



THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – March 6, 2008

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

You can't have everything. Where would you put it? - Steven Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



This just in...CU Sunrise bowls really well when beer is on the line. Congratulations to the hardy participants who knocked down way more pins than most everyone (me) thought...and also especially to those who participated with their financial pledge. Rotary Shares!

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.

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.

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.



Larry has been in communication with Laura Zwick-Bottorff, Interact Club advisor, regarding the **International Fair** which will be held in Central's cafeteria from 5:00-7:00 p.m. next Tuesday March 11th. Laura is planning on visiting our meeting this Thursday to sell tickets for this event. They are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door.

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: March contact: Gary Olson. 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. Stanley Ambrose, UIUC Professor of Anthropology gave a magnificent presentation on his Toba Catastrophe Theory. Essentially, WE are all alike. Unlike other animal species, humans are remarkably similar genetically. According to the Toba catastrophe theory, 70,000 to 75,000 years ago a super volcanic event at Lake Toba, on Sumatra, reduced the world's human population to 10,000 or even a mere 1,000 breeding pairs, creating a bottleneck in human evolution. The Toba caldera in Indonesia underwent an eruption of category 8 (or "mega-colossal") on the Volcanic Explosivity Index. This released energy equivalent to about one gigaton of TNT, three thousand times greater than the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. According to Ambrose, this reduced the average global temperature by 5° Celsius (9°F) for several years

and may have triggered an ice age. The harsh climatic conditions that accompanied the volcanic winter may have placed pressure on humans to cooperate with each other. "People with reliable resources do not co-operate, they revert to tight-knit, territorial societies," says Ambrose. "If you look at modern humans, they were able to go out and exploit unpredictable resources." Humans increased the likelihood of survival by spreading the risk of survival through trade and cooperation. Small troops became tribes, and tribes became nations, all in the name of being able to best survive the species.

Ambrose postulates that this massive environmental change created population bottlenecks in the various species that existed at the time; this in turn accelerated differentiation of the isolated human populations, eventually leading to the extinction of all the other human species except for the two branches that became Neanderthals and modern humans (Homo sapiens).

Upcoming Programs...

3/6: n/a

3/13: Jackie Gitonga on Kenya

3/20: Club Assembly

3/27: Carol Knepp – Orpheum Children's Museum

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS...

Curt Anderson – March 12th



VISITING ROTARIANS...

Dylan & Landyn Chambers - Rueben

GUESTS...

none

Sorry We Missed You...

18 of 42 (43%) Lots of table space!



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...

| | March 6 | March 13 | March 20 | March 27 | April 3 |
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| Introductions | Ata Durukan | Diana Dummitt | Donna Giertz | Tanya Gould | Mary Hodson |
| Invocation | John McDaniel | Steve Miller | Benny Lapid | Penn Nelson | Gary Olson |
| Greeter | Dave Krchak | Barb Lintner | Ben Mast | John McDaniel | Steve Miller |
| Greeter | Donna Giertz | Tanya Gould | Mary Hodson | Sherry Helfer | Jan Ison |
|  | Allan Penwell | Ed Perry | Andrea Poling | Chuck Reifsteck | Robbie Russell |
| Notetaker | Ben Mast | Allan Penwell | Mary Hodson | 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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