

# BUZZSAW

ROTARY CLUB 13  
KANSAS CITY, MO



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Friday, April 10  
is Greater KC Day.  
Mark your calendars!

## AED/CPR FIRST RESPONDERS

Now that we have an assigned "first responders" table at each of our Rotary meetings, we are reminding those who are on duty to sit there. The AED defibrillator will be placed in the middle of the table with the "first responders" sign.

Please remember to look at the schedule posted in the *Buzz Saw*.

## CPR/AED Duty Schedule March 26, 2009

1. Leader — **Overton Durrett**
2. Compress — **Scott Burnett**
3. Defib — **Karl Roscoe**

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

### April 2: (Marriott)

#### New Member Orientation

10:30 — Lester Young A

#### Membership C&Q

11:15 — Lester Young B

### April 9:

#### Business Networking

11:00 — Trianon E

#### Camper Sponsor

10:15 — Lido Room

### April 15:

#### Board of Directors

4:00 — Crescent Electric Supply  
917 E. 19th St., KC, MO

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

Thursday's Meeting



March 26, 2009

## "TRANSFORMING TODAY'S HIGH RISK YOUTHS INTO TOMORROW'S LEADERS" TYRONE FLOWERS, FOUNDER & PRES., HIGHER M-PACT



Born to teen-aged parents who could not raise him, Tyrone J. Flowers spent his childhood shuffling between foster homes, detention centers, reform schools and youth facilities and was labeled "beyond parental control" at age seven.

Determined to prove wrong all of the adults who had no hope for his future, Flowers completed high school graduation requirements. However, just before graduation, he was shot by a basketball teammate, leaving him in a wheelchair. Undaunted, he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a juris doctorate from the MU School of Law.

Flowers chose to use his law degree to help high-risk urban youth. His personal experiences and study of the juvenile justice system inspired him to create Higher M-Pact, an organization dedicated to transforming today's high-risk urban youth into tomorrow's leaders.

Muehlebach Hotel

/ 12:00 NOON /

Trianon Room



Invocation:  
Barbara Dolci



Welcome:  
Ryan  
Kramer



Member  
Minute:  
Kermit  
Bright

**GREETERS:** Members from our Literacy Committee will serve as this week's greeters.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

April 1 — Wednesday, Home Fireside meetings, 5:30 p.m.  
and 7:00 p.m. signup form on page 3

April 2 — Count Basie Ballroom (Marriott)  
David Warm, executive director, Mid-America Regional  
Council (MARC)

April 9 — Kent Barnhart, executive director, Quality Hill Playhouse

April 22 — Wednesday, Profiles in Leadership — Carl DiCapo at  
the Liberty Memorial



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**LAST THURSDAY --**  
**March 12, 2009**



by  
**Jane Lee**

It's like a forest fire burning down our economy. And it's affected the whole world.

The words were those of Dr. Robert Litan, vice president for research and policy at the Ewing M. Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, speaking at our March 12 meeting. He should know. He currently is serving on the Treasury Transition Team for the Obama administration.

A senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and co-author of more than 20 books, Litan has served in the Justice Department and Office of Management and Budget for previous administrations.

Introduced by **Dick Retrum**, Litan has definite ideas on what needs to be done: Number one, fix the banking system! "We have a banking system that is dysfunctional...and we'll need a lot more money to put out the fire," he said.

Second, realize that we can't do all the things promised in the campaign. We have to readjust our expectations.

Next, we need to develop a long-term plan that includes radical restructuring of our budget...and fix Medicare and Social Security now!

Health care insurance that protects everyone against catastrophic disease is a must from many points of view.

And we need entrepreneurs if we want to see sustained recovery, he said.

Litan ended on an optimistic note: "We will get out of this, we just don't know when."

President **Myron** called the meeting to order and we were treated to beautiful renditions of "Happy Birthday" and "Danny Boy" by **Bob Lager**, accompanied by **Carl Bolte**. **Wes Wingfield** led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed guests and gave the invocation.

**Larry Taft**, first vice president of Midwest Independent Bank in Jefferson City, reminded us in his Member Minute that he is on the operations side of banking, not lending.

