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Tuesday,
April 8 is Greater
KC Day. Still time
to sign up — Call
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CPR/AED Duty Schedule March 27, 2008

1. Leader — **Overton Durrett**
2. Compress — **Bruce Knapp**
3. Defib — **Karl Roscoe**

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Club Foundation with a contribution?*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*(All meetings will be held in the Lido,
Burgundy or Trianon E Rooms unless oth-
erwise noted.)*

March 27:

Ecology

11:00 — Lido Room

Y.C. Capital Campaign

11:00 — Burgundy Room

Downtown

11:00 — Trianon E

April 3:

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Kennedy Room

Membership C&Q

11:15 — Taft Room

April 10:

Ecology — Charles Clemmons

10:30 — Tea Room

April 17:

KCRC Foundation - Investment

10:30 — 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



March 27, 2008

"THE CALL TO DUTY"

**SILVER STAR RECIPIENT TOM PARKS + STEVE RUSSELL
(THE MAN WHO CAUGHT SADDAM HUSSEIN)**



We have the honor of having Silver Star Recipient Tom Parks, who is from Kansas City, and Steve Russell, the man who caught Saddam Hussein, at Rotary this Thursday. These gentlemen are with the Veterans for Freedom Tour.

Vets for Freedom is a nonpartisan organization established by combat veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their mission is to educate the American public about the importance of achieving success in these conflicts by applying our first-hand knowledge to issues of American strategy and tactics in Iraq.

Vets for Freedom is the largest Iraq and Afghanistan veterans organization in America.

Muehlebach Hotel / 12:00 NOON / Trianon Room



Invocation:
John Marshall



Welcome:
Jeff Van Horn

GREETERS: Members from our Greeting/Meeting Arrangements Committee will serve as this week's greeters.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

March 27 — Pre-bee at Cordish Companies, 5:30 p.m.

April 2 — Literacy KC Corporate Spelling Bee at Ameristar Casino

April 3 — Royal Hall — Thomas Cahill, author

April 8 — Tuesday, Greater KC Day — Mark your calendars!

April 10 — Rotary Night at the K

April 10 — Charles Clemmons, Rotary Water Resource Coordinator for North America

April 25-26 — District Conference 6040, Hyatt Regency Crown Center



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**LAST THURSDAY --
 March 13, 2008**



by
 Harlan Burkhead

Who could pass the opportunity to write a column about a columnist? Certainly not this dilettante cub reporter when the subject columnist was Mike Braude of *The Kansas City Business Journal*, the guest speaker at today's meeting. Mike, in his words, is an "equal opportunity" friend of your reporter, the equal opportunity deriving from the fact that we seldom find common ground in our respective thoughts about two area institutions of higher learning. One of us hails from a university which has a feline mascot generously shared with only 44 other colleges (I kid you not — Google "college nicknames," and I'm not even counting the Lincoln University Blue Tigers as one of the 44) and rather menacing and morbid black and gold colors, whereas the other's alma mater has for its distinct and distinguished mascot a strikingly attractive mythical bird and pretty patriotic colors of crimson and blue.

Mike's talk covered a plethora of

topics ranging from humility (Mike's wondering aloud to his youngest son as to how many great speakers there were in the world and drawing the response, "one less than you think"), columns he has written lauding and sometimes criticizing local projects and persons (names of those criticized not mentioned here to protect the guilty), his personal-finance success tip ("one wife one house") and his favorite dining venues (none of which has seen a white tablecloth).

Mike was introduced by **Curt Watkins** as a "raving MU Tiger fanatic." Curt's understatement aside, everyone knows what colors inhabit Brother Braude's closet. No doubt out of concern for who is going to have the last word this time around, he was relatively kind to the Jayhawks, even saying nice things about their baseball coach, Ritch Price, and another equal opportunity friend of his, the voice of the Jayhawks, Bob Davis. He was not totally restrained, however, mentioning that in his view the greatest reenactment of the Civil War to take place in Kansas City took place last Thanksgiving evening at Arrowhead Stadium. He also mentioned that he had stipulated only two qualifications for his sons' marriage partners: not the same sex and not a Jayhawk.

