

# BUZZSAW

ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



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Be sure to return your Rotary election ballot to the Club 13 office by 1:15

p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11.

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. 18.

## CPR/AED Duty Schedule December 4, 2008

1. Leader — **Gerald Lee**
2. Compress — **Phil Kinney**
3. Defib — **Bob Lager**

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

### December 11:

#### New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

#### Membership C & Q

11:15 — Burgundy Room

#### Program

11:00 — Trianon E

#### CPR/AED Refresher Course

1:15 - 2:15 — Trianon E

#### Ecology

11:00 — Reserved table in Trianon Room

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

## Thursday's Meeting



December 4, 2008

Come and join us for our  
Club 13 Annual Holiday Party  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008

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, \$60 per person

Child care provided

Silent auction coordinated by the Club 13 Auxiliary

RSVP by Dec. 1, 2008



### Menu consists of:

Roasted butternut squash bisque

Red oak Belgian endive and frisee with grape tomatoes, julienne apples, dried cranberries and shaved red onion with white balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Sliced beef tenderloin with balsamic and sun-dried cherry reduction and port wine salmon

The dessert is a pate trio, dark chocolate with peppermint schnapps, white chocolate with raspberries and milk chocolate with walnuts

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

December 11 — Dorinda Nicholson, author, Pearl Harbor Child

December 18 — Annual Tom & Jerri Party

December 25 — Christmas Day — No meeting

January 1 — New Year's Day — No meeting

January 8 — Annual Blood Drive



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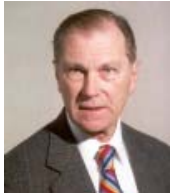
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**LAST THURSDAY --  
 November 13, 2008**



by  
**Pete Burgess**

November's birthday celebrants welcomed us outside the Truman Room at the Muehlebach where President **Myron Sildon** called us to order and set the stage for **Charlie Huffman**. Charlie got us up to sing "Happy Birthday" and then celebrate Rotary International month by singing "Let there be Peace on Earth."

**Paul Searcy** delivered the invocation and **John Jespersion** welcomed guests and fellow Rotarians, including two visiting Rotarians from LA. **Dick Retrum's** worked hard to put on a fine Holiday Party for the club on Dec. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

Great news... **Tony DiPardo's** return was greeted with a big round of applause. **Natalie and Matt Hunsaker's** tiny baby Brynn Lynda grew an inch and gained 3 ounces since birth. She needs to be in our prayers. Please remember **Woody Davis** while Woody recovers from knee surgery.

Bell ringing took a bit of a hit when a sponsor pulled out. **Carl DiCapo** offered to place a call to re-establish our bell ringer sites in front of those sponsor stores that think they pulled out of the Salvation Army drive.

**Tom Davis** did his Member Minute then launched the featured program that highlighted Rotary International activities. Erin Chancey took the podium to describe her year as a Rotary Exchange Student in South Africa where she learned to speak Afrikaans fluently, expanded her understanding of the nation, and refined her study habits. Erin returned home with her South African study habits to graduate magna cum laude from Ft. Hays State University. Erin serves as a fund raiser for the Kansas City Rep Theater.

**Rowland Nofsigner** was recognized for his work promoting Ambassadorial Scholars. We heard and saw clips from several international level peace scholars who were recent graduates from this program.

**Tom Davis, Sally Bibb, Jan Canterbury, Alan Warne and Al Tikwart** provided interesting accounts of international exchange visits. **Alan** took his group to Cambodia and Thailand where they were treated royally. **Sally** spoke of her visit to India where Polio Plus is going strong. She reported how 351,542 children were inoculated in a single day, and how medical assistants followed up on subsequent days to locate children that had been missed. **Jan** showed pictures of Indian children being equipped with artificial limbs that enable productive lives.

**Sally Bibb** concluded with a report that the Bill Gates Foundation provided \$1 million in matching grant money and that Rotary International had gathered \$30 million in matching funds.

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**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 10:30 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?

**Tyrotarians Achieve 100  
 Participation Points in  
 Tyro Orientation Program**

This week, **Mike Grigg**, (Project Specialist, HNTB), and **Joe Valenciano**, (Commercial Banking Officer, Intrust Bank, N.A.) have reached their 100 points by participation in various functions.

**Mike and Joe**, you may remove the red ribbons from your badges. Great job!



Mike Grigg



Joe Valenciano

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## 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 3 H 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.



