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Next Week's Program...

John J. Johnson, Executive Director of the



KY Commission on Human Rights, was born February 10, 1945 in Louisville, Kentucky. His lifetime of leadership started at age 17, when he became the youngest president of any Kentucky chapter of the NAACP. Johnson worked in a factory after his

high school graduation. He then served as coordinator of training services for the Kentucky Institute for Community Development. In 1969 he accepted a position as director of operations for a national marketing and research firm based in New York. He returned to Kentucky and worked with several War on Poverty programs before assuming the position as associate director of the Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission. He was later appointed director of community services for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. In 1984, he became the director of the Louisville and Jefferson County Community Action Agency until he joined the staff of the national NAACP in Baltimore.

Make-ups for Sept. 26

Bob Bullock	Carol Palmore
Ron Christopher	John Palmore
Betty Creek	Gus Ridgel
Steven Gale	Katherine Walden
Van Ingram	Orman Wright
Ann Maenza	

Attendance Percentage: 83.50%

Make-ups Needed for Oct. 3

Larry Arnett	Van Ingram
John Bevington	Marcie Jeffreys
Bobbye Brown	Tony Massey
Ron Bryant	John Norfleet
LaTasha Buckner	Chip Peal
David Cobb	Christina Richards
Ted Collins	Randy Roberts
Henry Curtis	Tim Rose
Daniel Egbers	Bob Rush
William Elam	Kim Schroeder
Sarah Hall	Sherrill Smith
Holly Harris	Dennis VanHorn
Christina Harrison	Tyler West
Ed Hatchett, Jr.	Kent Whitworth

Opening Exercise..... Bobbye Brown
Greeter Sue Barber

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was Sherman Riggs, Past President of the Shelbyville Rotary Club, who spoke about their club's scholarship programs. Since 1985, his club has made 153 loans to 57 college and graduate students that total \$246,240. Under the Student Loan Program the money is recycled for loans going to students for college and trade schools. The students must have at least a "B" average in high school and maintain a "C" average in college. There are seven official members on the student loan board, with ten members being emeritus. There are various guidelines for a loan, and the program is operated by businessmen on a business footing. This means there is a promissory note

co-signed by a parent and credit reports are required. There have only been four lawsuits over repayment since 1985 and no money has been lost due to bad loans. The guidelines are incorporated in the promissory note and the loans are made 1/2 in the Fall and 1/2 in the Spring. The net worth of the fund is \$144,000, which includes loans to be repaid. Although the program has not been without controversy, nevertheless the philosophy here is that more money can be loaned out than given away -- more families can be helped through the loan concept than through outright scholarships. The Club has sponsored numerous fish fries and pancake breakfasts to raise funds for the loan program. The interest rate is 1% while the student is in school, there is a six-month grace period after school, and finally there is a 3% interest rate after that when, hopefully, the former student now has a job. The school transcripts are checked twice a year to verify the grade point average and at that time the money is both collected and dispersed. The Student Loan Program is loosely based on similar programs in Owenton and Hopkinsville. Hopkinsville has the best scholarship program in all of Rotary International with some \$30 million in reserves. The goal there is to make sure that every young person in Christian County who wants to go to college has that opportunity. The Shelbyville loan program makes a loan of \$4,000 per student for four years. Loans can be made for up to twelve years although admittedly this is a "work in progress". The program is restricted to residents of Shelby County, or for those who have substantial Shelby County connections. The thinking here is that the funds are generated in Shelby County and therefore should go to residents there.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to fellow Rotarians Pat Badgett, Steve Dooley, Charlie Hinds, Barry Holder, Jr., Tony Massey, and John Sower who celebrate their birthdays in October.



Rotarians Joyce Honaker, Don Dykman, Steve Dooley and Van Ingram participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program by picking up trash along the roadside on Versailles Road between the East-West Connector and East Main. Joe Johnson and Clay Hulette (not pictured) also participated.

Guests and Visitors:

Joan Kincaid, visiting Rotarian from Owenton; Frank Page, guest of Dave Steele; Doug Kundell, guest of Sue Barber; Michael Azara, guest of Bob Johnston; and Cheryl Johnson, guest of Joe Johnson.

