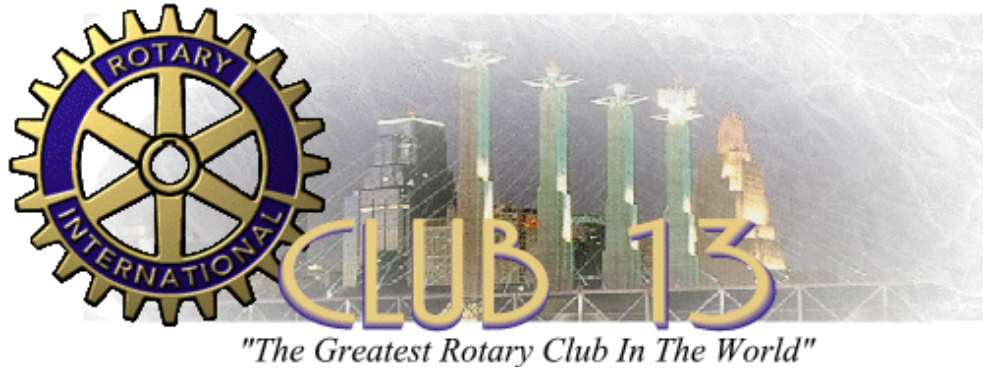


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ROTARY CLUB 13
KANSAS CITY, MO



Thank you, President Myron



Wielding his infamous Blackberry like a weapon of mass communication, President **Myron Sildon** led us on a steady course through a tumultuous

year. Club 13 met his weekly challenge to "have fun and help someone".

Curt Watkins and **Angela Augur** headed a vigorous Membership Committee and used the IGO (I Got One) campaign and special guest days bringing in quality new Rotarians. Under **Myron's** leadership they also took the reins, directing an outstanding series of Profiles in Leadership meetings.

Myron put down his trusty Blackberry each week just long enough to pick up his stopwatch, policing the two-minute Member Minute. The Member
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Thursday's Meeting



June 25, 2009

CHANGING OF THE GUARD PARTY "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS"

Kansas City Rotary Club 13
Invites you to
Changing of the Guard Party
"The Future of Rotary is in your Hands"

Honoring President Myron Sildon
and retiring board members
and
Welcoming new President Matt Meyer
and new board members



Thursday, June 25, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Starlight Ballroom, Crowne Plaza Hotel
1301 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Reception (cash bar)
7:30 p.m. - Dinner with salad and dessert

Menu consists of:
Bistro salad of Romaine lettuce, dried cranberries, red onion ringlets, blue cheese crumbles and spiced pecan nuts with roasted garlic or raspberry vinaigrette
Pork medallions with apple glaze
Au gratin potatoes and vegetables medley
Dessert will be carmel apple pie
Reservations required, \$41 per person
RSVP - Rotary office - 816/842-2322
Dress: Business attire

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

July 2 — Dayton Moore, general manager, K.C. Royals
July 16 — Club Assembly — 10:00 a.m. Harvest Room at the Marriott
Committee chairs, mark your calendars!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

July 2:

New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lido Room

Membership C & Q

11:15 — Burgundy Room

Vocational Service

11:00 — Trianon E

July 16:

Club Assembly

Committee Chairs

10:00 — Harvest Room (Marriott)

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

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**LAST THURSDAY --
 June 11, 2009**



by
Jim Holmberg

Last Thursday Ozanam President Doug Zimmerman presented a simple premise; "All children need a safe and permanent family that is there to guide and nurture them." But we all too well know the reality that many kids just don't have that stability.

For 61 years Ozanam has been standing in the gap, reaching out to serve children with emotional, behavioral and home issues. Children enter the care of Ozanam suffering from mental health and behavioral problems, substance abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and parents that are just not able to care for them.

The most well-known part of Ozanam is the south Kansas City group facility that's currently home to 74 boys and girls. There the students find stability, support and individual and group therapy.

Zimmerman told us Ozanam's programs now extend out to community-based day treatment and a BIST program. This Behavioral Intervention Support Team works with educators in over 300

schools, providing training and programs for dealing with special needs students.

