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1. Leader — **Scott Burnett**
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3. Defib — **George Heymach**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 7:

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:00 — Burgundy Room

LA Convention Goers

11:00 — Trianon E

2015 R.I. Convention

1:15 — Lido Room

February 14:

Camp Enterprise

11:00 — Yardbird "B"

Stand of Colors

1:15 — Yardbird "A"

February 20:

Board of Directors

4:00 — All Star Awards
835 W. 39th Street, 64111

February 21:

Vocational Service

11:00 — Eisenhower Room

Ecology

11:00 — Nixon Room

Thursday's Meeting



February 7, 2008

"AN ENTREPRENEUR'S STORY"

DANNY O'NEILL, BEAN BARON, THE ROASTERIE, INC.



Danny O'Neill started The Roasterie, a specialty coffee roasting company which services espresso bars and coffee houses, fine restaurants, high-end grocers, offices and retail accounts, in the basement of his Brookside home in 1993.

During his last year of high school O'Neill went to Costa Rica as an exchange student. He spent several weeks picking coffee, and that was when his passion for coffee ignited.

The "Bean Baron" has become a sought-after expert in the ever-growing coffee industry. His cupping experience includes the Sintercafe Cupping Competition in Costa Rica, November 1995, third place; judge at Sintercafe Cupping Competition; and international judge in Brazil, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia, Bolivia and Nicaragua for Cup of Excellence.

O'Neill's business experience includes 10 years in varied sales and marketing positions, the last seven with a large multinational corporation.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Trianon Room



Invocation:
Jerry Clark



Welcome:
Jim Shultz, Jr.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

February 14 — Spouse's Day — Jan Chu, president/CEO, Kauffman Center for Performing Arts
(Note: Meeting will be held in Count Basie Ballroom at the Marriott.)

February 21 — David Battey, President, Youth Volunteer Corporation, will speak on "The Power of Volunteerism"



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 January 24, 2008**



by
Bob Weir

Many of the past presidents of Rotary Club 13 formed a long gray line (referring to the hair color) to greet members, and President **Chuck** gave them kudos for their years of service. (Their team also won the first half of this year's Bowling League). After the song by **John Simon** and **Carl Bolte**, the pledge, and another thoughtful invocation by **Henrik Andersen**, President **Chuck** introduced guests including Governor-elect of District 6040, Bob Jones. The Member Spotlight was on **Al Tikwart**, who remarkably; in less than two minutes, gave a history of how he has turned the downfall of his printing company into a successful consulting and placement printing endeavor. (See, Rotary is business necessary, Mr. Tax Man.)

Representatives from KC Sports Commission and Waddell and Reed presented the Youth Camp a big—I do

mean big — check for almost \$18,000 for our help in the KC Marathon.

Finishing the preliminaries, **Gene “The Voice” Freeman** pitched for Paul Harris Fellowships with help from a talking frog. And Bowling League President **Dick Retrum** offered Tyros free bowling and three points on the red ribbon, which was last Tuesday when this issue reaches you. We still can use bowlers.

With the market bouncing up and down, and the media shouting recession, our speaker came at a ripe time. Robert Litan, vice president for research and policy at the Kauffman Foundation, covered the situation with background and expectations. Saying he is known as Mr. Doom, Litan thinks our economic standing will get worse before it gets better, primarily because of the housing mortgage collapse, which he blames not only on the lending institutions but moreso on the credit rating agencies. Recessions now are no longer between cycles and are shorter in duration. Our type of capitalism, based on entrepreneurialism, is more adaptable to recovery and growth. The immediate problem will be to try to maintain growth. He said that the proposed money to the low- and middle- income people should be favorable, since it will be spent.

A final doom point: In 20 years, the entire federal budget will be entitlements. There must be higher taxes and a decrease in benefits.

**Tyrotarian Achieves his
 100 Participation Points in
 Tyro Orientation Program**



This week, **Dick Brown** (retired) has reached his 100 points by participation in various functions.

Dick, you may remove the red ribbon from your badge.

Great job!

**Remember
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**\$700 Paul Harris
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With Spouse's Day just around the corner we have a sweetheart of a deal for you.

An anonymous Club 13 member has made a generous contribution which will allow Club 13 Rotarians, spouses and children to become Paul Harris Fellows for only \$700 instead of the regular \$1,000. This opportunity to contribute to the Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships, World Peace Fellowships, Group Study Exchanges and Humanitarian Grants and become a Paul Harris Fellow for \$700 is available now and through the month of February.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, simply write your check for \$700 payable to the Rotary Foundation and send it to Janet Ellis at Club 13's office, 1219 Wyandotte Street, KC, MO 64105.

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JOHN REYNOLDS

East Meets West Conference

by Janet Ellis

The Large Club Conference was held in Sacramento, CA on Jan. 20 -23, 2008. This was the first year where the club execs and president-elects from the East and West were together for a three-day conference. The conference began with cocktails at the Capitol, followed by the opening dinner and program. The weather was in the 40s, quite balmy.

On Monday, the general session began with a variety of inspirational and motivational speakers, followed by the Sacramento Rotary Club's weekly meeting. Being in California, wine is available at their weekly meetings. The club's Rotary Rooters entertained us with a big band sound. I thought Glenn Miller would be proud of this band.

Monday night was home hospitality and I was assigned to be at the home of Steve and Edie Brubaker. Edie set the most beautiful table with china on chargers, crystal glasses and antique silverware. We had a delicious dinner and wonderful time getting to know the other club execs and president-elects in a relaxed atmosphere. We all left with two large oranges from their orange tree.