Community Food Drive

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UNICEF

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Board of Directors meets

Board of Directors monthly meeting will be October 15, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities, 484 Chenault Road.

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Donald L. "Don" Armstrong
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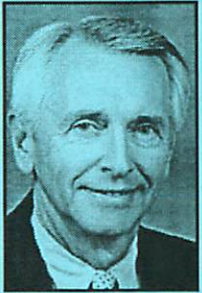
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Born in 1944, **Steven L. Beshear** is the Democratic nominee in the 2007 Kentucky gubernatorial election. He is a former member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, a former Attorney General of Kentucky and a former Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky.



Beshear attended the University of Kentucky, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity. He received a bachelor's degree and a law degree there. Beshear was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives to begin his political career. He represented the 76th District and served in the House from 1974-1979. He was elected Attorney General of Kentucky in 1979, defeating Republican nominee Ron Snyder. Beshear served as Attorney General from 1980 to 1984.

In 1983, Beshear was elected lieutenant governor of Kentucky on a Democratic ticket headed by Martha Layne Collins. Beshear defeated Eugene P. Stuart, the running mate of Jim Bunning, 568,869 votes to 321,352.

In 1987, Beshear ran for Governor of Kentucky and lost in a packed Democratic primary field. Beshear then practiced law in Lexington. He was the Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in 1996, losing to incumbent Mitch McConnell.

On December 18, 2006, Beshear formally announced his candidacy for governor of Kentucky in the 2007 election with State Senator Daniel Mongiardo as his lieutenant governor. Beshear won the primary; each of his opponents conceded the race to him. Because he exceeded 40% of the vote, he avoided a runoff and will face incumbent Ernie Fletcher in the general election in November.

Opening Exercise..... Tom Braun
GreeterDave Steele

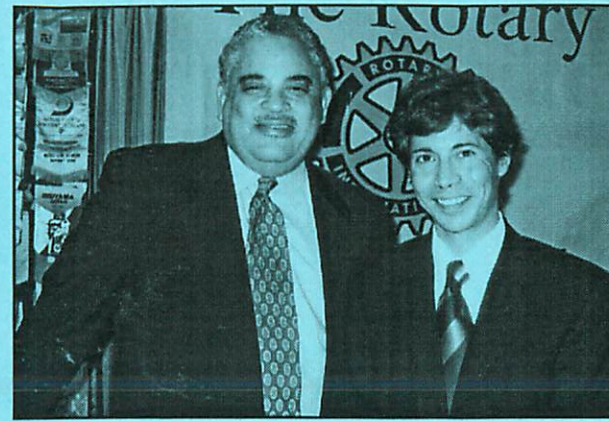
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Daniel Egbers Denis VanHorn
Sherrill Smith

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LaTasha Buckner Wayne Onkst
Sara Callaway Chip Peal
David Cobb Christina Richards
Ted Collins Randy Roberts
Steve Dooley Bob Rush
Bruce Dungan Kim Schroeder
William Elam Phillip Shepherd
Duane Ellis Terry Shockley
Charles Geveden Rene' Siria
Sarah Gowins Sherrill Smith
Sarah Hall Fred Snyder
Mark Hampton John Sower
Holly Harris Dave Steele
Ed Hatchett, Jr. Tyler West
Barry Holder Kent Whitworth
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John Johnson, Executive Director of the KY Commission on Human Rights, and October program chair Joe Passalacqua.

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was John J. Johnson, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. He stated that, just like the Rotary Club, he believes in Service Above Self. His agency is charged by statute with the equal treatment of all persons and he enforces the federal and state Civil Rights laws. Everyone has the right to live without discrimination, and his agency fights discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and housing which includes race, age, gender, disability and family status. Unfortunately, poverty, prejudice, hatred and discrimination still exist. In 1960, the Human Rights Commission was formed and in 1966 Kentucky became the first Southern state to enact a state Civil Rights law. The Commission received 2,850 calls in 2006 about discrimination and 230 complaints were filed – the highest ever. The Human Rights Commission, however, is underfunded and has only 30 employees. Mr. Johnson has been active in the NAACP since he was seventeen. The NAACP was founded on the 100th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and it is fitting that with the upcoming bicentennial of Lincoln's birth that we recognize that social and economic disparities still exist in our society.

