

Japanese Rotarians

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radio that the waves had come close to the building. Kuroda's home and clinic were spared, but just a couple of miles east, the tsunami and quake had caused major destruction.

"All I was trying to do was to prepare for the night and get heat," he says. "It was very cold. I tried to find some oil and batteries for the stove and candles. The electricity went out, so it was dark and hard for everyone to walk around. There were constant aftershocks, really strong ones. We all were very scared."

Kuroda says he couldn't reach fellow Rotarians at first. "Landline phones, cell phones, and e-mail were down for three days, We were completely isolated," he says. "In the hardest-hit areas, we don't know all the details of the damage. There are still Rotarians we haven't been able to contact yet."

Naoki Narayama, governor of District 2520, visited some of the affected villages soon after the earthquake. He fears that the death toll, already estimated at more than 12,000, will rise. But he is encouraged by the response of Rotarians.

"In this darkest hour, I have received numerous heartwarming messages from Rotarians all over the world," he says. "Their considerate inquiries and kind offers of helping hands have greatly encouraged us to tackle this daunting destruction."

Kuroda says Rotary clubs are doing what they can to support those affected by the disaster. "Despite the shortage of gasoline, many Rotarians are driving to deliver supplies to the areas most in need," he says. "We all, as Rotarians, are working together. I am deeply moved by what I'm seeing Rotarians do."

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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Golden Corral	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth.....	12:00 noon
	Versailles-At the Hospital	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
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	Louisville-Galt House	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Speaker...

Rodger Bingham of the Kentucky Proud Program, like his parents, grandparents and great grandparents before him, has lived in Crittenden, Kentucky all of his life and presently resides there on the family farm. Rodger attended EKV and graduated with a B.S and M.A. in Industrial Education.



A self-admitted workaholic, Rodger has been CEO of a bank, a schoolteacher, owner of a building supply and hardware store, owner of two mobile home parks, a farmer and has been involved in real estate development. He is an Elder in the Crittenden Christian Church.

In 2001 Rodger was one of the contestants on the popular CBS show Survivor II, The Australian Outback and was given the name of Kentucky Joe while on the series. He was able to survive 36 of the 42 days before being voted off. In January of 2004 Rodger accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture and serves as the Deputy Executive Director of Ag Marketing & Product Promotion. He has one daughter and two grandchildren that he describes as the pride of his life.

Opening Exercise..... Van Ingram
Greeter Dave Steele

Make-ups for Apr. 6

Bob Bullock	William Elam
Ron Christopher	John Sower
Ed Dance	Richard Watkins

Attendance Percentage: 65%

Make-ups Needed for Apr. 13

Brenda Allen	Chris Olds
John Avent	Tim Rose
Brian Booth	James Shepherd
Andrew Calvert	Phillips Shepherd
David Cobb	John Sower
Boyce Crocker	Steve Tobin
Charles Dickinson	William Webb
Bruce Dungan	David Weller
Lloyd Hillard	Tyler West
Larry Luebbers	Sellus Wilder
Jason Middleton	Patty Wolf

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was Dr. Tom Cottrell, Enology Extension Specialist at UK who spoke about the wine industry in Kentucky. He stated that there are 63 wineries in the state. The art of wine making goes back to ancient Egyptian times and is depicted on the murals of pyramids. He spoke about the Four S's, which are Swirl, Sniff, Sip, and Spit. We also have his permission to Swallow since no wine tasting is complete without this fifth component.

GSE Team Next Week

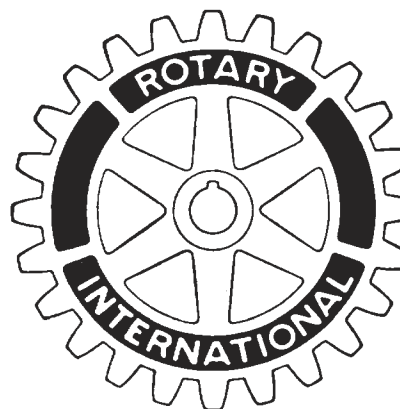
The German Group Study Exchange team will be at our regular Wednesday meeting next week April 20, 2011. Please make them feel welcome.



The speaker for the day, Dr. Tom Cottrell, poses with program chair, Wayne Onkst.



Brenda Rice and Tom Utterback had as their guest Frank Haynes. Sallie Lanham is also pictured.



Greeter Charlie Hinds welcomes Joe Passalacqua to Rotary.

Japanese Rotarians witness devastation

from www.rotary.org

“The earth seemed to be shaking forever, and it was so strong,” says RI Director Masahiro Kuroda. “I thought I was going to die.”

Kuroda, a physician, was seeing a patient on the second floor of his medical clinic in Hachinohe, Aomori, Japan, when a 9.0-magnitude earthquake off the country's northeast coast struck on 11 March.

“I escorted her downstairs. Holding each other's arms tightly, we walked down very slowly. After we reached the bottom floor, the earthquake stopped,” says Kuroda. “I led all the other patients outside and told them to go home, but she said she was too scared to leave and wanted to stay in the clinic. I didn't know what to say – she was so frightened. She left a couple of hours later and safely arrived home.”

The quake, the largest to hit Japan in recorded history, triggered a tsunami that swept six miles inland, destroying entire villages.

Kuroda and several staff members stayed at the clinic overnight after hearing on the

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