

## **Meeting Assignments**

### **Today**

Greet: Chuck Foudree

Pray: Dana Forrester

Sing: Joe Gall

Intro Guests: John Ferguson

Program: Ray Worth  
How I made the Hogs Soar in KC

Vocational: None

### **Next Meeting (June 3)**

Greet: Bill Esry

Pray: Lyn Crowley

Sing: Mark Crowley

Intro Guests: Scott Cooper

Program: Tom E. Woods  
Prairie Landing Development

Vocational: Bill Esry



## **Rotary Calendar: What's goin' on?**

- Jun 1 Club Goals for 2008-09 due to Assistant Governors
- June 10 Board Meeting
- Jun 13 Rotary Night at the Kansas City Zoo
- June 15-18 RI Convention, Los Angeles, California
- Jun 22-25 RYLA 2008 William Wood University, Fulton
- June 24 No Club Meeting
- **June 27 Installation of Club Officers for 2008-09**
- July 1 First Club Meeting under new Regime
- July 1 Vocational Talk by Dorothy Seaver
- July 26 & 27 School Extreme Makeover Project
- Sep 20 District Service Project Day
  
- Oct 4 District Membership, Foundation & Leadership Seminar

## **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>)



## **Spoke Contact**

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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 27, 2008**

**Special Guest Topic**

**Ray Worth**

**How I Made Hogs Soar in Kansas City**

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***Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians!***



## **New Member in Waiting**

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.

All three proposed members will join the Club following attendance at orientation.



## **Save the Dates: July 26 & 27**

President-elect Jim Blau has selected as a community project for his term the Club's participation in the "extreme makeover" weekend being planned by the Independence community to help prepare our new schools for the coming school year. Since the Club's own Dr. Jim Hinson was a major player in this successful transition, it is only natural to help in any way to move this project forward.



## **Literacy Report**

The following is an excerpt from a special News Update compilation of the literacy reports from the District 6040 Clubs, as provided by District Governor Sally Bibb.

Last summer, the Rotary Clubs in District 6040 were challenged to plan a literacy project in support of the Rotary International literacy initiative. The Clubs in our District responded with an outstanding number of projects: 48 of the 53 Clubs had at least one literacy project and many clubs had 2 or more. Some projects benefited the local schools and communities and others impacted children across the world. What a great example of Rotary Shares because Rotarians care!

**Honduras:** Three energetic and spontaneous Rotarians and their spouses were joined by four other persons for a working tour to Honduras on February 28. Their goal was to establish the third Friends

United Resource Center for teachers funded by Rotary. The latest unit is in Juticalpa, bringing the number of resource centers managed by Friends United to six.

Rotarians PDG Fred Hahn and Charlotte Ruoff of the INDEPENDENCE Rotary club, PDG John Miller of KANSAS CITY club 13 and Pat Cooper, spouse of Rotarian PDG Charles Cooper of the Marshall MO club made the trip. The EASTERN INDEPENDENCE Club contributed funds for the resource centers.

Along with helping promote better education for children in Honduras, the group also assisted in distributing shoes to orphan children and children in schools in impoverished areas. This is an outcome of the Rotary project of collecting shoes with Buckner International Ministries. Also, in observation of the need for children to understand the importance of wearing shoes in contaminated soil, Friends United produced a coloring book this past year to be given with the shoes in the various schools. Buckner shipped the shoes, books and crayons to the Copan Ruinas and Usula Rotary Clubs in Honduras.

**Dictionaries:** The Dictionary Project is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the distribution of dictionaries through the United States. They have delivered over 5 million dictionaries! This Rotary year, 11 Rotary Clubs in District 6040 presented dictionaries to the students in their communities.

**Literacy Kansas City:** The Rotary Clubs of LEE'S SUMMIT and KANSAS CITY each provide support for Literacy KC with contributions and persons to serve as tutors. Literacy Kansas City's core program provides free, confidential tutoring for functionally illiterate adults ages 16 and older living in Jackson, Clay, Platte and Cass counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. Most of their students read below the 5th grade level. Tutoring is provided by certified volunteer tutors, who have completed an extensive 18-hour training program. They also provide pre-GED and GED preparatory instruction, workplace literacy programs, and Math Path classes. Since its inception in 1985, Literacy Kansas City has served more than 3,400 adults.

**Books for Kids:** A total of 7,284 books were collected in the greater Kansas City area through the Books for Kids campaign which was led by Rotarian Larry Williams of the Johnson County Rotary Club.

The INDEPENDENCE, LEE'S SUMMIT, LEE'S SUMMIT SUNRISE and SOUTH PLATTE clubs collected 1,457 books. UMKC's basketball team supported the project and held a Books for Kids Nite, December 3rd, where the participating Rotary Clubs were recognized and Kangaroo fans brought in more Books for Kids.



## **Club Communications Coordinator**

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