Prez **Myron** informed us that **Vince Rawson** is in St. Luke's after heart bypass surgery, and asked us to keep **Tony DiPardo**, Joan Caulfield and **Jerry Swords** in our prayers. He also reminded us that we've reached 300 toward our goal of 1,000 pairs for the Shoes for Orphan Souls project. Remember, \$8 buys a pair of shoes. And don't forget the upcoming Spring Golf Outing May 13 at Deer Creek Golf Course.

**Jerry Lonergan** introduced Mark Bertrand, executive director of Literacy Kansas City, who reported that 225,000 Kansas Citians are illiterate. Be sure to participate in the spell-off March 26 where we'll raise funds for the entry fee and choose our spelling team for the Literacy KC Corporate Spelling Bee benefit April 9.

Club members also were reminded about the Profiles in Leadership event April 22 at the World War I Museum, featuring our own **Carl DiCapo**, who spearheaded the rescue of the WWI Liberty Memorial and Museum.

**April Birthday**



3. Clyde McQueen
6. Torre Nigro
7. Mike Chieppo
8. Una Strauss
13. Steve Renz
16. Bob Buckner, Ed Hughes, Nancy Leonard
17. Paul Van Dyne
19. Mark Holmes, Guy Martin, Rex Whitton
21. Steve Scott, Norm Waters
22. Steve Haddad
23. Jonn Wullschleger
26. Bob Gamer
27. Jerry Rosenbloom, Garry Schottman, Steve Sopinski
29. Lew Dysart, Brent Worley

**Proud New Grandmother**



Congratulations to **Paula Willett** on the birth of her third granddaughter.

**Paula's** daughter and son-in-law, Anissa and Mark Tyler, welcomed their third daughter, Emma Noelle Tyler on March 10. Emma arrived weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and 19 inches long.

Big sisters Kaiden and Jordan are delighted with their new little sister.

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**Let's Spell for Literacy** (Flash: Party March 26!)



Get out those dictionaries – and your wallet – and let's whip up a buzz for literacy.

It's time for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Kansas City Corporate Spelling Bee. And we need donors and sharp speller to compete in the city-wide event Thursday, April 9, at the Plaza Library.

It's all for the benefit of Literacy Kansas City, an organization dedicated to reducing illiteracy through a variety of programs and services.

But first we need to raise funds for our \$3,000 sponsorship and select four spellers for the Rotary Club 13 team at our pre-bee Rotary Spell-Off party March 26 at Parkway Towers, 4545 Wornall, Kansas City, MO.

We'll begin at 5:30 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Those interested in becoming team members then participate in a spell-off to determine the final four.

Those attending the spell-off make a donation of \$100. And you may bring a guest at no additional charge. Remember, our goal is \$3,000!

Rotarians and non-Rotarian guests competing for a place on the team need not make the \$100 donation.

If you wish to attend or just contribute, please send a check for \$100 made out to "Literacy Kansas City" and mail to the Rotary Club 13 office, 1219 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64105-1621. A ticket will be mailed to you.

The \$100 donation in addition to contributing to Literacy Kansas City programs gives a Rotarian and guest access to the always lively Rotary Spell-Off on March 26 and provides two tickets to the main event, the April 9 city-wide Corporate Spelling Bee which will feature an entertaining evening with raucous cheering for the Rotary team and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Those who contribute \$100 may attend at no charge.

We can be proud that Rotary Club 13 has competed in this event since its inception, thus helping reduce illiteracy significantly in our area.

Watch for more announcements at the March meetings, and committee members working as greeters on March 26.

If you're interested in being a team member, check out sample "bee" words at [myspellit.com](http://myspellit.com).

Please direct any questions to Rotary Club 13 Literacy Committee Chair **Mary Kingsley** at [mary@jwilbur.com](mailto:mary@jwilbur.com), or to the club office, 816/842-2322.

**Home Firesides**  
**April 1, 2009**



The Home Firesides are now confirmed. In order for us to coordinate the April 1 Home Firesides, we need **YOUR** participation. The following Firesides are available for participation. Please note that you can select a 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Fireside. Please complete this form by marking your first and second choice of the Fireside you want to attend.

