



Des Peres Rotary News

April 2009 The Rotary Club of Des Peres, MO Thursdays - 7 am

All Aboard!..... for Des Peres Rotary Golf Tournament



APRIL 17 – 19, 2009

Please join me for the Annual District Conference and the Annual Governor's Cup Golf Tournament.

The Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located just south of Interstate 70, off of Lindbergh Blvd., in Bridgeton Missouri.

The Golf Tournament will be at Crystal Springs Quarry Golf Club.

You should have received a complete Conference Registration packet in the mail in February.

In addition to the fine Rotary speakers we will have, there will be opportunities of Fellowship, meeting the GSE Teams from Turkey and last year's team to Germany, meeting the Youth Exchange students, the Courthouse Steps and so much more.

This is one Conference you do not want to miss!

Questions – feel free to contact me and I will do my best to assist.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
David Robinette**

**Overland Rotary Club
District 6060 District Governor
2008-09**

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By Thomas Douglass

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. I believe our service is in more need than ever during these difficult economic times. Our club provides donations to many worthy organizations as our 'service'. ***We will again focus on one fundraising event for the majority of the money we donate.***

Rotarians, our fundraising event will be the golf tournament on **May 20th at Quail Creek Golf Club**. Shot gun start will be 1pm. Golfers will be able to check in starting at 11am. Lunch and dinner will again be part of the event. If you are not a golfer, you are welcome to join us for just dinner.



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Member Business Profile

By Fran McDaniel

Mike Sabo
Your Diamond Source
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Mike Sabo opened Your Diamond Source in August 2008 when he created a new way for consumers to purchase diamonds and jewelry. He eliminated much of the overhead – inventory, costly store space and commissions – associated with traditional retail jewelry stores. Mike passes significant savings on to the savvy consumer while still providing high quality diamonds, precious stones, jewelry, and personalized service.

Mike's previous professional experience led to this new endeavor. He had 34 years of experience in the diamond industry with De Beers, Harry Winston, Lazare Kaplan and his family's 125 year old diamond wholesale business. Mike has direct access to diamond importers, thus assuring his clients a wide selection of stones from which to choose. He offers customized designs so clients can create unique rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Mike offers prices below internet with the added bonus of personalized service.

This is the first in a recurring series of stories that will focus on members' businesses. Check the club website at <http://www.desperesrotary.org/links.php> for member business websites.

Des Peres Rotary Record

Desk Duty

April 2.....Bill Thomas
 April 9.....Rich Waigand
 April 16.....Roy Weisheit
 April 23.....Bill Wiley
 April 30.....Chuck Ainsworth
 May 7.....Intercity/Maryann Antoine
 May 14.....John Arthur
 May 21.....Boyd Atteberry
 May 28.....Jack Barsanti

Invocation Duty

April 2.....Thomas Douglass
 April 9.....Kara Dreeste
 April 16.....Eric Emery
 April 23.....Dave Forrest
 April 30.....Dave Galli
 May 7.....Intercity/Ray Griesedieck
 May 14.....Pat Guichet
 May 21.....Rick Gutierrez
 May 28.....Tim Hampton

Happy Birthday

April 5.....Bob Croghan
 April 5.....Phil Hellwege
 April 6.....Linda Larson
 April 9.....Dick Ryan



Preview of Coming Attractions



April 2 -- Club fellowship. No speaker scheduled.
April 9 -- Jerry Ehrlich / St. Louis Society for the Physically Disabled
April 16 -- Denise Hogan / Environmental Specialist / St. Louis Parks
April 23 -- Rick Tinucci / Rotary District trainer

and Membership Chair

April 30 -- Marcus Glover / VP Harrah's

May 7 -- **DES PERES HOSTS INTERCITY**

May 14 -- John Steffler / 2010 Census & Picture Pillows

May 21 -- Business Meeting - Golf Follow up / "To be or not to be - that is the question"

May 28 -- Al Wiman / VP, Public Understanding of the Science Center

Des Peres Rotary Website
www.desperesrotary.org

Rotary International Website
www.rotary.org

District 6060 Website
www.rotary6060.org

DES PERES ROTARY CLUB

2008- 2009 OFFICERS

Jeff Johnston.....Acting President
 Kara Dreeste.....Past President
 Nick Roberts.....Secretary
 Position Available.....Treasurer

DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Jim Smith.....Director of Club Service and Membership
 Jon Kremer.....Director of Community Service
 Eric Emery.....Director of Vocational Service
 Kim Hove.....Director of International Service
 Mike Sabo & Dick Ryan.....Social Chair/Family of Rotary
 Mike Lodes.....Foundation Chair
 Pat Guichet.....Program Coordinator
 Jonathan Morgan.....Golf Chair
 Boyd Atteberry, Bill Wiley & Paul Shaver.....Public Relations
 Jim Harris.....Sgt.at Arms
 Fran McDaniel.....Webmaster
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Lynn Bozzay.....Newsletter Editor

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The Rotary Club of Des Peres meets at 7 am each Thursday at The Missouri Athletic Club-West (MAC-West), 1777 Des Peres Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

Copies of this newsletter are available at the check-in desk each meeting compliments of Bob Stalinski and

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Intercity



Cliff Kurrus proudly displays his Intercity winning ribbons. Des Peres took both most members present and highest percentage at the March Intercity meeting hosted by the Clayton Ladue Rotary Club.