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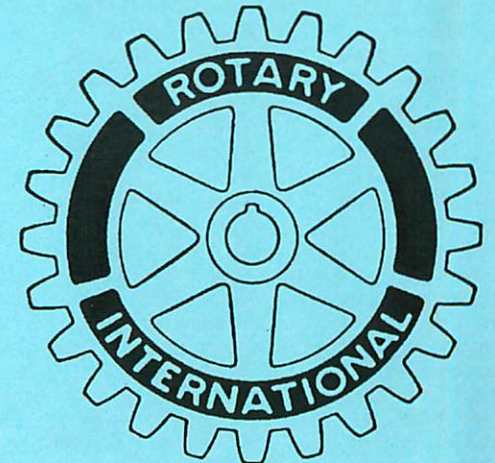
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Michael Burns guest of Willaim Legg

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Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under. *-H.L. Mencken, writer, editor, and critic (1880-1956)*



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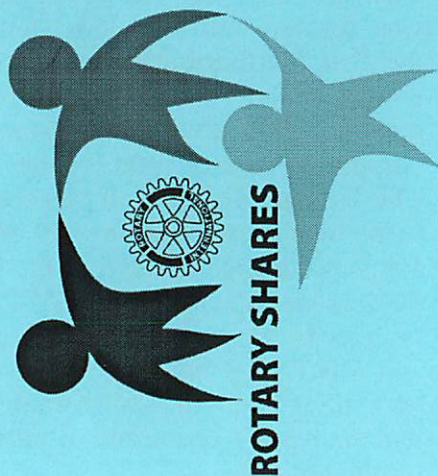
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Hinds, Charles	Sorg, Kelli Summers
Hinds, Joseph	Sower, Frank W.
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Holder, Barry K. Jr.	Sower, Minnie Lynn
Holder, Helen S.	Speer, Edgar A.
Holder, Pamela Marie	Stewart, William S.
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Duane Ellis	Terry Shockley
Mark Hampton	Rene Siria
Barry Holder	Sherrill Smith
Bob Johnston	Fred Snyder

Attendance Percentage: 72.55%

Make-ups Needed for Oct. 17

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Susan Barber	Ann Maenza
RB Brown	John Norfeet
Gary Crumbaugh	Wayne Onkst
Henry Curtis	Christina Richards
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Greg Fuchs	Tim Rose
Holly Harris	Bob Rush
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Van Ingram	Len Shirrell
Bob Johnston	John Sower
Sallie Lanham	Jim Wolcott

Opening Exercise..... Kim Schroeder
Greeter Charlie Hinds

This Week's Speaker...

This week's Speaker was gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear, an attorney and former State Representative, Attorney General, and Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Beshear reviewed where Kentucky is and where he sees us going. He outlined his plans to put Kentucky and Kentuckians first by, first of all, restoring the citizens' confidence in state government. He said he would set high ethical standards for himself and all others in his administration. He will propose a constitutional amendment to limit the Governor's power to pardon so that it can be used only after a person is tried and convicted. The public should have a chance to view the facts of the case so they can judge whether the Governor's use of the power was appropriate. Second, he said that he would assure state workers that the merit system will be followed and that they are recognized for the benefits they provide the state. Third, the state needs to provide early childhood education to children below the federal poverty level, so that they are able to compete later in the educational system. Fourth, the state must address the problem of college and university tuition increasing 83% since 2001. The state has put goals on the universities, but has inadequately funded them. He also proposes a Kentucky First forgivable loan program. For every year worked in Kentucky after graduation, the student would be forgiven one year of the loan. This will also stem Kentucky's "brain drain." A fifth area of concern is health care, with over 550,000 Kentuckians, 81,000 of them children, who lack insurance. Mr. Beshear recognized that health care is a national problem but said that KY can expand Medicaid and KCHP to cover those without insurance. Seniors have a lot of problems paying for prescription drugs, in part because of the gap in Medicare coverage after \$3,000. He said KY needs to fund a

