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CPR/AED Duty Schedule January 17, 2008

1. Leader — **Rick Beyer**
2. Compress — **Jim McLarney**
3. Defib — **Don Giffin**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

January 16:

Board of Directors

4:00 — All Star Awards

835 W. 39th Street, KC, MO

January 17:

KCRF Investment Committee

11:00 — Eisenhower Room

YC Capital Campaign

1:20 — Wilson Room

January 24:

KCRC Foundation

10:30 — Burgundy Room

Stand of Colors

11:00 — Lido Room

February 7:

New Member Orientation

10:20 — Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:00 — Burgundy Room

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

Thursday's Meeting



January 17, 2008

"ROAD MAP TO 2010"

MR. ANTHONY AMATO, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Since being named superintendent of the Kansas City, Missouri School District in July 2006, Anthony S. Amato has implemented several initiatives designed to improve student achievement. These include Success For All, Save Our Seniors, I Can Learn Algebra and an unprecedented universal, free Pre-Kindergarten program open to all families in the district.

He is also directing a comprehensive multi-year reorganization that calls for neighborhood-based PreK-8 elementary schools and small learning communities within district

high schools.

Under Amato's leadership, the district has made important gains on the Missouri Assessment Program test, increased the graduation rate, and developed the Parent Power Institute, a program that helps parents of district students earn college degrees.

Amato previously served as superintendent of New Orleans Public Schools, Hartford (Conn.) Public Schools, and New York City Public Schools - Community School District #6.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Royal Hall



Invocation:
Charlie Rogers



Welcome:
Terry McGovern

GREETERS: Downtown Committee will serve as our greeters this week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

January 24 — Dr. Robert Litan, vice president for research and policy, The Kauffman Foundation

January 31 — The Reverend Thomas B. Curran, president, Rockhurst University

February 7 — Danny O'Neill, bean baron, The Roasterie



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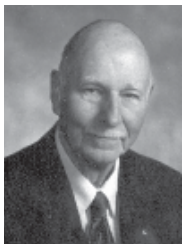
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**LAST THURSDAY --
 January 3, 2008**



by
Bob Weir

President-elect **Myron Sildon**, filling in for President **Chuck**, brought us into 2008 with a New Year's greeting and gave us a hint of his light-hearted manner we can expect during his term next year. Although Past President **Tom Terry** quipped how anxious Myron must be when he announced the date and place for the COG banquet.

John Simon led us through "My Country" with **Carl Bolte** "playing, not on" the piano, as **Myron** explained. (*Janet, look for a lot of funny stuff from Myron as he peruses your program sheet; it comes naturally.*) **Henrik Andersen's** invocation was thoughtful and original. **Sherilyn Seitz** had a large crowd of visitors to introduce, which is usually the case for our first-of-the-year economic program.

Mike Griggs, John Hegarty, John Marshall and Thomas Walker

were introduced as Club 13's new members.

Thomas Hoenig, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, summed up economically that 2007 actually was stronger than generally was published and he expects 2008 to strengthen through the year. He based his perception on these four points: Consumer and business purchasing is still active; unemployment is low; government spending will continue and the foreign markets are growing and stable. Of course, there is always the "on the other hand," which is inflation of more than 4% and credit tightening to stifle growth.

Hoenig gave us an inside look the Fed's action in promoting the economy yet keeping a rein on inflation. The various regions in the U.S. have different problems that are resolved to the benefit of the whole country through compromise and gradual action. He stated that the central region is not so inclined to drastic ups and downs due to the more stable housing market, demand for agriculture and a strong supply of energy.

A great program. I'm sure Mr. Hoenig would still be there answering questions if time hadn't run out, however, on the other hand ...



**Ramblin'
 Rotarians**

Brent Caswell - Independence, MO

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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 Make-up 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.

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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.

Membership Proposal

The Membership Classification and Qualification Committee has approved the following application. It will be reviewed at the Jan. 16 board of directors meeting. In accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Club Bylaws, this applicant will become a member unless a written objection is received in the Rotary office by Jan. 28, 2008.

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Annual Blood Drive was disappointing...

The Community Blood Center only collected 18 units of blood at our annual blood drive, which was held on Jan. 3.

Thanks to the following for donating blood: Ralph Bender, **Dick Brown, Jan Canterbury, Steve Dicus, Janet Ellis,** Glenn Fall, **Cyndi Gamach,** Don Hathaway, **Terry McGovern, Jim Porter,** David Porter (Jim's brother), **Dick Retrum, Karl Roscoe, Ward Shaw, Jim Shultz, Jr., Saad Wakas and Jonn Wullschleger.**

A honorable mention goes to **Mark Snow** who was unable to give himself but brought three of his employees to donate.

We had 32 people signed up but due to colds and other unforeseen problems only 17 donated. Kudos to **Jonn Wullschleger,** who was able to donate two pints and **Dick Retrum,** who donated platelets.

If you were unable to make it last Thursday for whatever reason, you can always stop at the Community Blood Bank at 4040 Main and donate in the name of "Rotary."



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ANDY BEYER

Rotary Night at NAIA Tournament



Mark your calendars! The NAIA Basketball Tournament is March 19-25 at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Kansas

City. Our District 6040, under the leadership of Assistant Governor Jerry Wolfe, is planning an NAIA Rotary night on Saturday, March 22. There will be two games that night which are semi-final games and promises to be good games. There are also activities in the lower auditorium for the younger people. This could be a good family event which is not only an opportunity for Rotary fellowship but also some Rotary recognition.

Rotarians and their guests are invited to attend. Adult tickets are \$12 and student/child tickets are \$5 and Rotarians are responsible for buying their own tickets. An order form can be found on the district website www.rotary6040.org or the NAIA website www.naia.org or e-mail dboyd@naia.org. Wouldn't it be a fun evening if we had hundreds of Rotarians and their families joined together for the game?

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Group Study Exchange Team Travels to Brazil



by Kim LeSage,
GSE Team Leader

Our Group Study Exchange team departed on Oct. 18 and arrived in Sao Paulo, Brasil on Oct. 19. We joined hosts and Rotary clubs in Sao Paulo, Embu, Santana de Parnaiba, Alphaville, and Barueri. Our team visited approximately 14 Rotary club meetings as well as the District Conference. We saw many beautiful places and sites as well as many different Rotary projects. We participated in a Nike 10K run with 25,000 people, attended a symphony concert in Sao Paulo, and visited the port town of Santos. This wonderful experience came to a close on Nov. 14. Before leaving this fantastic country, we were the guests of honor at a barbeque that was hosted by one of the many wonderful Rotarians. Pictured is the GSE team at our homecoming dinner with guests DG **Sally Bibb** and my husband Todd LeSage.

Memories of Brazil by Victor Vizzuett



harmony that made time seem static.

Victor is a medical performance improvement management specialist at Truman Medical center and was sponsored by our club.


Brazil was for me a country of habitual contrast. I saw luxurious residencies that took one floor of a building and also seven orphans sharing one room. I drank exquisite bitter coffee and ate juicy sweet papayas. I drove with people who hurried and struggled to get to places but these same people enjoyed meals with a pace and

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