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ROTARY CLUB 13
KANSAS CITY, MO



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Mark Your Calendars to

Attend Our Annual COG Party

Rotary Club 13's annual Changing of the Guard (COG) party will be held on Thursday, June 26. We will not have a noon luncheon meeting on that date.

This is a great opportunity to honor our outgoing president, **Chuck Vogt**, and welcome our incoming president, **Myron Sildon**.

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CPR/AED Duty Schedule June 5, 2008

1. Leader — **Gerald Lee**
2. Compress — **Janet Ellis**
3. Defib — **Bruce Knapp**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

June 4:

**2008-09 Board of Directors
Orientation Training**
3:30 -5:30 — 917 E. 19th St.

June 5:

New Member Orientation
10:30 — Lido Room
Membership C & Q
11:15 — Burgundy Room
Stand of Colors
1:15 — Trianon E

June 12:

Program
11:00 — Lido Room

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

Thursday's Meeting



June 5, 2008

"BLUE SKIES FOR THE ECONOMY — NOT YET!" SHELDON STAHL, RESIDENT ECONOMIST, MEARA, WELCH, BROWNE, PC



Sheldon Stahl began working as an economist in at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1962. He moved to the Philadelphia Fed from 1967-1969, then rejoined the Kansas City Fed, from which he retired in 1977 as vice president and senior economist.

Other experience includes deputy governor of the Office of Finance and Research with the Farm Credit Administration; director of economic studies for the Williams Companies in Tulsa; corporate economist and advisor on public policy for Midwest Research Institute; and dean of the School of Management at Rockhurst University. From 1993-2003, he held an endowed chair as Vernon Haase Professor of Business and Economics at Aurora (Ill.) University.

Upon re-returning to Kansas City, Stahl joined Meara, King and Co. — now Meara Welch Browne — a public accounting firm, as resident economist.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Trianon Room



Invocation:
Bill Watson



Welcome:
Neil Green

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

June 12 — Dr. John Felmy, chief economist, American Petroleum Institute, will speak on "America's Energy Future"

June 13 — Fourth Annual Rotary Night at the Zoo

June 17 — Spring Rotary Golf, Deer Creek Golf Club (see page 4)

June 19 — Program to be announced

June 26 — Annual Changing of the Guard Party



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 May 22, 2008**



by
 Jim Holmberg

Nothing puts a damper on attendance at the annual pre Memorial Day meeting at the Youth Camp like heavy downpours and thunderstorms. By late morning last Thursday the rain moved on to Sedalia and a hundred-plus Club 13 members made their annual pilgrimage to the camp.

Although the memorial observance was the centerpiece of the meeting, many took the opportunity to check out the final construction details on the new "comfort station," which provides new restrooms and shower facilities for campers and staff. The facilities look great. Even with construction timing "down to the wire," everything should be ready for the first camping session, just around the corner.

President **Chuck Vogt** called us to order with fitting remarks that this annual event stands as evidence the Club 13 values friendship, family, faith and tradition. **John Coil** offered our invocation and **Charlie Huffman** led us sing-

ing "God Bless America."

We had some regular business to tend to. President **Chuck** said the "dust is still settling" on the first Stand of Colors and the bean counters are still in the process of evaluating the financial results. He continued to tell us that he is proud of the way Club 13 pulled together to stage an excellent event.

Remember Rotary Night at the Zoo on Friday June 13, when the zoo will be open exclusively to area Rotarians and their families. The price is \$10 a head including food, sea lion and bird shows plus free tram, train and boat rides. RSVP to the Rotary office. Keep your eyes open for an invitation in the mail to annual Changing of the Guard set for June 26. This year's festivities will be held at the Kansas City Downtown Public Library.

Past President **Jim Porter** took the podium and offered remarks in memory of **Dick Aubin**, who passed away almost exactly one year ago. He recalled that Dick as a "fiery little guy, tenacious and a straight shooter." Although he was involved in the community and manager of the Carriage Club, to Dick the most important thing in life was family. Jim reported that Dick's grandchildren fondly remember fishing, skipping rocks and simply walking around the lake with Grandpa.

He recalled **Don Smith**, who died last August, as a gentle man, warm, friendly, kind, considerate and leaving a rich legacy. Jim told us Don was a K-State alum who loved to travel, "was always positive and lived life to the fullest."

Thirty-year-plus member and Paul Harris fellow **Cass Cassing** passed away in mid- October. **Steve Schleicher** remembered Cass as a "family man who loved people." An avid ham radio operator, Cass enjoyed talking to people around the world and he was a skilled amateur photographer. Before the days of pocket recorders and Podcasts, Cass made the effort to record Club 13 meetings and shared the recordings with Rotarians who missed because of health or travel demands.

Steve's memorial remarks also included **Paul Schmidt**, who died just a few weeks ago. Paul was remembered as a friendly, quiet man, yet competi-

tive and a man of deep conviction. Paul's competitiveness came from high school and college basketball. He was a man who stood on his principles in spite of the cost and rejection. In WWII he registered as a conscientious objector and opted for alternative service to his country.

Ken Craven offered a memorial prayer, asking that we be mindful of Rotarians who go before us showing "Service Above Self" in greater reality. He then led us outside for the dedication of a memorial tree donated and planted by Schleicher Nursery.

It was good to gather in remembrance. I look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

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Plans for COG have now been finalized by Entertainment Chair **Dick Retrum**.

The COG will take place at the Helzberg Room on top of the Central Library downtown (14 West 10th Street).

The Marriott will be catering this event.