As older youth reach high school graduation age they are again at critical risk as they move into independent living. Ozanam offers transitional living services through scattered site apartments in KC and Wichita to young men and women who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

The preferred outcome always is to return children to their "natural home" and help them connect with a significant adult. With that in mind, Ozanam is constantly looking for alternatives to foster care, such as adoption and kinship care.

Zimmerman was introduced to Club 13 by **Jerry Cooke**, whose extended family have been strong supporters of Ozanam. The new spiritual life center and chapel is named in honor of Jerry's mother.

June birthday celebrants, including yours truly, greeted members at the door of the Count Basie ballroom. Later, we got to stand wearing the honored pointy hats as the rest of you serenaded us with musical birthday greetings.

Then **Bob Lager** accompanied by **Carl "Both Hands" Bolte** led the traditional patriotic song. **Rowland Nofsinger** presented the Pledge of Allegiance, **Jordan Clark** offered our invocation and **Troy Harrison** welcomed guests and visiting Rotarians, including one from Brazil. **Jordan** returned to the podium for the Member Minute, telling us that he's a Westport resident and describing his work in commercial real estate.

In the recovery bay report we learned that **Norm Capps** is in intensive care at Menorah following lung surgery and that **Mike Prestia** is now home. **Chuck Fowler** is having some health issues and was added to the recovery list. All three appreciate cards and notes but no visitors are allowed.

Dick Retrum encouraged attendance at the upcoming COG party. However, Carol Retrum, President of the Club 13 Auxiliary, brought the sparkle to the podium presenting a \$7,000 check to the Youth Camp. Youth Camp Association **Paula Willett** gratefully accepted the gift and thanked the auxiliary for their continuing support and funding of the camp.

Have you remembered the Rotary Club Foundation with a contribution?

Club Assembly - July 16

On Thursday, July 16, your board of the directors and new committee chairs and co-chairs will gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Harvest Room at the Marriott. President **Matt** will review overall Club 13 goals for the coming year. Each committee chair will have the opportunity to share his or her committee's objectives and planned activities. This will be a fast-paced meeting and each chair is allotted two minutes to report.

After the assembly we will proceed to the Count Basie Ballroom for our regular Rotary luncheon.

(Note: If you are a committee chair and know that you cannot attend, please contact your co-chair to represent your committee.)

Committee chairs and co-chairs please mark your calendars today to attend the Club Assembly on July 16.

Your willingness to serve is most appreciated.

Rotarians, please remember that our roster is intended for the personal use of members only and is NOT for general distribution, nor is it to be used as a commercial, charitable, political, or personal mailing list. We sincerely hope you will abide with our policy.

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Wes Wingfield
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Thank you, President Myron (continued from front page.)

Minute, organized by Chair **Bill Early**, gave us interesting glimpses into the lives, activities and interests of fellow Rotarians.

Program chairman **Steve Burger** and his committee brought us another outstanding lineup of speakers. And **Steve** pulled extra duty as chairman of the Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign. Thanks to your generosity, his negotiating skill and a little good fortune, Club 13 was able to donate a record of 1,100 shoes for kids, pushing the district total past 12,000 pairs.

Bob Bernstein was recognized as the Business Executive of the Year and Bert Bates was named Citizen of the Year. The Education Excellence committee, headed by **Don Giffin**, recognized five students with Service Leadership awards and **Doug Nelson** presented awards to the educators and schools in the KC district for Education Excellence. **Evie Craig**, chair of the Downtown Committee, honored **Jonathan Kemper** and **John McMeel** of Andrews McMeel for their commitment to downtown KC.

Paula Willett and her committee put together another successful Camp Enterprise in September 2008.

Don Stebbins and his bell ringers helped the Salvation Army keep meeting community needs through of annual participation in the Red Kettle Campaign.

The Literacy Committee, under **Mary Kingsley's** leadership, delivered dictionaries to third graders throughout Kansas City and put together a spelling bee team that finished near the top of the bee, raising much-needed funds for Literacy KC.

The Ecology Committee, chaired by **Mike Griggs**, hosted a successful albeit soggy ecology day at the Youth Camp last fall and followed up will an even more successful ecology day at the KC Zoo this April.

Speaking of soggy and successful, **Terry O'Toole** and **Rusty Macy** deserve recognition for organizing what has to be the wettest and coldest edition of Greater Kansas City Day in Club 13 history. In spite of a bad economy and miserable weather, energetic Rotarians with the help of *The Star* still managed to raise \$ 75,000 for the Youth Camp.