Accompanied by **Carl Bolte, Bob Lager** jump-started thoughts of St. Patrick's Day with a solo version of *Danny Boy* followed by the massed Rotary chorus in *God Bless America*. After the invocation by **Dick Brown** and a welcome of four guests by **John Marshall**, President **Chuck** reported that both **Jim Shultz** and **Tony DiPardo** were still in sick bay and recognized **Scott Burnett** for being named grand marshal of the Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Henrik Andersen spoke of the April 2 Literacy Corporate Spelling Bee where the Club 13 team is, of course, once again the odds-on favorite. Vocal support of the team and financial support of this great cause will be greatly appreciated. Speaking of great causes, **Terry O'Toole** announced that Greater KC day will be on Tuesday, April 8, and that support in the form of paper ped-

dlers and sponsors is what is required to keep our Rotary Youth Camp great.

It was a great meeting in the Colonial Ballroom at the Muehlebach and a great day in downtown Kansas City: Big 12 tournaments in full swing, Kansas City live coming to life, St. Paddy's Day parade floats being crafted, March Madness about to begin (for some teams) and spring just about to spring upon us. Life is good.

**Save this date and please
 mark your calendars!**

Thursday, March 27, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**The "Grand Rotary Spell-Off" for
 Literacy Kansas City**

VENUE: Cordish Company offices for a "bird's eye view" of the development boom transforming downtown Kansas City.

At this Rotary event, we will select the team to represent our club in Literacy Kansas City's 14th Annual Spelling Bee. The Rotary Spell-Off will be held in the reception suite of the Cordish Company (30th floor) at 1100 Walnut, KC, MO. Cordish Company is the developer of the Power and Light District. This event includes wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Link to Power and Light District website: www.powerandlightdistrict.com

The Literacy Kansas City Spelling Bee will take place on April 2 in the Star Pavilion at the Ameristar Kansas City Casino and Hotel.

Event includes: cocktails (starting at 5:30 p.m.), dinner and great fun at the spelling bee.

You and your guest will receive two tickets to attend both events with your \$100 (or more) contribution towards Rotary 13's Literacy Kansas City Campaign.

Please help those who are working as adults to develop their reading skills.

Send your tax-deductible checks made payable to **Literacy Kansas City** (a 503c corporation) to the Rotary office at 1219 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64105.

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Rotary Club 13 Supports "Project Dictionary" for Third Year

The Literacy Committee would like to express its appreciation for the generous contribution of time and energy by Club 13 volunteers in the presentation and distribution of dictionaries. Forty-five Club 13 volunteers delivered dictionaries to approximately 1,500 third graders in 23 elementary schools in the greater KC area. One of our teams (**Ann Johnson** and **Ted Bertram**) went all the way to St. Joseph, MO.

Volunteers made a short presentation to each third-grade class, introducing the students to the use of the dictionary and presenting each student his or her own personal dictionary to keep. The left photo shows Rotarian **Sherilyn Seitz** with the principal of Melcher Elementary, Shana Strawn, The middle photo is Rotarian and Councilwoman **Jan Marcason** with several Melcher third graders, and the right photo is Rotarian **Dick Brown** with more Melcher third graders proudly displaying their new dictionaries.

The feedback has been quite positive again this year, both from our volunteers and from the schools.

Thanks to these members for making our Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," a meaningful reality.

Ted Bertram, Chris Boland, Denny Bolte, Jim Brenneman, Dick Brown, Scott Burnett, Dave Bywaters, Jan Canterbury, Brent Caswell, Dan Clark, Scott Corbin, Alan Corbet, Barbara Dolci, Pat Dunn, Bob Edwardson, Gene Freeman, Dan Gabbert, Elliott Goldstein, George Gordon, Dick Helmuth, Paul Herbers, Peter Ho, Ann Johnson, Rick Kappa, Jerry Lonergan, Kyle Roehler, Karl Roscoe, Brad Leech, Jan Marcason, Terry McGovern, Debra Shultz, Diane Scott, Sherilyn Seitz, Darin Shank, Ward Shaw, Doug Stone, Sarah Swatosh, Mike Tarry, Al Tikwart, Jeff Van Horn, Chuck Vogt, Kevin Wicker and JoEllen Wurth.