program created, but not funded, in 2006, to provide income-based assistance with that gap. Sixth, while we need to keep trying to recruit businesses from outside KY, we need to recruit companies that provide better than minimum wage jobs and hold them accountable for the commitments they make regarding job creation. We need to do more to help our own businesses and entrepreneurs. Finally, he said that state government is paralyzed by partisanship. Everyone is fighting with everyone else, and a good idea is bad because of who proposed it. He said the state's motto "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" rings true. In response to questions, Mr. Beshear said that commitments to current state retirement system members and retirees must be kept. The state must meet its financial obligations to the systems. Leadership and restraint are the answers to the state's using any surplus to pay down our debt. He supports programs for preventive health care. He does not favor increases in taxes. He supports letting Kentuckians decide whether to have limited expanded gaming. He recognizes and plans to address problems in jail and prison crowding, which are due to financial and legal problems and to recidivism, particularly in the area of drugs. He advocated a multi-pronged approach to KY's drug problem, including keeping medical records in electronic form, with appropriate safeguards. A doctor can determine if a patient requesting a prescription has gone to other doctors for the same medication. The Club will donate the book *When Abraham Talked to the Trees* to Hearn Elementary School Library in out speaker's honor.

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Visiting Rotarians

Bill Wingfield - Frankfort Sunrise
Mac Wall - Lexington

Visitors

Ray Mills was the guest of Phillip Shepherd; Connie Egbers was the guest of Dan Egbers; Frank Page was the guest of Dave Steele; Jennifer West was the guest of Sarah Hall; Sen. Julian Carroll was the guest of David Cobb; Carola Hocker was the guest of Steve Dooley; Bill Graham was the guest of John Palmore; Clayton Honaker was the guest of Joyce Honaker; and Billy Reed was the guest of Charlie Geveden.

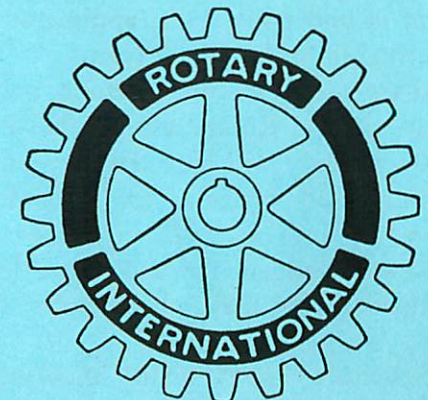
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Well Said...

Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now - always. -*Albert Schweitzer, philosopher, physician, musician, Nobel laureate (1875-1965)*

I may be a despicable person, but when Truth speaks through me I am invincible. -*Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)*



Board Action Oct. 15, 2007

Attending: Steve Dooley, Richard Boyer, Jim Richardson, Clay Hulette, Mark Hampton, Joyce Honaker, Nancy Edwards, Betty Creek, Duane Ellis, and Paula Rarden.

* Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2007 board meeting.

* Approved dropping fellow Rotarian John Bevington due to Rotary International's rules and regulations.

* Approved the Financial report for September 2007 as presented by Mark Hampton.

* Listened to report from Richard Boyer, President-Elect, who made comments that the membership contest is under way and his committee was in process of scheduling a New Member Orientation meeting.

* Listened to Sgt.-at-Arms report from Jim Richardson. He made note he had several items to be documented for the archives.

* Listened to report from Club Service director Nancy Edwards. She discussed the need to find a unique fund-raiser for the club.

* Listened to report from Community Service director Joyce Honaker. She confirmed she is still waiting on the results for the District Simplified Grant.

* Listened to report from International Director Betty Creek. She noted the UNICEF program is underway, GSE applicants have been turned in for hosting 2 teams.

* Acknowledged joint meeting between the Kiwanis and Rotary will be November 21, 2007. (Rotary will have the program.)

* Reviewed criteria for Presidential Citation.

* Acknowledged the first meeting in December will be the club assembly meeting.

* Scheduled next board meeting for November 19, 2007

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Next Week's program...



