rotary13.org or by phone 816/842-2322 so we can plan accordingly.

Muehlebach Hotel / 11:30 a.m. / Colonial Ballroom

GREETERS: Our December birthday celebrants will serve as this week's greeters.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

December 25 — Christmas Day — No meeting

January 1 — New Year's Day — No meeting

January 7 — Plaza Lights Event, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Intercontinental Hotel

January 8 — Annual Blood Drive



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 December 4, 2008**



by
Pete Burgess

The 2008 Club 13 Holiday party signaled the beginning of the holiday party season Rotary style at the always classy setting of the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Crown Center.

Deb and I pulled up to the hotel as **Tony DiPardo** bounced out the car ahead, came back to greet us and with his great smile led the way to the hotel entrance. While valets whisked the cars away, we entered the lobby, checked coats, signed in, mingled with members and spouses, grabbed drink tickets and entered the ballroom where a reception line of officers and spouses officially welcomed us to the party.

The bar was well staffed and well stocked. We moved around the room exchanging greetings. Tempting silent auction gifts were arrayed for bids to benefit the Rotary Youth Camp. Baskets filled with wine, glasses and holiday décor... baskets filled with cigars and wine... a hatbox filled with everything a woman could want in soaps,

stationery and teas... crystal dishes... wreaths... wine and brie cheese for a Christmas Eve snack... lots and lots of wine... and a private tour of the WWI Memorial. The bidding was intense and hearty.

Chimes called us to dinner at round tables placed at the perimeter of the dance floor and the band stand. President **Myron Sildon** gave a nice speech of welcome to fellow Rotarians and their spouses. He praised the Entertainment Committee and the Hyatt staff for all they did to make the evening so special. Members and spouses in festive dress were served by waiters and waitresses in formal attire. We dined on delicious salad, breads, a fancy main course and a dessert plate. As we dined, the **Chuck Eddy** band favored us with mellow and festive music.

Dancing to the **Chuck Eddy** band was fun, and fun to watch... lots of smiles and good conversation. One of the outstanding delights of the night was **Tony DiPardo** greeting people with his warm smile and seeing **Tony** walk over to congratulate the **Chuck Eddy** band.

So many warm memories of good people gathered to share holiday greetings. New members and spouses mingled with members who recalled great Club 13 parties over the years.

All in all, a very festive meeting... Rotary style!

Rotary Friendship Exchange will be with Istanbul, Turkey

A date has been set for the Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 6040 and District 2420 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Rotary team will arrive in Istanbul on May 24, 2009, for a week stay departing on May 31, 2009.

In a friendship exchange, Rotarians from one district visit Rotarians in another district. They stay in the homes of Rotarians and get a chance to learn about the country and local culture while enjoying a vacation-type trip.

If you are interested in participating in the friendship exchange in Istanbul, Turkey, contact PDG Dave Napoli at 816/587-0949 or dlnapoli@aol.com.

Have you remembered the Rotary Club Foundation with a contribution?

Annual Blood Drive Set for Jan. 8, 2009

Our Community Service Committee has coordinated with the Muehlebach Hotel and the Community Blood Bank and has set Thursday, Jan. 8, as Club 13's Annual Blood Drive. The Trianon E Room will be the location for us to donate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:15 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?

RI Convention

The 2009 RI Convention will be held on June 21-24 in Birmingham, England.

If you haven't been back to Birmingham since the 1984 convention, you may not recognize this former industrial town. Now a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining, Birmingham—or Brum, as the natives call it—underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Download the convention booklet for more reasons to come to Birmingham in 2009. This 24-page booklet also contains registration, hotel reservation, and Host Organization Committee forms.

Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing!

Register online or download the registration form. Both can be found on the RI website at www.rotary.org.

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CHRIS BOLAND

The Giving Season by Marla Svoboda

Michael Smith, Major Gifts Officer for the Rotary International Foundation, presented several planned giving options available to Rotary members after the regular club luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Michael began the presentation summarizing the current state of the permanent fund, stating that \$205.8 million is now in the fund, with an additional \$383.9 million expected. The goal for the fund is \$1 billion by 2025, and Michael assured the group the foundation was on target for reaching that goal.

The overall goals of the foundation include the advancement of world understanding, improving health and the alleviation of poverty. Startling statistics such as over 6,000 children dying each day due to exposure to unclean water clearly show the need for the foundation's many projects. Gifts to the permanent fund support programs under the 3H categories—Health, Hunger and Humanitarianism. Although the needs are great, it is of interest to note that the Rotary International Foundation is the single largest privately funded foundation and has met every monetary goal it has. A current \$1 million matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, paid in full prior to the achievement of the match, is proof positive of the foundation's financial good standing.

Only the earnings from the permanent fund are used to support all these programs. The trustees oversee the details of spending allocations, which are currently at 5%.

