



THE CU SUNRISE ROTARY EARLYBIRD – March 13, 2008

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

I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I feel myself infinitely the happier for it. - Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of US (1743 - 1826)

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Harold thanked everyone for their support of the **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake** event and for the participants as well. Once again, a great time was had by all and for a great cause!

Laura Zick-Botorff of the **Champaign Central Interact Club** was on hand to announce the **International Fair** to take place at Central High School on Tuesday March 11th from 5-7 P.M. There will be 30 countries represented and tickets are \$4 in advance or 5 at the door.

The **Mahomet Club** has officially moved to the Hideaway at the Woods for their meeting location.

We are looking to have a joint meeting on May 22nd with the Savoy and Illini After 5 clubs with **Ron Zook** as the guest speaker.

Jim Hires, Executive Director of the **Eastern Illinois Food Bank** received our clubs presentation of a \$1,000 check donated as a result of our fruit fundraising efforts.

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.

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...

Brian Reyman, owner of Blue River Imports and Domus Home (retail store) gave a slide presentation about his businesses and trips related to importing of high-end Asian antiques. He talked about his experiences in Beijing and other parts of China and the process of purchasing “containers” of antique goods for shipment back to the states. These containers are semi-truck size and they are loaded on a boat in China and shipped to LA. From there they are sent by rail to Chicago and then via truck to Champaign. Some of the challenges facing this industry right now are the weakening dollar, inflationary forces, and the fact that within 5 years the furniture will be gone.

Upcoming Programs...

3/13: Jackie Gitonga on Kenya

3/20: Club Assembly

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

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS...

Robbie Russell - March 15th



VISITING ROTARIANS...

GUESTS...

Carl Long – Mary Hodson

Laura Zick-Bottorff - Interact

Sorry We Missed You...

Kakoma, Lintner, Miller, Patton, Ulen



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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Visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org

UPCOMING DUTIES...

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