District Governor **Dave Weller** has been a member of the Rotary Club of Frankfort since 1992. He chaired the Special Projects Committee creating the Frankfort Rotary Youth Fund Foundation and setting up the Frankfort Club's scholarship program. He has led new member orientations,

chaired the club Foundation Committee and the Club's By-Law's Committee. He was club president in 1996-97 and Frankfort Rotarian of the Year in 2003-04. Dave served as the DG's Special Representative in the creation of the Frankfort Capital Sunrise Club and served as Fundraising Chair for the 2004 District Conference. Dave has been a Paul Harris Fellow since 1995.

Dave has had a distinguished 30-year career at BellSouth involving everything from Finance to Information Technology to Regulatory and External Affairs. He is past chair of the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass and the Frankfort YMCA Board. He was a member of the Leadership

Kentucky Class of 1996 and has served as vice chairman of the Leadership Kentucky board. He currently serves on the Women Leading Kentucky Executive Council, the Bluegrass Tomorrow board and the UK Journalism School Advisory board. Dave also provides training (Leadership, Creativity, Facilitation skills, etc.) for individuals, teams or organizations through his consulting and training company, Weller Communications. Dave also finds time to be a Visiting Professor at the University of Kentucky in the College of Communications.

Dave is a native of Northern Kentucky, born in Covington. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1974, majoring in computer science and math. He earned a Masters in Marketing and Business Management in 1983. Dave is married to Vicki and they have two grown daughters, Kim and Kari. In his spare time, Dave loves to golf, surf the net and play his guitar.

Opening Exercise.....Dennis VanHorn
Greeter.....Steven Gale

Make-ups for Oct. 17

Pat Badgett Len Shirrell
Bob Johnston John Sower

Attendance Percentage: 80.39%

Make-ups Needed for Oct. 24

Larry Arnett Barry Holder
Susan Barber Marcie Jeffreys
Thomas Braun Terry Magel
RB Brown Tony Massey
LaTasha Buckner Wayne Onkst
David Cobb Chip Peal
Gary Crumbaugh Randy Roberts
Charles Dickinson Kim Schroeder
Charles Geveden John Shasky
Sarah Gowins Fred Snyder
Holly Harris John Sower
Christina Harrison Katherine Walden
Ed Hatchett, Jr.

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was Ernie Lewis, Executive Director of the state Public Defender System. He stated that the manner in which we treat poor people is a measure of what we are as a people. Before 1963, there was no federal constitutional right to counsel in non-capital cases, although a right did exist in capital cases since the "Scottsboro boys" case out of Arizona in the 1930s. With the famous Gideon case of 1963, all persons are entitled to counsel whether for a felony or misdemeanor. Before Gideon, Kentucky did have an indigent defense system where all lawyers were required to take such cases pro bono. In the early 1970s, Gov. Ford created the Office of Public Defenders. Last year, over 148,000 persons were represented by Public Defenders. Today, the Department for Public Advocacy has full-time lawyers who may not maintain a private practice and are paid starting salaries of \$38,000 per year. Each lawyer handles about 436 cases and this translates into \$254 per case and four hours average spent on a case. Less than 7% of his budget is spent on administration. The Department of Public Advocacy cannot turn down any case assigned by a judge. The profile of the average defendant is that he or she is poor but these are mostly non-violent offenders -- many of them involved in drugs. 68% of all poor defendants have substance abuse problems and 64% of jail inmates have mental illnesses. Half are functionally illiterate. Half make less than \$10,000 per year. Many do not know who their father is, and most have not graduated from high school. Kentucky, just like the rest of the nation, has a problem with over-incarceration. There are seven times more persons incarcerated now than in 1970, although the crime rate is about the same. There are over 2.2 million in jail today and 22,000 in Kentucky but this does not reflect the crime rate or population. The prisons are full but none are being built. To maintain the present level, a new prison should be built every year from now until the year 2015. Because the prisons