Michael Smith described gifts to the fund as a "Four Win Test," in that a donor gets 1) to make a difference with a major gift; 2) there are immediate tax benefits for gifts; 3) capital gains taxes are lowered; and 4) options are available for income via gifts.

Several lifetime giving options were presented, such as a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). A CGA is a minimum \$10,000 gift in which the minimum age of the beneficiary is 50, and two annuitants may be named. Next was a Differed Gift Annuity (DGA), wherein payments are postponed at least one year after date of gift. The longer payment is deferred, the larger the final gift will be. Finally, a Charitable Remainder Trust was explained, wherein a minimum gift amount is higher (\$100,000) and the growth depends on market forces, as opposed to CGAs and DGAs which are both guaranteed rates.

The most common gifts to the Rotary International Foundation are Benefactor or Bequest gifts. This is when the donor names the foundation as a payee on his or her will. Gifts in the amount of \$1,000-\$10,000 are named Benefactors, and gifts above \$10,000 are named members of the Bequest Society. There are currently 6,375 Bequest Society members (including 10 from our district) and 78,000 Benefactors.

It is of note that all bequest gifts to the foundation are revocable and/or changeable at any time due to personal circumstance. Michael also encouraged Rotarians to discuss planned giving with spouses, children and financial planners prior to making a gift.

January Birthdays



- 3. Bob Payne
- 7. Jim Brennehan,
Lloyd Duncan
- 10. Joe Cashen
- 13. Joe Valenciano, Steve Wilbur
- 14. David Westfall
- 16. Jerry Clark
- 17. Jim Porter
- 18. Eric Frye, Janice Newberry
- 19. Jeff Smith
- 20. Clint Nelson
- 22. Bill Mitchell
- 23. Tony Andresen, Bill Bradshaw
Mike Hennessy, Ann Johnson,
Chuck Vogt, JoEllen Wurth
- 24. Bill Glueck, Ryan Kramer,
John Malinee
- 25. Jerry Lonergan, Jeff Turner
- 26. Mary Kingsley, John McMeel
- 27. Ray Rowland
- 31. Milt Clarke, Mike Griggs,
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BOWLING NEWS:



by Dick Retrum

The Fab Four are in first place again by 3 and a half games and the Glitzy Gals are in second place. Two all female teams are leading the pack. Has that ever happened before? Congratulation ladies, your certainly have our attention.

We had just two high game bowlers today: **Bob Lager** 223 and **Ted Middendorf** 222. All the other usual suspects were sliding past the pocket or just having a bad day on the lanes. **Norm Waters** explained that he was holding back on his game today to give others a chance. I know that sounds noble but it makes absolutely no sense at all. **Al Tikwart** suggested that his was less than stunning bowling today. You have to read this column every week to understand some of these comments.

Heard on the lanes today: Don't twist your wrist. Shake, rattle and bowl. We need to train your brain, you can't leave your mental performance to chance. How does he do that?....Can you do that?....I can't do that!....How does he do that? Hey Ann, you just got three spares in a row! Oh....is that a Chicken?

That name Fab Four is really starting to bug me. Or does it have something to do with bugs. Can someone please HELP me. Not just anybody. Can you please, please help me?

Rides for Rotarians

by Neil Barnett

Some of you may be familiar with a group called the Ambassador Committee. It is still in existence but has a new, more descriptive name, Rides for Rotarians. The purpose is to assist fellow Club 13 members in attending weekly club meetings when driving themselves becomes difficult.

Picking someone up on your way to Rotary not only helps a fellow Rotarian, it is a great way to spend some quality time getting to know someone you may not have otherwise had the opportunity to meet or to become better acquainted with.

The needs of our members change over time but we currently have a transportation need for a couple of Rotarians who live near 103rd and Antioch in Overland Park. We already have a few Rotarians who are able to assist but additional help is needed. If you typically pass by somewhere close to that area and can help out, please call **Neil Barnett** at 913/643-0111.

The Bill Brown Memorial Coat/Warm Clothing Drive

With the cooperation of the Marriott and Salvation Army, drop-off containers will be available for you to bring your coats and warm clothing to our Rotary meeting on **Dec. 18**. This is the last Thursday we will be collecting items for the drive.

This drive 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.

We will also need a couple of volunteers to assist with the weekly collections from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Tyros, you can earn six points for helping with the collection. If you can help out or have any questions, contact **Kent Fulton** at 913/236-7223.

The KC Rotary Club Foundation needs your support!

Every Rotarian, Every Year


Your annual gift to The Rotary Foundation of RI helps promote world understanding and peace through countless local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. Just imagine what could be accomplished if every Rotarian contributed \$100 every year.

— \$100 buys polio vaccine for more than 150 children in India.

— \$100 covers food, education expenses, and medical care for a full month for two young women at risk for exploitation in Thailand.

— \$100 purchases medication for nearly five months for a child living with HIV in Honduras.

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