On Tuesday morning, the session opened with K (Ravi) Ravindran, a trustee of the Rotary Foundation for 2006-2010. He shared his passion through a personal story regarding his mother, who had contracted polio when he was a little boy. He heads the "Schools Re-awaken" program, which is a project in Sri Lanka to build 25 new schools for tsunami-displaced children. This \$12 million project looks to send 15,000 children back to school. His remarks were touching and memorable.

Then we were off to lunch at the Sutter's Club, which was a three-block hike. It began to rain and all you could see was the parade of 120 Rotary blue-emblem umbrellas walking down the street, a pretty cool sight. After lunch we had breakout sessions on leadership, membership development, membership retention and public relations. The evening banquet was held at the California Railroad Museum and the Rotary Rooters again entertained us.

On Wednesday, the club execs held a special session which was facilitated by Laura Mason-Smith. We discussed key issues our clubs and we, as Execs, face. We also had a workshop on how to manage change and transition. We recessed for lunch in the Capitol View Room; unfortunately it was foggy that day so our view was limited. Back to the afternoon session, where it was decided that the East and West would again meet in Oklahoma City in 2009 and Birmingham in 2010.

A special thanks to Chris Winger, the club exec from the Sacramento Rotary Club and to all the Rotarians and speakers involved in this conference who educated, motivated and re-energized us for the upcoming Rotary year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

Your board of directors met on Jan. 16 for its regular monthly meeting. Following are meeting highlights.

Membership resignations requests were received from **Susan Bell, Doug Clopton, Dick Crovisier, Alan Ives** and **Greg Schaff**, which were accepted with regret.

The exception policy was granted for **Marcia Bolton, Kristene Davis, Ross Marine** and **Jim Monahan** for 2008.

The membership proposal of Anthony "Tony" Andresen published in the Jan. 17 *Buzz Saw* was approved.

Youth Camp Association president **Paula Willett** presented the Youth Camp annual report which appeared in the Jan. 31 *Buzz Saw*.

An update on the water project in the Philippines was presented by Immediate Past President **Rick Halterman**.

President **Chuck** reported that an anonymous donor has made possible for us to promote a 30% Paul Harris Fellow special to our club members.

Treasurer **Doug Nelson** reported on the November financials.

The next board meeting will be held on Feb. 20 at All Star Awards & Ad Specialties.

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ANDY BEYER

BOWLING NEWS:



by **Dick Retrum**

According to **Bob**, his last name should be pronounced like the beer....la-ger. Not log-er. I'm not sure if there is a difference in the way it sounds but just remember Budweiser the next time you see him.

Heard on the lanes today: I hate the 10 pin. Blow on it for good luck. My ball is really cold. Maybe you should just throw it harder. Point your toe at the 3 and lay your ball down over the 4. Babes Rule are in first place?

Helen Toplikar was back on the lanes today after a long recovery from a hip replacement. Her team, Glitzy Gals, was delighted to have her back. It won't be long before she will be bowling over her average.

There were many above average bowlers today. Let's look at the high games: **Jeff Van Horn** 247, George Moody 229-213 (623 series), Kay Roscoe 219, Linda O'Dell 209, Dave Boone 209, **Bob** (Bud) **Lager** 203, **Norm Waters** 203, Maurice Brownlee 201 and Wesley Gill 200. Congratulations.

Public Service Announcement: AMF West Lanes, as of Jan. 1, 2008, is a smoke-free facility. I know most if not all of you already know this but I just found out about it and thought it should be made official by publishing it in the *Buzz Saw*.

And finally, is **Chris Boland** auditioning for one of those "drink milk" commercials or is he growing a mustache? Time will tell.



Alaskan Cruise

District 6040 is planning an Alaskan Cruise for Rotarians. The trip will be a wonderful sight-seeing adventure as well as a great opportunity for Rotary fellowship. This will be a Rotary experience with hospitality room on board during the cruise, Rotary makeup meeting, separate tours for Rotary members, jackets for identification of the Rotarians, meal areas for the Rotarians to eat together if they so desire. Plus, we have negotiated \$100 from each booking to go to a Rotary charitable program.

The eight-day cruise would depart from either Seattle or Vancouver on August 31, 2008, and conclude at Anchorage. Travelers would then have the option of flying home or continuing on a four-day land tour of Alaska ending in Fairbanks. A brochure with details will be available later this month but meanwhile you are welcome to call 800-869-6806 and ask for the Rotary Alaska Desk or visit the web site www.cruiseholidayskc.com With a limited number of cabins, please make your reservations early.

Rotary Short -Term Youth Exchange, Summer 2008



We are looking for youths aged 15 to 19 to participate in a three-week homestay exchange in England, France, Germany, Spain or Sweden. The

departure date is set for June 28, 2008. After three weeks abroad the Americans and their new friends come to U.S. On or about August 9, the Europeans will return home.

The American and the European youths are carefully matched by age and interests by the European Rotary Youth Exchange officers. When the matches are proposed, the youth excitedly get acquainted via emails, photos and/or telephone calls with their proposed hosts. The youths confirm matches, attend an orientation, buy airline tickets and health insurance and prepare to go abroad. The costs for applicants are airfare (about \$1,300), health insurance (about \$115), spending money and home hosting. This program builds international good will and helps youths build self-confidence, make new friends and create memories to cherish for a lifetime.

An application can be downloaded from www.rotary6040.org under the youth activities link. The deadline is set for Feb. 4, 2008. If you have any questions you can contact district coordinator **Richard Helmuth** at 913-677-0564 or richard@helmuth.net

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