

## Happy Birthday...

...to fellow Rotarians Chuck Dickinson, Gary Forman, Jonathan Mangin, and Jim Wolcott, who celebrate their birthdays in June.

## Community Rotaract Club

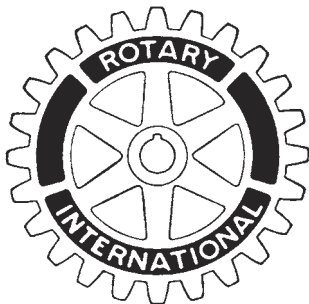
There will be an organizational meeting for those in the community who may have interest in starting a Community Rotaract Club in Frankfort. It will be Monday, June 23, from 6-7PM in the Community Room at Completely Kentucky. Please spread the word to those you know or come in contact with that might be interested in becoming part of a community service organization for college students and young professionals ages 18-30.

## Reds Game July 18!

Tickets are now on sale for the Reds game versus the New York Mets. We will be leaving the Sears parking lot on Friday, July 18 at 4:30 PM. The tickets are \$50 each, which includes transportation and admission to the game. There will be door prizes, games and refreshments on the way up and back. We have ordered only 30 tickets so get yours now. See Joe Johnson beside the registration desk.

## Military Box

Please remember to bring something for our men and women in the military serving across the seas.



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The weekly meeting of the Frankfort Rotary Club  
airs on Cable 10 at 7pm Monday and 9am Tuesday

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**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every  
Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel  
From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.**

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#### NEIGHBORING CLUBS

<b>Monday:</b>	Eminence-Henry County Public Library .....	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House .....	12:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club .....	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-G'town College Ldshp Trn Cnt. ....	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth. ....	12:00 noon
	Versailles- At the Hospital .....	12:00 noon
<b>Thursday:</b>	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library .....	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House .....	12:10 p.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	Capital Sunrise-Capital Plaza Hotel .....	7:00 a.m.

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*Next Week's Program...*

**LOCATION: HISTORY CENTER**

**Also, the club photo will be taken that day on the stairway of the History Center**

The **Rev. Charles Ellestad** retired as Rector of Frankfort's Church of the Ascension and St. Joseph's Episcopal Mission in Lawrenceburg in 2006. Previously, he was Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Easton in Maryland until 1989. Chuck, a former Frankfort Rotarian has been a Chaplain for Hospice of the Bluegrass since 2006. He also serves as a Supply Priest for Dioceses in Lexington and Indianapolis. He has a B.S. in Chemistry and a Masters Degree in History from the University of Wisconsin, the latter in 1971. Chuck received his Masters of Biblical Studies from the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1979 and his Masters of Divinity from Nashotah House in Wisconsin in 1983, the same year he became a priest. Chuck and his wife Jean have David, who is a Senior at Rose-Hulman and Karen, a Junior at Centre College.

Opening Exercise..... Duane Ellis Greeter ..... Ted Collins

**Make-ups for May 28**

John Avent                      Bob Johnston  
Ed Dance                        John Sower  
Gregory Fuchs                 Dick Watkins  
Charles Geveden

**Attendance Percentage: 85%**

**Make-ups Needed for June 4**

Larry Arnett                     Holly Harris  
Joshua Brand                  Christina Harrison  
RB Brown                        Ed Hatchett, Jr.  
Ron Bryant                       Van Ingram  
David Cobb                       Marcie Jeffreys  
Henry Curtis                    Ann Maenza  
Ed Dance                         Jonathan Mangin  
Bryan Dill                        John Norfleet  
Bruce Dungan                  Stewart Page  
Daniel Egbers                  Chip Peal  
Gary Forman                    Mary Poling  
Gregory Fuchs                  Gus Ridgel  
Steven Gale                      Bob Rush  
James Hale                       James Shepherd  
Sarah Hall                        Rene Siria  
Martin Hall                       Sherrill Smith  
Mark Hampton

**This Week's Speaker...**

The speaker for the day was Mayor Bill May, who proclaimed Frankfort to be a safer and more livable city today and that the police force is now up to 68 officers. Frankfort is also a green city, and much progress is being made on the environmental front. Frankfort now has bike patrols for police officers and has Segways, which not only allow officers better access but are also cheaper to operate. He stated that the Public Safety Building is a major achievement, which contains space for future expansion. The Fire Department now has the best equipment available and the oldest truck is only 12 years old. There are over 40 EMT and paramedics. \$3 million has been expended on the Holmes Street drainage problem and this particular problem has been solved. New

development is also going on in this area, and grants are available to fix up properties in this area. By the same token, the drainage problem in west Frankfort has been solved and the bonds are about paid off. On the negative side, the city pools are in bad shape, but plans are in the works for an aquatic and wellness center. On the positive side, the Renaissance program to revitalize downtown has been a big success. Also the city is looking forward to possible commuter trains between Louisville and Lexington with a stopover in Frankfort. The infrastructure of the city is aging but in 1992, the city took it over from the sewer board and in 1999 the capacity was doubled. Residents will see their rates go up because the city is under a federal consent decree to upgrade these facilities. The Mayor praised the Economic Development Authority and its achievement is attributable to city/county effort. Their total budget for the city is \$50.8 million which amount includes the sewers. This amount does not include the Plant Board budget however. The city now has a surplus of \$10.7 million so that there is an adequate rainy day fund. At present, the city has a hiring freeze, but this should save the city some \$700,000 alone. Money will be coming in from the sale of the old library building and the sale of lots on the old Carpenter Farm. There are presently 293 full-time employees and when temporary and seasonal employees are added in; this raises



**Mayor Bill May speaks with Rotarian Charlie Hinds prior to the Mayor's talk to the Rotary Club.**



**President Steve holds a certificate given to the Rotary Club by the Salvation Army at its annual banquet and meeting honoring Rotary for its contribution to the 2007 bell-ringing campaign.**

the total to 570. Unfortunately, fixed costs are going up and the payroll now amounts to \$21.6 million. Some \$16 million is brought in by the payroll tax but the property tax is low -- it brings in a comparatively small amount. In other matters, the Mayor noted that his office has a number of partnerships including the Mayor's campaigns against breast and prostate cancer in partnership with the hospital. In responding to questions, he stated that enforcement of the payroll tax is always a problem and that there is the ever-present problem not having enough property on the tax rolls due to the fact that the property owned by the state cannot be taxed. Another question arose about educating children to recycle but with the hiring freeze, it will not be possible to hire a coordinator with the schools to further this objective.

**Visitors and Guests**

Angela Criswell was visiting from the Sunrise Club; Shannon Morgan was visiting from Bowling Green; Kathy Carter was the guest of Joe Johnson; Mary Ann Burch was the guest of Steve Dooley.