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1. Leader — **Bruce Knapp**
2. Compress — **Karl Roscoe**
3. Defib — **Rick Halterman**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

February 7:

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

Membership C&Q

11:00 — Burgundy Room

LA Convention Goers

11:00 — Trianon E

February 20, 2008

Board of Directors

4:00 — All Star Awards

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

Thursday's Meeting



January 31, 2008

"DOING THE ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARILY WELL" REV. THOMAS B. CURRAN, PRESIDENT, ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY



Although he is the first non-Jesuit president of Kansas City's Rockhurst University, the Rev. Thomas B. Curran is well-grounded in the philosophy of Jesuit higher education. In addition to earning degrees from two Jesuit universities, he previously served as associate vice president for university relations and assistant to the president at Regis University in Denver. There, he headed major gifts and corporate relations staff, directed the annual fund and had daily oversight of the university's capital campaign.

Before joining Regis, Father Curran served as president of Salesianum School in Wilmington, Del., a Catholic high school operated by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, the religious order of which he is a member. While in that role, he founded Nativity Preparatory School, a middle school for low-income boys, where he also served as executive director.

Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room



Invocation:
Jim Porter



Welcome:
Darin Shank

GREETERS: Lee Brumitt, Matt Meyer, Randy Sisk
and Frank Toplikar

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

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

February 14 — Spouse's Day — Jan Chu, president/CEO, Kauffman Center for Performing Arts

(Note: Meeting will be held in Royal Hall.)

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

February 28 — Program TBA



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 January 17, 2008**



by
 Bob Weir

Prez **Chuck** earned his money last Thursday (What money?), opening with a vacant chair where the speaker should be. He called our pre-meeting routines to pass with hesitancy as he kept a watchful eye toward the door. Mean-time, **John Simon** and **Carl Bolte** led "Our Country Tis of Thee." **Charlie Rogers'** invocation on diversity was inspired by Martin Luther King's approaching day; and **Jeff Van Horn**, filling in on short notice, handled the intros.

Always good at killing time, Past Prez **Woody Davis** (He's a lawyer, you know) presented the coming "Stand of Colors" working committee event chairperson, **Debra Shultz**. And using his old Karnak routine, he called on members to be prepared to work on the event next May. By the way, workday on the site is rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2.

Tom Tatro reminded us of the special deal to become a Paul Harris Fel-

low. See article on this deal to the right.

Carl DiCapo's guest Brian Alexander, the new CEO of the Liberty Memorial, filled in nicely until our speaker arrived, by telling us how great the WWI Museum is, and how it is being recognized internationally. Alexander has been a director of several museums and noted how excited he is to be in KC.

Dr. Anthony Amato, superintendent of the Kansas City School District, opened with a quip appropriate to his current situation with the school board. Referring back to a recent purchase by the WWI Museum, he said "I could use that tank right now!" Amato made a Powerpoint presentation of the goals and accomplishments of the Kansas City Schools for the past year and the progress toward accreditation by the Missouri review board. Improvement in several required standards have been impressive under Amato's guidance, such as high school graduates and ACT scores. Not so good is attendance, which is a major problem. Space won't permit listing here all the factors involved in acquiring accreditation, but in summary, it appears that the KC School District is progressing successfully toward Amato's goal by 2010. He concluded that it required a focus to stay on course as set up and working.

He received a standing ovation that showed Club 13's approval and support.

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Kansas City Rotary Club Youth Camp 2007 Year End Report



by Paula Willett, President, RYC Association

We are pleased to submit our annual report for the Rotary Club Youth Camp for the year 2007. This is the Camp's 83rd year serving the disadvantaged and disabled youth of the Kansas City area.

Summer Attendance

The camp hosted 852 campers and staff this summer, serving 13,044 meals. The number of snow days taken by the local school districts caused the Camp to start a week later than normal. Two new groups were added in a shortened session this year, Operation Breakthrough and Boys Hope Girls Hope. Both groups work with disadvantaged youth. This was their first camping experience and was extremely successful. The Girl Scout Juliette Low Camp celebrated its 50th year of camping at the Rotary Club Youth Camp. Many campers and staff returned for the celebration. Everyone who had not seen Cassell Hall was delighted with the building.

The death of camper Doug Rogers was an extremely sad occurrence. The BSA organization followed its procedures, as did the Rotary Youth Camp staff and board. The investigation revealed no fault with either group. The coroner found that Doug had died from a fatal seizure, not drowning as was first suspected. The Risk Management Committee of the BSA has met and decided on steps to take to prevent campers from wandering off at night. The Rotary Youth Camp Staff and BSA volunteers will work together to implement these safety measures.