are full, the jails are overcrowded to the extent of 22%. The average prisoner only has 45 square feet and there is a critical shortage of prisons and lack of room within our prisons and jails. Consequently our prisons and jails are places of absolute misery. The problem lies with the legislatures, which are always raising misdemeanors to felonies and creating longer sentences. Politicians are using the crime problem for political reasons. It is popular, for example, for a politician to sound tough on crime. This nation has been turned into a prison industrial complex. For example, the "three strikes and you're out" rule has resulted in incarcerating persons convicted of committing minor crimes for very long sentences including life. It costs the state of California \$30,000 a year to incarcerate one prisoner. In Kentucky, the cost of incarcerating prisoners cost \$7 million a year in 1970, and now that figure is \$300 million, a rise of \$20 million a year. Minnesota has about the same crime rate as Kentucky yet they incarcerate much fewer persons since the costs of incarceration are indexed to what the state can afford. Responding to questions from the floor, he stated that alternatives to the Persistent Felony Offender statute (formerly Habitual Criminal) include using the upper ranges of the offense instead of using the PFO statute. Prosecutors should not use the PFO laws as a plea bargaining tool, and should eliminate the PFO II statute entirely according to Professor Robert Lawson at the UK College of Law. We should use the prisons to incarcerate only when these persons cannot be treated any other way. We are presently treating 20% of those with addictions and it costs \$20,000 a year to incarcerate one inmate. As to the question as to why it takes so long to carry out the death penalty, he stated that 60% of death penalty cases are reversed on appeal and that over 200 persons have been exonerated who have received the death penalty. 16 persons were exonerated in Illinois, which put a moratorium on the death penalty, by former Governor Ryan.

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As to the question of this country becoming a prison industrial complex, the system unfortunately benefits people financially from the present state of affairs of incarceration. Persons profit financially having a stream of inmates. For example, the most powerful union in California is the Prison Workers' Union. In honor of Ernie's talk, the book "Poetry for Young People" by Edgar Allen Poe has been donated to Westridge Elementary School.

Board Action

The board approved new member Joshua Brand contingent upon no negative response after publication in the newsletter.

Attendance Pins Awarded

Congratulations to the following Rotarians who received their Perfect Attendance Pins for October: Terry Shockley, 27 years; Polly Green, 14 years; Joyce Honaker, three years; Michael Linn, two years.

November Makeup Meeting

The November makeup meeting will be at the VFW meeting hall on Second at Capitol Ave. on Monday Nov. 5 from 11:45am til 12:46pm. Rotarian John Avent will introduce the program.

Visitors and Guests

Joshua Brand was the guest of Polly Jo Green; Martin Hall was the guest of Sarah Hall; Justice Mary Noble, Justice John Minton, Justice Bill Cunningham were guests of Phil Shepherd

UNICEF

The UNICEF drive is now underway. A goodly portion of all funds collected goes to support the PolioPlus program. If you would like to make a donation, see Bill Miller, Betty Creek, or Joe Johnson.

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Next Week's program...

Peg Harmon - Director of the Thornhill Education Center

Opening Exercise..... Michael Linn Greeter Sara Callaway

Make-ups for Oct. 24

Barry Holder Fred Snyder
John Sower

Attendance Percentage: 79.63%

Make-ups Needed for Oct. 24

Bobbye Brown	John Norfleet
Ron Bryant	Wayne Onkst
Ted Collins	John Palmore
Henry Curtis	Christina Richards
Charles Dickinson	Randy Roberts
Gregory Fuchs	Tim Rose
Steven Gale	Kim Schroeder
Mark Hampton	Phillip Shepherd
Holly Harris	John Sower
Ed Hatchett, Jr.	Katherine Walden
William Legg	William Webb
Terry Magel	

This Week's Speaker...

The speaker for the day was District Governor Dave Weller who was making his 56th Club visit in the District. He informed us that Rotary International was started in 1910 and that the first International President was Paul Harris. The theme for his year is "Rotary Shares". We all share of our time, resources, and expertise. His areas of emphases are Literacy, Water, Health and Hunger, Family of Rotary, and Membership. In addition to our many Rotary programs and projects, Rotary is all about fun and making people feel welcome. He asked, "What would the world be without Rotary?" There are 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs and 530 districts. The newest country to have a club is Laos. While we should work at membership all the time, unfortunately 90% of Rotarians never invite anyone to join. We need to "make the effort" by stretching our commitment to obtain new members by 5%. We have a great story to tell and should tell the story. Turning to the Foundation, the emphasis here is on educational and humanitarian goals. He pointed to the successful Ambassadorial Scholarship program, which last year had 717 scholars in 55 countries at a total cost of \$15 million. This is an effective economic development tool. He also noted the successes of the Group Study



Linda and District Governor Dave Weller.

