

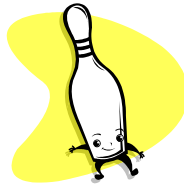
THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – February 28, 2008

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

*Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
All the rest have thirty-one
Save February, she alone hath eight days and a score
Til leap year gives her one day more.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Please sponsor a team member. ↓



Ben announced that the **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids** Sake event is Friday, February 29th at 8pm at Western Bowl. We should have enough bowlers for two lanes this year! Lou passed around a sign-up sheet for the incentive program. If you haven't done so already, please consider supporting our bowlers and the children of BBBS. Even if you don't want to bowl, please come out to the bowling alley for a great time!

Harold discussed the **Pontiac and Watseka flood relief efforts**. Our Board has approved a flat donation and any members that would also like to support this cause, please make checks payable to our C-U Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

Read Across America will take place on March 8th at Lincoln Square Mall. Barb passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in reading.

The June **FUNdraiser at Kam's** planning will be coming up soon and we will be looking for auction items and other good ideas.

Anyone wishing to make a **tax deductible donation to the Watseka and Pontiac clubs** for flood relief may make their check payable to the CU Sunrise Foundation.



The **Central High School Interact** sold baked goods to support the building of two shallow water wells in Malawi. Their International Fair is scheduled for March 11.

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...



Professor Chris Lubienski, an associate professor of education politics and policy in the Department of Educational Organization and Leadership at the U of I was on hand to discuss school choice and public education.

Professor Lubienski earned a Ph.D. in education policy from Michigan State University and held post-doctoral fellowships at Brwon University and with the National Academy of Education. His research focuses on the intersections of public and private interests in education in areas such as school choice, charter schools, voucher programs, and home-schooling.

The school of choice has been used as a method to reform public schools. The idea is to treat them more like businesses

as they try to attract students and keep them for the schools success. The argument is that school of choice will improve academic achievement.

School of choice has been around since the '90's so there is research on the issue. The research shows that charter schools have produced higher achievement and more successful students. However, the national research has shown the opposite, where growth in public schools is actually greater than private schools over time. Professor Lubienski's research has supported this as well. For more information on Professor Lubienski and his works, visit the following site: <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/frp/1/club>.

Upcoming Programs...

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...

n/a

GUESTS...

Jackie - Ibulaimu

Sorry We Missed You...

Chamberlain, Helfer, Krchak, Lapid, Miller, Nelson, Penwell, Perry, Schluter, Ulen, Van Buren, 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...

	February 28	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Introductions	Neal Chamberlin	Ata Durukan	Diana Dummitt	Donna Giertz	Tanya Gould
Invocation	Ben Mast	John McDaniel	Steve Miller	Benny Lapid	Penn Nelson
Greeter	Ibulaimu Kakoma	Dave Krchak	Barb Lintner	Ben Mast	John McDaniel
Greeter	Paul Conforti	Donna Giertz	Tanya Gould	Mary Hodson	Sherry Helfer
	Robb Patton	Allan Penwell	Ed Perry	Andrea Poling	Chuck Reifsteck
Notetaker	Paul Conforti	Ben Mast	Allan Penwell	Mary Hodson	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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