There will be no April Intercity meeting due to the District Conference. See page 1 for details.

All Aboard!.....

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We are well on our way to having all details wrapped up. There are a couple of items that still need to be finalized -- and **I can use your help!**

1. Major raffle item
2. Golfers
3. Corporate Sponsors
4. Volunteers

Profits from selling raffle tickets are pure profit for the event. Selling these tickets to non-members is an easy way to raise money. We need a major 'hook' to reel in the money.

I will start asking members what role they will play for the fundraiser. As Bob Croghan says 'everyone has to do one thing'. It is as easy as being a Friend of Rotary all the way up to an Eagle Sponsor. I am shooting for 100 percent participation!

Lastly we need corporate sponsors. If anyone has a relationship with a corporation, please let me know as soon as possible. I have already received declinations from some previous sponsors so I need to fill some holes.

I know we will have one of the best fundraisers if we all get behind this event! It takes everyone and I look forward working with each of you.



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40 Years & Counting!



Kirkwood Rotarian, **Dan Linza**, who is a regular "make up" at Des Peres, celebrates **40 years** of Rotary membership in March.....**with perfect attendance.**
Amazing accomplishment!
Congrats, Dan!

DEAD TOM.....RUNNING

By Kevin Jenkins

..... The conclusion of a serial turkey tale

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through the area and the sun peaked out again before the end of the day. The grass had turned green, blossoms and leaf buds were on the trees and my thoughts turned to, well....spring turkey season. As I look forward to this spring's season, which begins on Monday, April 20th, I could not help but think of my efforts last year. It was then I realized that I had not conclude my Dead Tom....Running story.

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side. Well last Mother's Day Sunday, it was my turn to use the ditch. I woke that morning to leave my wife with the kids...it was Mother's Day after all...to chase this turkey. Of course Mother Nature would not stand for this travesty and elected to pour buckets of rain out of the sky; filling up the ditch. Unthwarted, I pulled my body through the wet, muddy hole to arrive at the other side. The turkey was not quite as talkative this morning with all the wind and the rain, but I finally heard him gobble and pulled him into range with some seductive calls. He was strutting on a gravel road about 20 yards away. I was thrilled...right up until I shot...over his head! The turkey of course did not stay around for long and high tailed it to safety. After the proper amount of cussing, I realized that I had to crawl back through the wet, muddy hole....and started cussing again! Needless to say, I'm looking forward to chasing him again in a few weeks. If successful, I might just have to let Tina sleep in on Mother's Day!



**Annual Rotary Family Day at the Ballpark
Saturday, April 25, 2009**

Cards vs the Cubs!!!!

Game time 2:45 pm

Tickets are \$45 for Reserve Left Field Loge seats (800 available) and \$38 for Pavilion Reserve (1700 available).
See Mike Sabo or Dick Ryan for more information.

Down Syndrome Association of the Philippines (DSAPI) Holds Fun(d) Raising Golf Tournament

Elmer Lapena, a Rotarian in the Philippines, sends his **"Thanks!"** to us for helping them make their 6th DSAPI Golf Tournament at the famous Valley Golf & Country Club a huge success!

Elmer said there were 120 players on a close-to-perfect day for golf. There were many familiar faces; some had actually played in the 1st DSAPI tournament in 2003. It's the people who play and the generous sponsors that keep it going, he says. Elmer believes this tournament will become a classic someday as February has become National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month.

Elmer and his fellow Rotarians in the Philippines send their sincere thanks for our support – and hope it won't be the last time! On behalf of the thousands of children who have benefitted from the various programs of the DSAPI, they would like to say, "Maraming Salamat Po!!"



Elmer Lapena is third from the right in the white hat.

BIZ News...and More!

by Fran McDaniel



Cliff Kurrus may have found the perfect niche. He is the new president of the Forever Young Club, a group of active and fun-loving seniors, at the MAC West. Cliff says the group is all about staying young, through social events and trips. Cliff has succeeded in firing up Des Peres Rotarians to attend InterCity

so he surely will keep the Forever Young members active and on the run.

Tell us about work news, family milestones, vacations, etc., and we'll get the word out! Secret operatives are urged to share the good stuff you know. Send personal or professional news to Fran McDaniel or to Lynn Bozzay.

LINDA LARSON

Not-so-new-anymore member

Linda joined us right after the cutoff for the new member directory; so, even though she's been one of us for a few months now, she's not included in the latest edition. She's already become an active member. Please add the following information to your copy of the directory.

Welcome, Linda!



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