## Rotary Friendship Exchange

In October, the Rotary Friendship Exchange Team traveled to Thailand for two weeks of Rotary fellowship, cultural exchange and sight-seeing. The eight team members included Lee's Summit Sunrise Rotarian Dan Hall and Club 13 Rotarians **Alan Warne** & Joan Caulfield, **Al** & Mary **Tikwart**, **Sally** & Bob **Bibb** and **Henry Leonard**.

Through the first week of the visit, the Friendship Exchange Team was hosted by clubs in the Bangkok area and had the pleasure of visiting sights such as the Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha, Floating Market and Rose Garden. Several Rotarians of the Parnakorn Bangkok Club served as tour guides and escorted the team through the heavy Bangkok traffic. The team visited six Rotary clubs during the week in Bangkok and gave a short presentation on Kansas City to all but one of the clubs.

After a short rest in the Thailand resort city of Pattaya, the team traveled north of Bangkok to a more rural area for the second week of the exchange. A Rotarian in Singburi hosted the team for the five days as they took daytrips to Ayudhaya, Angthong and Saraburi. In addition to seeing temples and markets, they toured orphanages, schools, and hospitals. Of particular interest were visits to the sites of two water wells that were funded by the Lee's Summit Sunrise Club and District 6040. The team visited four Rotary clubs again, giving their presentation.

On Friday, Oct. 31, the team traveled back to Bangkok for a Farewell Dinner hosted by the Parnakorn Club. In addition to speeches and gift exchanges, both Thai and American Rotarians had some fun singing karaoke.

The warm hospitality and generosity of the Thai Rotarians and hosts were superb. The FE Team is very appreciative of the experience and look forward to hosting the Thai Friendship Exchange Team in spring 2009.



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**Chuck Vogt, Jr.**

**BOWLING NEWS:**



by *Dick Retrum*

We have a new leader or first place team. The "Off-N-ON's" made up of Dave Boone, **Peter Ho**, **Jeff Van Horn** and **Mike Prestia** jumped ahead of Team 6 (they finally came up with a name, "The Fab Four") by the simple margin of a half game. But don't count these ladies out. They are having too much fun to worry about a half game.

The bowling gods must have been seriously watching over our league today. There were so many amazing scores, I hardly know where to start. Mary Tikwart (remember last week's column mentioned she bowled a 170....her highest game ever?) came to play today. She rolled a 203. WOW! As a reward for this accomplishment her husband **Al** is going to wash dishes for a week.

Now for the rest of the great scores chalked up today: Rick Crouch 239, 246 & 249 for a 734 series. In addition to Rick's great series he had no open frames in all three games. All strikes and spares. **Norm Waters** 214, 256 & 257 for a 727 series. Pro scouts are keeping a close eye on those two. **Peter Ho** 230, Alan Ives 212, **Lee Triggs** 211, Dan Couch 211 and in the special achievement category, Susan Prestia picked up the 6, 10 - 7 split and did I mention Mary Tikwart rolled a 203? Fantastic bowling. Congratulations all.

That new team name, The Fab Four has a ring to it. I can't place it right now but I know I've heard it before. It had something to do with the 1960s but you know what they day about the '60s....if you can remember it, you weren't there.

Oh well, someone is going to come up to me and want to hold my hand and break the news to me gently about this Fab Four thing. I can't wait.

**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 103<sup>rd</sup> and Antioch in Overland Park. We already have a few Rotarians that 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.

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**January Birthday**



1. Larry Murphy
2. Jay Menitove
3. John Major
4. Dennis Owens
5. Rick Powell, Darin Shank
8. Jack Headley
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Thomas Walker
10. Al Kohler, Don Seifert
11. Mike Horton
13. Bob Bennett, Keith Smith
14. Victor Hogstrom,  
Mike Jefferies
15. Brandon Boulware, Rusty Macy  
Dennis Chapman,
17. John Wagner
19. Bob Hill, Peter Ho
21. John Marshall
25. Rick Kappa
27. Dennis O'Dell
28. Ray Jones
30. Noel Sotta
31. Linda Adams, Paula Willett



**Ramblin' Rotarians**

**Sally Bibb, Henry Leonard, Al Tikwart and Alan Warne** — Rotary Club of Saraburi and Bangkok Kluaynamthai  
*(Note: The Friendship Exchange Team actually visited 10 Rotary Clubs but only received two documentations.)*

**Clint Nelson** — Overland Park, KS  
**Wes Wingfield** — West Reading - Wyomissing, PA

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