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Chuck Vogt, Jr.

First Foundation Alumni Reception is Great Success!



A jointly sponsored reception honoring foundation alumni from District 6040 and District 5710 was held Saturday, March 1st at the Kansas City Airport Hilton. The reception was attended by 60 persons including alumni and guests, Ambassadorial Scholar Seminar faculty and participants and leaders from the International Alliance.

Twenty-seven alumni were in attendance, including 17 sponsored by or currently residing in District 6040. Foundation alumni who participated in Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Volunteers were represented. **Don Stebbins** of Club 13 was honored as a past Ambassadorial Scholar. In 1984-85 **Don** traveled to London, England for a year of study at the London School of Economics. Don was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stockton (CA). **Don** is pictured above with other foundation alumni (left to right) Gary Black, PDG Jerry Venters, **Don** and Gordon Hadden.

Two District 6040 distinguished foundation alumni were part of the program. Past RI Director and Rotary Foundation Trustee Ray Klingensmith encouraged alumni to attend the upcoming international convention in Los Angeles and the planned alumni gathering pre-convention event. Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation Chair Larry Lunsford introduced some special guests attending the weekend's Ambassadorial Scholar sessions including Liz Skinner, our Rotary Foundation Alumni Zone Coordinator, Brad Lauman, the Rotary Foundation Scholarship Manager, and International Alliance leaders.

DG **Sally Bibb** of District 6040 and DG **Chuck Trimble** of District 5710 also welcomed alumni and spoke of the important role they have in the Rotary family. Following the reception, many guests attended the Ambassadorial Scholar Seminar Banquet and enjoyed the fellowship of the 43 out-bound scholars from the U.S. and Canada.

BOWLING NEWS:

by *Dick Retrum*



A few keglers (bowlers) might be interested to know that the new LUCKY STRIKE LANES opened March 6 at 1370 Grand Blvd. However, it only has 12 lanes and the major focus seems to be food and beverage, private parties, corporate events and children's gatherings. There is an outside wrap around deck that overlooks the Sprint Center.

Over the past few Rotary bowling seasons there has been some talk about moving our club to a different bowling establishment. This question will be raised over and over again. But Lucky Strike Lanes is not the answer. It's too small and, for many, too far away.

The higher temperature today (66) certainly brought out the high scores. Starting with Dan Couch's 279. He had all strikes and one spare in the 7th. Then Kay Roscoe hit her all-time high game of 264. Bill McGovney 239 & 216 (616 series), **Norm Waters** 222,203 & 225 (650 series), Rick Crouch 219,200 & 201 (620 series), Wesley Gill, 216, Dave Boone 210, **Peter Ho** 208, Alan Ives 201 & 206, George Moody 204, **Bob Bennett** 202 and finally **Bob Weir** 201. Fantastic bowling.

And from our league philosopher, **Norm Waters**, "A man who has much to think, has little to say....but for the question, the answer he seeks." He had to repeat it three times before I could quote it correctly. Just tell me at your earliest convenience if you would prefer that I not talk to Norm anymore.

We've got 31 on board for the Columbia trip. We need five more. Let me know ASAP if you missed signing up during league play today.

Comfort Station Update



The exterior of the new comfort station is nearly complete. Since it is now all under roof, the wonderful Irish weather on St. Pat's Day didn't slow down the construction crew. The stone and siding match Cassell Hall and gives an eye pleasing finish to the building.



Ramblin' Rotarians

- Sally Bibb** - Weston, MO, Eastern Independence, MO
- Carl Bolte** - Island Princess
- Neil Greene** - Independence, MO
- Henry Leonard** - Plaza, MO
- John Miller** - Juticalpa, Tegucigalpa Kaputzihil and Copan Ruinas, Honduras

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Need a new look for Spring?



Club 13 Auxiliary will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Indian Hills Country Club, 6847 Tomahawk Road, Mission Hills, KS.

Are you looking forward to Spring and a new look? Carolyn Budde, an expert and artist for Lancome Cosmetics, will demonstrate proper skin care and makeup for the coming season.

Please RSVP to Marcia Beardsley at 913/648-7792. You won't want to miss this program!

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