Cocktail hour (cash bar) begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Starting with a delicious spinach salad, you will have a choice of your main entree between sliced medallions of beef topped with a rich bordelaise sauce and Dauphinois potatoes or breast of chicken stuffed with salami, spinach and boursin cheese served with sundried tomato and wild mushroom sauce. You will need to state your preference on your response card. Wine will be served with dinner.

Desserts of caramel apple tart with a vanilla bean creme sauce and two layers of reddish chocolate cake with vanilla creme cheese and fresh berries and red currant coulis will be alternated on the tables.

Jeff Lanza will serve as our master of ceremonies, entertaining and keeping the evening on track and running smoothly.

By now you have received your invitation in the mail. So please RSVP as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the Rotary office at 816/842-2322.

Fourth Annual Rotary Night at the Zoo

June 13, 2008
(Friday)

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



The Rotary Night at the Zoo is back by popular demand. Mark your calendars for Friday evening,

June 13, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Randy Wisthoff, zoo director, has made arrangements for this exclusive Rotary event. District Governor **Sally Bibb** has invited all the metro Rotary clubs to join us for this fun outing.

Tickets for admission are \$10 per person (*kids under 3 are free*) and can be purchased at the zoo gate. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks are the food fare for the evening. There will be free train, tram and boat rides. The sea lion show will be at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a bird show and a carousel ride and an opportunity to see the new river otter exhibit.

Come see the newly redesigned and remodeled front entrance. Remember, the zoo is kid friendly, so bring your kids and grandkids.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to our Rotary office either by calling 816/842-2322 or e-mailing janet@rotary13.org.



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Club 13 Auxiliary names new officers



The following women are serving as officers:

- President - Carol Retrum
- 1st V.P. - Stephanie Bittner
- 2nd V.P. - Barbara Heymach
- 3rd V.P. - Gloria Knisley
- Treasurer - Sarah Jane Beyer
- Recording Secretary - Kay Roscoe
- Corresponding Secretary - Phyllis Brennan
- Sergeant at Arms - Suzy Meyer
- Member at Large - Gay Dickey, Peggy Gray

The auxiliary will hold its June 5 meeting at the Blue Hills Country Club, 777 W. Burning Tree Drive, Kansas City, MO.

Cindy Oetting, registered dietitian, St. Luke's Hospital will be the featured speaker.

Social time at 11:30 a.m.; luncheon at noon.

For reservations, contact Marcia Beardsley at 913/648-7792.

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Chuck Vogt, Jr.

June Birthday



1. Bill Gray
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7. Kermit Bright, Charlie Huffman, Bruce Knapp
8. Don Giffin
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16. Ross Donnell, Joe Snopek, Bob Edwardson, Bill Leuszler
17. Jared English, Tom Tupper
18. John Hegarty, Greg Wright
19. Bill Mumford
23. Peter Sotta, Charlie Tryban
24. Tom Beal, Rob Mandel
25. Norm Capps, Tom Davis
26. Leslie Bitterman
27. Nick Scielzo
28. Gary McEachen
29. Dick Berkley, Stacey Brown, Bill Buckner, Dick Retrum, Pete Newcomer
30. Jim Holmberg

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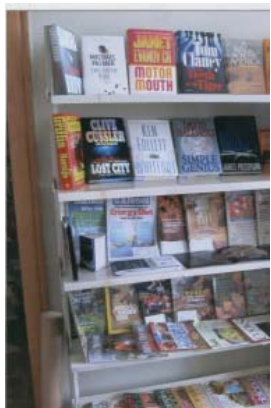
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Neil Barnett

Ukraine Trip was a Success! by Bob Lager



The **Don Smith** Memorial Project trip to Ukraine was a big success!

Rotarian **Dick Helmuth**, his wife Isabell, a friend of Rotary Burt Cavin and **Bob Lager** made the trip from April 30 to May 9. **Dick** and Burt have been on three trips and Isabell on two.

We delivered best-seller books and classics, magazines, newspapers, maps and flags to the university library and a city library that serves a nearby population of about 75,000 apartment dwellers. The authors ranged from Clive Cussler to W.E.B. Griffin to David Baldacci to John Grisham to Janet Ivanovich. The classics were the stories of Mark Twain and Hawthorne, and poetry of Robert Frost and others. The U.S. flag once flew over the U.S. Capitol building and was provided by Rep. Dennis Moore. We also had flags of Kansas and Missouri. The maps were of the Kansas City area and the U.S. Newspapers included current issues of the *KC Star*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *the New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. The magazines ranged from *Time* to cooking related and *Glamour* for the college girls.



We met in the libraries with older middle school and university students and teachers. We also met with the new mayor of the city and his staff and local Rotarians. There was TV coverage of each of those events.

We attended the Changing of the Guard party for the Dneprodzerzhinsk club and we all honored and toasted **Don** at that time.



Club 13's Annual Golf Championship



Bob Hagans, 2007 golf champion, is anxious to defend his title, so sign up now. This is a single-elimination tournament (just like the basketball "March Madness") and is open for all golfers without preference except that they be Club 13 Rotarians and will play their matches when scheduled. Full handicaps are used to equalize skill levels (maximum of 30 handicap).

We would like to have a field of 36 golfers, but if not, the first 24 to sign up will participate.

Name _____
Golf course you generally play: _____
Handicap _____

Spring Rotary Golf Event



Tuesday, June 17

1:30 p.m.

Shotgun start

Deer Creek Golf Club

7000 West 133rd Street

Overland Park, KS 66209

4-Person Scramble Format

\$70 includes golf, prizes and lunch at noon prior to the event.

This is a great event to share with fellow Rotarians and prospective Rotarians! Make your own foursome or sign up as a single and we will place you on a team.

Please RSVP to **Bill Strout** at william_s@srains.com or 913/236-3050.

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