

THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – January 24, 2008

...all the buffet you can eat every Thursday morning!

The last full week of January is the most depressing week of the year. This was calculated by using several factors, including: weather conditions, debt level (the difference between debt accumulated and our ability to pay), time since Christmas, time since failing our new year's resolutions, low motivational levels and when this newsletter was due. This date typically begins on the Monday of the last full week of January.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort. - Herm Albright

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

President Harold handed Gail Elkins and John Sullivan of **The Center for Women in Transition** a check from our club in the amount of \$3,500. This gift was made possible by our club's fruit sale fundraising project.

Rueben announced our next **Club's Fellowship get together** will be February 7th, 5:30pm at Jim Gould's. Your significant other is invited for a Pre-Valentines toast.



Mary Hodson will be part of a **Rotary Team that will be going to Honduras** to help with the children of the area.

Ben announced that the annual Big Sister and Big Brother **Bowl for the Kids** will be taking place on Friday, February 29th and Saturday, March 1st. Last year our club had 2 Bowling teams plus a great group of fellow Rotarians adding to the fund raising and sharing the cheer. It was a fun time for all. Ben and Ed will bring the Team sign up sheets and information in the coming weeks.



CU Sunrise will purchase **shirts for members** in either blue or yellow. The total cost will be approximately \$15 each. The club will pay \$15 towards a shirt for each member.

If your family, or anyone you know, would be interested in hosting an inbound **Rotary Youth Exchange** for a few months this Fall or Spring of next year, please contact Jeff Van Buren. You do not have to have teenage children yourself in order to host.

Family of Sunrise Committee: January contact: Reuben Chambers. This committee provides support to our members and other Rotarians who are dealing with a family crisis situation, i.e. death in immediate family, hospitalized family member, etc.

CU Sunrise Board meets at 11:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at First Federal Savings Bank, 1311 S Neil Street.

At the end of this newsletter are addresses for both the Rotary International as well as our Rotary district web pages.

PROGRAM...



Dr. Tom Ramage, President of Parkland College, presented an informative talk on the enrollment, classes, degrees, facilities and future of Parkland College.

Currently Parkland has an enrollment of over 20,000 students. One third of these students have plans to transfer to a four year college upon graduating from Parkland, another third are enrolled in career courses and the other third of the students are in non-degree classes. This semester the enrollment will increase approximately 20%. Growth creates needs for the increase in classes, services, faculty and

facilities. Parkland wants to keep the average of 20 students per class and still meet the demands of increase enrollment and community needs. Parkland operates largely from funds generated from the state, local property taxes and student tuition. State funding has continued to decrease over the years and the difference is being made up in tuition increase. Currently tuition is \$82 a credit hour and still remains one of the best deals for a college education. Parkland is active in the Global Partnership Campus, on-line classes, and continues to provide top ranked educational services.

Upcoming Programs...

- 1/24: Michael Hirschi, PhD, Professor, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, UIUC, and member of Champaign West Rotary, on Champaign West's International Project in Honduras.
- 1/31: Kathleen Liffick, Director, Champaign County Head Start and Early Head Start.
- 2/7: Rich Martin, UI Professor of Journalism, former General Manager of Roanoke Times, Roanoke, Virginia
- 2/14: Lex Tate - discussing her book on the history of UI, the physical campus
- 2/21: Chris Lubienski, Professor of Education UI, discussing his research on school vouchers
- 2/28: Stanley Ambrose - UI Professor of Anthropology. (Professor Sue Kieffer recommended him when she spoke to our club the last time)

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS...

none



VISITING ROTARIANS...

Tom Ramage - Champaign

GUESTS...

John & Gail Sullivan - CWT

Sorry We Missed You...

Chalifoux, Conforti, Eaton, Ison, Kakoma, Schluter, Shelby, Woolard, Young



Kamerer, Nelson

Other local club meetings:

MONDAY

Champaign – Hawthorn Suites – 12:00 p.m.
Danville – Days Inn – 12:10 p.m.

TUESDAY

Rantoul – Caddyshack/Willow Pond Banquet Center – 7:00 a.m.
Urbana – – 12:00 p.m.
Danville South – Deluxe Restaurant – 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mahomet – The Hide Away – 6:45 a.m.
Champaign West – Round Barn Centre – 12:00 p.m.
Monticello – Community Building – 12:05 p.m.

THURSDAY


Danville Sunrise – Days Inn – 6:45 a.m.
Savoy – The Windsor of Savoy – 12:00 p.m.
Villa Grove – Pizza Man – 12:00 p.m.
Illini After 5 – Kennedy's – 5:15 p.m.

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UPCOMING DUTIES...

	January 24	January 31	February 7	February 14	February 21
Introductions	Clemmie Ackermann	Curt Anderson	Okday Baran	Larry Barringer	Alan Chalifoux
Invocation	Jan Ison	Larry Johnson	Ibulaimu Kakoma	Dave Krchak	Benny Lapid
Greeter	Donna Giertz	Tanya Gould	Mary Hodson	Jan Ison	Larry Johnson
Greeter	Larry Barringer	Alan Chalifoux	Neal Chamberlin	Neal Chamberlin	Reuben Chambers
	Barb Lintner	Ben Mast	John McDaniel	Steve Miller	Gary Olsen
Notetaker	Paul Conforti	Allan Penwell	Ben Mast	Allan Penwell	Ed Perry

Invocation Tip: The “About Rotary” section at the Rotary International website describes clubs as “nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.” If you have the invocation please consider that not everyone in our club may be of the same religious background as yours. Please construct your invocation accordingly.

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