**5:30 P.M. FIRESIDES:**

- JERRY COOKE**  
11905 SUMMIT, KC, MO 64145  
HOME PHONE: 816/942-5311
- KARL ROSCOE**  
8210 LOCUST, KC, MO 64131  
HOME PHONE: 816/361-8874
- GENEFREEMAN**  
2808 W. 71ST ST.,  
PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS 66208  
HOME PHONE: 913/384-3857
- CHRISTY CHESTER**  
158 NW POINTE DR.,  
GLADSTONE, MO 64116  
HOME PHONE: 816/452-4160

**7:00 P.M. FIRESIDES:**

- BOB EDWARDSON**  
5400 SUNSET DRIVE,  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64112  
HOME PHONE: 816/444-4796
- PHIL KINNEY**  
917 W. 98TH STREET,  
KANSAS CITY, MO  
HOME PHONE: 816/941-9015
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**Chuck Vogt, Jr.**

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**BOWLING NEWS:**

by Dick Retrum



Last week's standings had the Fab Four in first place, the Past Prez a game behind in second and the Unbelievabowls a game behind in third. But after today's competition the top two teams are tied for first with 28 games won. The Unbelievabowls got spanked by the Past Prez and dropped off the top-five list. The Past Prez took the first place trophy last year. Can they do it again? The Fab Four (all ladies) are determined to stop them. In six weeks we will know how it all turns out.

Our high-game bowlers today were: **John Reynolds** 205 & 213, **Dick Harmes** 210 and it was rumored that **Steve Schleicher** rolled two 200 games. Further inquiry confirmed that he did. But the exact scores could not be substantiated. **Joe Valenciano** picked up the 6,7 – 10 split. Not many of our bowlers have made that shot. **Joe**, you can notch your belt as one who has. **Dick Retrum** picked up the 3,6,10 – 7 split. Congratulations to all.

Next week is St. Patrick's Day. I hope everyone has good luck on the lanes. Be sure and wear something green. And remember the old Irish proverb: May you be buried in a coffin carved from a 100-year-old oak tree that I plant today.

**Club 13's  
Championship Golf  
Tournament**



This is a single-elimination, full-handicap, match play golf event.

This is the club's championship and not to be confused with the Spring Golf Outing in May.

Pairings will be made and you are responsible to arrange with your opponent to play the match at an agreed-upon golf course. This is a great way to meet other club members and play different courses. Sign up no later than April 16.

**Club 13 Golf Tournament**  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Call **Bob Weir** at 913-307-0264, or email your information to [Janet@rotary13.org](mailto:Janet@rotary13.org)

**Let's Go Green!**

Your Ecology Committee will have our "green" grocery bags available for sale at each of our Rotary luncheon meetings. Actually, they are Rotary blue in color and sell for \$5. Proceeds will pay for product first with the balance set for a future ecology project. Won't you help out by purchasing a couple of bags and keep our earth greener?

**Golf and More Golf  
Spring Golf Outing**

Wed., May 13 - 1:30 p.m.  
Shotgun start

Deer Creek Golf Course  
7000 West 133rd St.

Overland Park, KS 66209  
Four-person scramble

\$70 includes golf, cart, prizes, buffet after at Deer Creek.

This is a fun, get-acquainted club event — not a fund raiser nor the club championship. You don't have to be good or have a handicap. You don't have to get a partner or a team. Individuals are welcome. Contact **Charlie Rogers** at 913/384-5900 if you have any questions.

Time is short, sign up now! Deadline is Thursday, May 7.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**C.U.T. IN ACTION**



Your C.U.T. (Clean Up Team) was hard at work on Saturday morning, March 7, cleaning up the mile of Colbern Road in front of our Youth Camp.

Other than a pair of long underwear, a car tire and six bags of other trash, the unusual things were two dead deer and a very dead possum. It was warm and windy weather. Rotarians participating were: **Marc Horner, Diane Scott, Dennis McKeenan, Mark Snow** and **Phil Kinney.**



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