Volunteers

The camp continues to be supported by a vast group of volunteers. The Club 13 Work Days help to keep the camp looking clean and well maintained. Several other local groups have contributed their time to the camp also. Eagle Scout projects and Girl Scout Gold Award projects help add new elements to the camping program. The Raytown Fire District has adopted the camp as one of its community service programs. They spent several days building platforms, roofing a new shelter, cooking for the Boy Scout session and clearing the brush from inside the lagoon fence. The Rotary Club 13 C.U.T. led by Phil Kinney made the camp entrance and roadside cleaner places.

Club 13 Auxiliary

The Auxiliary never waivers in its continued support of the camp. The members donate supplies, equipment and money each year. This year their purchase of the sno-cone machine was greatly appreciated. They also purchased mattresses to replace the ones that had become unusable. The Auxiliary has money set aside to help with the construction of a new entrance to the camp whenever it becomes a reality. The Juliette Low campers look forward each summer to the day that the Auxiliary comes out and helps with their craft project.

Comfort Station

The comfort station construction started up in November. Again, several committed Rotarians assisted in getting the project underway. The early snow hampered progress. At this time the footings have been poured and the under-floor plumbing is completed. The contractor does not anticipate a problem in getting the comfort station completed by April. The new building will be greatly appreciated by all the people who use the camp.

Off Season Usage

Most weekends are booked a year in advance. April, May, September and October are always completely full with a waiting list. During the winter months the reservations are usually Boy Scout troops. Currently there are two elementary schools that use the camp each year. Expansion of the usage would need to focus on weekday scheduling.

Colbern Road Entrance

Plans for the new entrance are being developed. The Auxiliary will be assisting in this process. There is a need for a more visible entrance sign than we currently have and a gate that can be closed for security. Construction is planned for the spring of 2008.

Comfort Station Update



Rotarians **Kermit Bright** and **Bill Mumford** tour the construction site of the new comfort station at the Rotary Youth Camp with contractor Steve Patterson. The outer walls have been poured! Now that it can be covered and heated work will progress despite the weather. We are still on target for a late March completion date.

Tyrotarians Achieve 100 Participation Points in Tyro Orientation Program

This week, **Kent Rogers**, (realtor, Victor Ross & Company); **John Simon** (attorney, Missouri State Public Defender System); **Sarah Swatosh** (attorney, Bryan Cave, LLP) and **Greg Wright**, (vice president, Kelly-Hill Company) have reached their 100 points by participation in various functions.

Kent, John, Sarah and Greg, you may remove the red ribbons from your badges. Great job!



Kent Rogers



John Simon



Sarah Swatosh



Greg Wright



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BOWLING NEWS:

by **Dick Retrum**



The celebrating down on lanes 1 and 2 today continued on into the final frames. **Karl Roscoe** (the other Roscoe) rolled a 208. This was his first 200 game of the season. There were high fives, fist fives, back slapping and someone bought a round of drinks to honor the occasion. There's never a dull moment when bowling against the Past Prez's.

The other high games were Bill Riney 211, **Charlie Tryban** 210 (his first of the season) and according to **Norm**, his team doesn't announce games under 250. The standard we have set for ourselves. But today.....well we were lucky to get what we got. Besides, it's nice to be recognized by your fellow Rotarians.

ATTENTION ALL TYROS! Rotary Club 13 Bowling League has declared Feb. 5 to be free bowling day (shoes included). The fun starts at 4:00 p.m. at AMF West Lanes at 8788 Metcalf Ave. You can earn three points towards the 100 needed to end your Tyro status. It doesn't matter if you can bowl or not. Just come on out. We'll find a place for you.

For those of you keeping track of our bowling snow-birds, **Ted Middendorf** is on the sunny beaches of Florida for the next six weeks and **Al & Mary Tikwart** just returned from two weeks in South Africa where they attended their son's wedding. When asked about this adventure, **Al** said, "Haven't lived yet until you can sip martinis in front of 400 elephants."

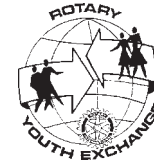
And finally, from (You are killing me Smalls) **Dick Harmes** words of encouragement: Don't be so hard on yourself.....you're not that good.

February Birthday



1. Harlan Burkhead, Fritz Zschietzschmann
3. Hall Harsh, Jan Marcason
4. Carl Bolte
5. Richard Helmuth
6. Christy Chester
9. Ted Dalberg, Gerald Lee
11. Gordon Beaham
14. Bill Bayer
15. Terry O'Toole
16. Dick Burnett, Bill Poquette
19. Michael Fields, Clark Hunt
20. Overton Durrett, Chuck Eddy, Steve Stoecker
21. Gene Zachman
22. Bob Salsman
23. Patricia Wyatt, Jim Wyrsh
24. Bill Robison
25. Ed Corley, Tom McGee
26. Myron Sildon
27. George Matteson, Patrick O'Malley

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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