Exchange, with 515 teams at a cost of \$3.6 million. Greg Fuchs is heading up a team to Japan in spring 2008. On the humanitarian front, we all want to leave a positive legacy. He pointed to the District Simplified Grant and local and international programs. Matching grants for example promote international programs. Rotary International will match dollar for dollar for funds given by the District. Water grants are of particular importance because in many countries, water is scarce and the water that is found is often contaminated. In this country, we take for granted safe drinking water. Dave asked what is the value of human life? He pointed with pride to the matching grants that have been made available to communities in Mississippi which two years ago were hit hard by hurricanes. Rotarians contributed money from all over the world, and this money was in turn turned into matching grants. One example of Rotary at work was rebuilding a community center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The PolioPlus campaign, which has effectively eliminated polio all over the world, is also a fine example of Rotary dollars at work. In honor of DG Dave's talk, "Stories for Young People" by Edgar Allen Poe has been donated to the Frankfort Middle School.

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Welcome New Member! ! !

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Wk: same

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Classification: Management Trainer

Visitors this week

Lynn Hutchins was a visiting Rotarian from Lexington; Frank Page was the guest of Dave Steele.

Board Action

The board approved new member Frank Page contingent upon no negative response after publication.

Singer Beyoncé Knowles immunizes Ethiopian children against polio

— from www.rotary.org —

Rotarians taking part in a polio immunization campaign in Ethiopia recently enjoyed a boost of star power for the eradication effort. Singer Beyoncé Knowles, scheduled to perform in Addis Ababa, met the group and helped administer the oral polio vaccine before taking the stage on 20 October.

The 26-year-old, who immunized 10 youth said, "I want to encourage all ... parents to give this vaccination to their children. It really benefits their health."

"Beyoncé was so impressed [with] our commitment to not only provide funding but to make the trip to administer the vaccine," said Ezra Teshome, of the Rotary Club of University District of Seattle, Washington, USA, who led the effort. Teshome immigrated to the United States from Ethiopia in 1971 and has headed up seven other immunization drives in his homeland.

The fight to end polio has made significant progress in Ethiopia, which has not reported a single case of the disease this year. The country recorded 22 cases in 2005 and 17 in 2006 after an outbreak in the Horn of Africa.

In addition to raising and contributing funds, over one million Rotarians have volunteered their time and personal resources to help vaccinate more than two billion children in 122 countries during national immunization campaigns.

YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Bill Yount	61 Years
Frank Sower	61 Years
Len Shirrell	54 Years
Charlie Hinds	45 Years
Ed Davis	44 Years
Barry K. Holder	34 Years
Duane Ellis	33 Years
Jim Smith	32 Years
Terry Shockley	27 Years
Bill Miller	26 Years
Sherrill Smith	25 Years
Dean Sorg	25 Years
Ed Dance	24 Years
Jim Graves	23 Years
Barry K. Holder, Jr.	22 Years
Joe Russell Johnson	21 Years
Jim Richardson	21 Years
Ed Speer	21 Years
Gus Ridgel	21 Years
Lee Troutwine	21 Years
Bob Bullock	20 Years
John Palmore	18 Years
Steve Dooley	17 Years
John Chenault	16 Years
Rene Siria	15 Years
Clay Hulette	14 Years
David Weller	14 Years
Polly Green	14 Years
John Loyd	13 Years
Nancy Edwards	13 Years
Ted Collins	12 Years
Pat Badgett	12 Years
Wallace Kent	11 Years
RB Brown	10 Years
Gregory Fuchs	10 Years
Don Dykman	10 Years
Bob Johnston	10 Years
Ron Christopher	10 Years
Dennis VanHorn	10 Years
Richard Taylor	8 Years
Richard Boyer	7 Years
Christine Richards	7 Years
Tom Braun	6 Years
Richard Watkins	6 Years
John Sower	5 Years
Bobbye Brown	5 Years
Arthur Kelly	4 Years
Sallie Lanham	3 Years
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