



## **THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – February 14, 2008**

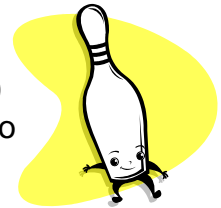
*...all the buffet you can eat every Thursday morning!*

*On Valentine's Day, millions of men give millions of women flowers, cards and candy as a heartfelt expression of the emotion that also motivates men to observe anniversaries and birthdays: fear. Dave Barry*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

Captain Ed Perry passed around sign-up sheets for the up-coming Big Brothers Big Sisters **Bowl for Kids Sake** event. We are looking for team members and donations! Lou will be developing an incentive plan to help raise additional funds.

Barb noted that **Read Across America** will take place on March 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lincoln Square Mall. A sign-up sheet will come next week, so please consider whether you will be available to help out.



Larry reminded us that the **Interact Club** will visit our 2/14 meeting on with yummy bake sale goods, so please try to bring some extra cash. Interact is raising funds to purchase a water well for their international project. There is also a catalog from Worldvision that the students have been interested in, buying goats, etc.

**Laura Kakoma** (daughter of Ibulaimu) was visiting the meeting and talked about how she is performing as a jazz musician in New York. Several members expressed interest in purchasing a CD, and Laura directed us to the following website: <http://www.somimusic.com/>.

This week's bucket money goes to the **Orpheum Children's Museum**.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...**



Rich Martin, an associate professor of journalism at the U of I was on hand to discuss the current state of journalism. Rich has 32 years of newspaper experience and was managing editor of The Roanoke Times in Virginia where he retired to take a position at the UI. He is a Georgia native and has an undergraduate degree in English from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and a master’s degree in English for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Rich is passionate about journalism because it is “alive.” Journalism is about going out and getting the facts and presenting them to the people. He touched on a letter he received from a reader back when he was at the Roanoke Times that talked about reading the paper and it making her

so frustrated. This, Rich believes, is what journalism is supposed to do; it supports the good that a democracy brings.

Touching on the current state of the industry, he noted that the focus has become the business side of things and profits rather than on the integrity of the facts and the presentation of those facts. The method of gathering information has changed. People are “repackaging” the news and using the Internet as a source. Rich believes that the future of journalism depends on the truth and he only hopes that the current state gets back to that focus, and gets away from being profit and target market driven.

**Upcoming Programs...**

- 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...**

Ata Durukan – Valentines Day



**VISITING ROTARIANS...**

none

**GUESTS...**

Carl Long – Mary Hodson  
Laura Kakoma – Ibulaimu Kakoma

**Sorry We Missed You...**

Barringer, Chalifoux, Eaton, Miller, Patton, Reifsteck, Schluter, Winkas, 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...**

	<b>February 14</b>	<b>February 21</b>	<b>February 29</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>March 13</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	Larry Barringer	Alan Chalifoux	Neal Chamberlin	Ata Durukan	Ata Durukan
<b>Invocation</b>	Dave Krchak	Benny Lapid	Barb Lintner	Ben Mast	John McDaniel
<b>Greeter</b>	Donna Giertz	Larry Johnson	Ibulaimu Kakoma	Dave Krchak	Barb Lintner
<b>Greeter</b>	Dan Eaton	Diana Dummitt	Paul Conforti	Donna Giertz	Tanya Gould
	Steve Miller	Gary Olsen	Robb Patton	Allan Penwell	Ed Perry
<b>Notetaker</b>	Mary Hodson	Ed Perry	Paul Conforti	Ben Mast	Allan Penwell

**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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*Must, bid the Morn awake!  
 Sad Winter now declines,  
 Each bird doth choose a mate;  
 This day's Saint Valentine's.  
 For that good bishop's sake*

*Get up and let us see  
What beauty it shall be  
That Fortune us assigns.*

*Michael Drayton - English poet (1563 - 1631)*

