



THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – January 31, 2008

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

Do you think that when they asked George Washington for an ID he just whipped out a quarter? - Steven Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Barb asked for readers for **Head Start** the second week in February. Please contact Barb to help!

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 contribute to the purchase of **EMBROIDERED polo 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. Sign up sheets will be available at our meeting.

If your family, or anyone you know, would be interested in hosting an inbound **Rotary Youth Exchange** for a 2-3 months this fall (and have wonderful experience of a lifetime) please contact Jeff Van Buren. You do not have to have teenage children yourself in order to host.



Family of Sunrise Committee: February contact: Diana Dummitt. 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...



Michael Hirschi, PhD and Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, UIUC, and a member of the Champaign West Rotary, gave a presentation on Champaign West's International Project in Azacualpa, Honduras. Currently there is a Rotary team in Azacualpa (including our own Mary Hodson) with the goal of completing the construction of a family home on the grounds of the Children's Home in Azacualpa. Michael's presentation featured pictures of his experience this past summer as the foundation was laid and the actual construction began. The Rotary team was responsible for the entire scope of the project including sourcing and purchasing materials and labor, as well as the assisting in the construction. When complete (that should be complete right about

now) the home will house a sponsor Honduran family with and an additional eight children attending the school. The school is not an orphanage, nor are the children up for adoption. It is however an environment for kids without adequate means to learn leadership skills; and to hopefully lend those skills to the future of Honduras. Michael spoke about the culture (\$1.00/hr wages for laborers is an excellent wage), the weather (it rained 10 times in his 7 days last summer), and the camaraderie and lasting friendships the group made, with their Honduran hosts as well as with each other. This week the group Mary is with has purchased furnishings and appliances for the home and in ceremony hang the Rotary Wheel on the building, in the name of Rotary Shares – what ordinary people can accomplish through extraordinary work!

Upcoming Programs...

- 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...

Larry Barringer – February 5th



VISITING ROTARIANS...

Mike Hirschi – Champaign West

GUESTS...

Gail Chaney – Larry Barringer
Christopher Hartman – Gary Olsen

Sorry We Missed You...

Anderson, Dummitt, Eaton, Hodson, Kakoma, Mast, Schluter, Winskas, Woolard



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 31	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 29
Introductions	Curt Anderson	Oktay Baran	Larry Barringer	Alan Chalifoux	Neal Chamberlin
Invocation	Larry Johnson	Ibulaimu Kakoma	Dave Krchak	Benny Lapid	Barb Lintner
Greeter	Tanya Gould	Mary Hodson	Jan Ison	Larry Johnson	Ibulaimu Kakoma
Greeter	Alan Chalifoux	Neal Chamberlin	Dan Eaton	Diana Dummitt	Paul Conforti
	Ben Mast	John McDaniel	Steve Miller	Gary Olsen	Robb Patton
Notetaker	Allan Penwell	Ben Mast	Allan Penwell	Ed Perry	Paul Conforti

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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