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Club #2397 - Rotary District 6060
Chartered July 25, 1966
Meetings at Noon Every Thursday- Elks Lodge #639
Board meets 2nd Tuesday 4:00 pm,
At Connie Eichhorn's office at Drury Southwest
Located at 101 S Farrar Drive.

President's message:

November is a special month for Rotary Internations and expecially Cape West. We have the opprotunity to participate in the "Million Dollar Meal", where every Rotariona in the world tries to make a difference.



During this month where our nation "Gives Thanks" for our many blessings; we too at Cape West must remember those we love and those we serve. We can do so much with so little effort if we but realize our "Every Rotarian Every Year" project compounds into millions of \$'s!!

I encourage every member to attend our November 13th, Million Dollar Meal. It would be great if we could have a 100% attendance. It will be beneficial to all concerned!!

Tony Buehrle
President, Cape West Rotary
2008-2009

Rotary Auction! The auction was November 1st. Our net profit should be around \$23,685. Last year, our profit was \$21,884. Very good! Well done and thanks to those who donated their time to help.

Featured Rotarian for November: Holly Brantley



Holly lives in Cape and is a reporter for KFVS12. She graduated from the University of Missouri Columbia (GO TIGERS!). She is proud that she earned the news business from the ground up. She started running studio camera and worked her way into an on air position. She joined rotary because her job allows her to be absorbed with what's going on in the community – and she often does stories about certain situations where she wishes there was something more she could do to help – Rotary allows her to do that – be of service to the community through an organization that thrives on a commitment to generosity and integrity. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and running. She loves books, and she's been known to read several at the same time – and even have a different book on tape going in her car. She loves to run, and currently is training for her fourth half marathon. It's a mental challenge, just as much as physical. She loves animals, and enjoys doing stories where she can benefit an animal in need. I am a traveler at heart and look forward to exploring as much of the world as possible. Everybody knows she's addicted to ESPN – college gameday and baseball tonight are probably her favorite shows....gotta love SportsCenter! Go Mizzou Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals! Cooking is also one of my favorite things and she loves home cooking as well as unusual recipes. Look for her recipes in KFVS12's next holiday recipe guide.

Greeter Schedule November - December 2008

November 13 Tom Reinagel
November 20 Rick Kennard
November 27 THANKSGIVING

December 4 Kathryn King
December 11 Jim Welker
December 18 Mike Radake
December 25 CHRISTMAS

Please plan to arrive by 11:40 AM. If you have questions please contact Benjie Ferguson at 335-3100 or bferguson@bankofmissouri.com. I will send a reminder by email before your scheduled day.

Program Schedule:

Nov 13 - Million Dollar Meal, Centenary Methodist Church, NO ELKS MEETING
Nov 20 - Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship
Nov 27 - Thanksgiving, NO MEETING

2-minute Biography Schedule

November 20 - Leon Book

If you have any information you would like to include in the December newsletter, please let me know by November 26. You can email me at shecht@kfvs12.com.

Quote or Story of inspiration.....

Why we do what we do as Rotarians. I think this story tells it well, and seems very appropriate the month of our auction.

Blue Rose

Why do I always have to be the one that starts to do laundry and there's no detergent? I guess it was time for me to do my 'Dollar Store' run, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags and Clorox. So off I go.

I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies, and headed for the checkout counter only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man that appeared to be about sixteen years old. I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there...

This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, 'Mommy, I'm over here.' It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged, and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly.

"Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Hal."

"Hal like Halloween?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years-old Denny; now be a good boy and let the man pass by." I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement because he was the center of someone's attention.

He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section.

Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son.

She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him... I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow and pink roses in God's garden, however, 'Blue Roses' are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness. You see, Denny is a 'Blue Rose' and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?"

Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a 'daffodil or maybe even a dandelion," but I sure love living in God's garden.