From the Rotary sports world we need to note that **Tom Van Dyke** wears the crown, or at least possesses the trophy as the club golf champion. Our bowlers traveled to Columbia to meet the St. Louis All Stars in the annual duel. **Gene Freeman** summarized the results best saying, "we weren't beaten, just outscored. We'll be back".

On a final note, **Dick Retrum** has received the Creative Columnist of the Century award for his insightful coverage of the bowling league.



Norm Capps, currently in Menorah Hospital with bacterial pneumonia. No visitors, cards welcomed. Send to: 13720 Pembroke Circle, Leawood, KS 66224
Caringbridge.org/visitor/normcapps

Mike Prestia, recuperating at home after receiving a kidney. Cards can be sent to: 6410 Beverly, Mission, KS 66202

Chuck Fowler is dealing with health issues. Cards can be sent to: 14514 Birch, Leawood, KS 66224

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ANDY BEYER

Bert Bates receives the Outstanding Kansas Citian Award

by Jane Lee



Bert Bates turned Rotary Club 13's award to him right back into a compliment for our club.

In recognition of his longstanding record of philanthropic and legal service, Kansas City attorney W.H. (Bert) Bates was presented our club's "Outstanding Kansas Citian Award" June 4 by President **Myron Sildon**.

"Although I have questioned my being deserving of selection, I feel greatly honored and pleased to have been given your designation of "Outstanding Kansas Citian," Bates said.

"My appreciation is extended to your entire membership for this recognition by your highly regarded group and again compliment you for your outstanding record of service and future commitment to our greater community's betterment," he added.

Bates, senior counsel at Lathrop & Gage LLP, Kansas City, Mo., has served as general counsel to numerous public and quasi-public bodies. He has extensive experience in dealing with the operations and finances of such groups, and in influencing Missouri state laws.

"Bert Bates has been an outstanding citizen, involved throughout his career in making our community and state a better to place to live. This unwavering dedication to the well-being of our citizens and his profession deserves to be honored with this first-ever award from our Rotary club," **Myron** said.

Bates has served as president and on numerous committees of the Missouri Bar. He is a fellow and has been active in several sections of the American Bar Association.

He is a former chair of the Greater Kansas City as well as the Missouri State Chambers of Commerce, and is past president of the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

He also has served on the boards or in other capacities for The Hawthorne Foundation, Center for Public Resources, American Red Cross (Kansas City), UMKC, Civic Council of Kansas City, National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation.

Bates also is a former member of the Missouri Parks Association.

Inducted into the Missouri Academy of Squires, Bates has worked as special Assistant Attorney General of Missouri and as counsel to the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners.

He has been awarded a number of other honors including the Oxford Cup from Beta Theta Pi, the NCCJ Brotherhood Award, the Geyer Award from the University of Missouri, and Whitaker Award for Outstanding Services from the Lawyers Association of Kansas City.

Bates, who served overseas in an infantry division during World War II, is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where he was senior editor of the *Michigan Law Review*, and the University of Missouri, Columbia.

The 375-member Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, the 13th oldest Rotary chapter in the world, celebrates its centennial next year. The service-oriented club supports a local Youth Camp free to economically and physically disadvantaged children as well as a variety of other philanthropic projects here and abroad.

July Birthdays



1. Wes Wingfield
4. Dennis McKeehan
5. John Byram,
Chris Karczewski
6. Chris Boland, Tammy Neros,
Charlie Rogers
7. Tom Terry, Ron Trachsel
9. Phil Kinney
10. Jan Armstrong
11. Debra Shultz
12. Hank Riffe
13. Ewing Lusk
14. Jim Ramsey
15. Tom Davidson
16. Henrik Andersen,
Terry DeFraties
17. Raymond Doswell,
Dick Brown,
Roger Coldsnow
18. David McCaughey,
John Trantham
19. Bob Kroenert, Abe Smith,
Pat Straight
21. Dan Nenonen, Bill Watson
23. Jon Kemper, Ed Long
24. Tom Peterson
25. Elliott Goldstein,
Arlinda Vittetoe
28. Henry Leonard
30. Bob Weir
31. Bob Eltonhead,
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