

Meeting Assignments

Today

Greet: Dana Forrester

Pray: Chuck Foudree

Sing: John Ferguson

Intro Guests: Joe Gall

Program: GSE Team from Brazil

Vocational: Catherine Bogue

Next Meeting (May 20)

Greet: Joe Gall

Pray: John Ferguson

Sing: Dana Forrester

Intro Guests: Chuck Foudree

Program: Angie Knight
Marian Hope Center

Vocational: None



Rotary Calendar: What's goin' on?

- May 17 Planned Community Service Project Work Day
- May 23 Cameron Rotary Club Golf Tournament
- June 10 Board Meeting
- June 15-18 RI Convention, Los Angeles, California
- June 24 No Club Meeting
- *June 27 Installation of Club Officers for 2008-09*



Web Connections

Club WEB SITE: <http://www.rotary-independence-mo.org>

District Web Site: [_www.rotary6040.org_](http://www.rotary6040.org) (<http://www.rotary6040.org>)

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The Independence Spoke

Rotary International

2007-2008

Theme: Rotary Shares



Wilf Wilkinson, President

The Independence, Missouri Rotary Club

Independence Club President: Larry Ewing

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Special Guest Topic

GSE Team from Brazil

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Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians!



Cameron Rotary Club Golf Tournament

The Cameron Rotary Club will host a golf tournament on Friday, May 23. The tournament is the club's mayor fundraising project. The tournament will be held on the Cameron Veterans' Memorial Golf Course. A four-person scramble format will be used. Check-in time is 9:00 a.m. with tee-off scheduled for 10:00 a.m. If interested in participating or for more information contact Farmers State Bank at 816-632-6641 and ask for Sam Hiner, Duane Kohlstaedt or Scott Shoemate.



New Member Proposals

Diana Castillo has proposed Katie Hammons for membership. Katie is a business banking relationship manager at Commerce Bank. Her proposed classification will be Banking -- Commercial.

Russ Chisam a branch manager for UMB bank has been proposed for membership by Neil Mullikin. Russ's classification will be Banking – Branch Manager.

Neil Green is seeking to transfer his membership from another Rotary Club to this club. Neil is the Development Director of the Women's Clinic of Kansas City.



GSE Team from Brazil

A Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Brazil will present the program at today's meeting. The Club is assisting in hosting the team with Club members Jim Blau, Bob Jones, Craig Bolger, and Allen Garner opening their homes to the GSE team. The GSE team leader is Guido Casanova a Rotarian since 1985 who runs his own company. The other team members are Andrea Santos de Almeida, a lawyer with particular interest in real estate and operation of gas stations, Maria Izabel Toro, a social worker with experience related to homeless, adoption and communities, Cristina T.M. Matsusaki, an engineer who is on the teaching staff of Sto. Andre University, and Eduardo Croccia, an electrical engineer working in the telecom industry. The team completes it trip on Wednesday and begins the journey back to Brazil on Thursday.



Quotes

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success. ~Robert Orben

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. ~Orrin Hatch

Your families are extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money. ~Gary Bolding

All that stands between the graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder. ~Author Unknown

Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference. ~Arie Pencovici

At commencement you wear your square-shaped mortarboards. My hope is that from time to time you will let your minds be bold, and wear sombreros. ~Paul Freund

Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After twenty-two years of child-raising, they are unemployed. ~Erma Bombeck

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world. ~Tom Brokaw

It takes most men five years to recover from a college education, and to learn that poetry is as vital to thinking as knowledge. ~Brooks Atkinson, *Once Around the Sun*, 1951

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad. ~Theodore Roosevelt

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. ~Benjamin Franklin

Commencement speeches were invented largely in the belief that outgoing college students should never be released into the world until they have been properly sedated. ~Garry Trudeau