

## Meeting Assignments

### Today

Greet: John Tennery  
Pray: ElGene VerDught  
Sing: Paul Thomson  
Intro Guests: Floyd Thomas  
Program:  
Thanksgiving Program  
Vocational: None

### Next Meeting (December 2)

Greet:  
Pray:  
Sing:  
Intro Guests:  
Program:  
Club Assembly  
Vocational: Craig Bolger



## Rotary Calendar: What's goin' on

- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Program
- Dec 2 Club Assembly
- Dec 2 Vocational Talk by Craig Bolger
- Dec 5 & 6 Independence High School Debates
- Jan 22 Truman High School Career Day



## 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

If you have material for inclusion in the Spoke please send the information to Ron Thornbury at [ronthornbury@comcast.net](mailto:ronthornbury@comcast.net). You may also call Ron at 816-254-2050 (Work) or 816-729-4026 (Cell).

# The Independence Spoke

Rotary International

2008-2009

Theme: Make Dreams Real



D. K. Lee, President

The Independence, Missouri Rotary Club

Independence Club President: Jim Blau

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

**Special Guest Topic**

**Thanksgiving Program**

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**Welcome guests and visiting Rotarians!**



## Club Mailing Address

All Club correspondence should be directed to the following address: P> O> Box 176, Independence, Missouri 64051

## Billing Inquiries

Greg Finke is the club treasurer and can take care of any billing inquiries. Any billing inquiries should be sent to Greg at [indeprotarytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:indeprotarytreasurer@gmail.com). Greg will also have the club laptop with him at meetings so any changes or updates can be taken care of immediately.

## Personal Updates

It is important that each member's personal information be kept up to date for club information and billing. Please be sure to let Allen Garner, Tom Waters, or Ron Thornbury know of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses.

## Debate Judges Needed

The annual Independence High School Debate Tournaments are here again. This year's debates promise to be very enjoyable for all concerned. If you would like the opportunity to judge one or more of these events, please see Tom Waters for a Judge Recruiting Form. The debates are scheduled for Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6.

## Grant Proposals

Larry Jones is the Grant Committee Chair. Please present all grant requests for consideration to Larry and not to the Executive Committee. Larry can be reached at [ljones@indepmo.org](mailto:ljones@indepmo.org) or at 816-325-7986.

## Attendance

Regular attendance at club meetings is a requirement of Rotary. If you cannot attend a specific meeting, please be sure to make up for that missed meeting. Please see Tom Waters for other clubs in the area or a club in the area you may be traveling and the times of their meetings. Remember that missed club meetings should be made up within fourteen days. Make ups can also be done online at [www.Rotary.com](http://www.Rotary.com). It takes about 15 minutes.

## Proposed New Members

Your membership committee and Board of Directors has recommended for membership Billy Preston, retired and Bret Pursell of Print America. Billy is sponsored by Tom Thomas and his classification is Federal Labor Law Consulting. Bret is sponsored by John Ferguson and his classification is Other (service industry).

## Bell Ringers

You are invited to participate with the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 6 by ringing a bell and tending a donation pot at the 39<sup>th</sup> Street Wal Mart. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting today.

## Did You Know

Lobster, seal, venison and swans were on the Pilgrims' menu at Berkeley Plantation in 1619. It's safe to say the pilgrims weren't gobbling up pumpkin pie or mashed potatoes. Vegetable dishes, one of the main components of our modern celebration, didn't really play a large part in the feast mentality of the seventeenth century. Depending on the time of year, many vegetables weren't available to the colonists. The pilgrims probably didn't have pies or anything sweet at the harvest feast. They had brought some sugar with them on the Mayflower but by the time of the feast, the supply had dwindled. Also, they didn't have an oven so pies and cakes and breads were not possible at all.

