

ATTENTION ROTARIANS:



AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED...



Charles Eastin's daughter MaeCile is interested in interviewing people who have worked together with Charlie. Her phone number is 307-921-9555 or email ride@horseworkswyoming.com.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' I bought her a scale.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

And then the fight started...

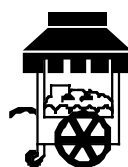
'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive ... so, I took her to a gas station.

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

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- Feb. 26 Bobby Owens, "Blue Grass Field Insights"
- Mar. 5 David Atkisson, KY Chamber of Commerce
- Mar. 12 ROTARACT
- Mar. 19 Eric Brooks, "Henry Clay"
- Mar. 26 Kelly Hampton, "The Boy Scouts of America"

FEBRUARY 2009

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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— TODAY'S PROGRAM —

PRESIDING: President David Fister
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PROGRAM: John Osterlund, General Manager, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER



JOHN T. OSTERLUND
Evanston, Illinois, USA
General Manager
The Rotary Foundation of
Rotary International

Born in Oak Park, Illinois, John grew up in Sebring, Florida. After graduating from the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Political Science, he became interested in the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program. John was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for the academic year 1987-88. With his Scandinavian heritage it was to John's advantage that he was placed at the University of Stockholm.

John received his M.S. degree in History Education from Florida State University. After graduate school, John moved to Fort Lauderdale to become the Legislative Aide to State Senator Tom McPherson and to be an adjunct history instructor at Broward Community College. Working in state politics, John gained extensive experience in media relations and fund raising. John went on to work as the Administrative Assistant to the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives, Rep. Anne Mackenzie.

The Rotary Foundation is one of the largest charitable organizations in the United States in terms of fundraising and international grantmaking. As the General Manager of The Rotary Foundation, John oversees the operations of five divisions: Humanitarian Grant Programs, Educational Programs, PolioPlus, Fund Development, and Operations and Administration. In 2002-03, John served as the Associate Director of the Foundation's US\$80 million Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign — a campaign conducted in one year which raised more than US\$135 million to further Rotary's goal of eradicating polio. In 2006-07, The Rotary Foundation was successful in raising more than US\$130 million.

EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

John is married to Elizabeth Gaizutis Osterlund. The Osterlunds live in Evanston and have three children: two sons, Benjamin and Peter, and a daughter, Abigail. John is a member of the Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow and a benefactor.

Rotary In Review



Dr. Richard Taylor
"ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

Last week's meeting being on February 12, 2009, the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, we were fortunate to be treated to a presentation on the life of arguably America's most beloved president and native Kentuckian.

Richard Taylor is a professor of English at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Having grown up in Louisville, he holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Kentucky and a J.D. from the University of Louisville.

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A former dean and teacher in the Governor's Scholars Program, he received the Distinguished Professor Award at K.S.U. in 1992. He and his wife live near Frankfort with their two children and own Poor Richard's Books in historical downtown Frankfort. He served as Kentucky's poet laureate (1999-2001). Recently, the Kentucky Historical society announced that he will share the Collins Award (with another writer) for best article, a study of Daniel Boone as American Icon.

He has published several novels and collections of poems, including "Kentucky's Lincoln," a book-length piece on Abraham Lincoln, that was published in magazine form in 2008. He has recently completed *Rail-Splitter*, a collection of poems on Lincoln's life that will be published by Larkspur Press this year.

Though Lincoln's family left Kentucky when he was still a youngster, it was the values he learned during these formative years as a young man in the frontier land of Kentucky that influenced his decisions in the years to come.

In closing Richard read several poems from *Rail-Splitter*, some humorous, some introspective, reflecting the thought processes of one of our greatest leaders.



Rotary Continues to Help Out at The Hope Center

I have been blessed to work with a team of people that serves the Men's Hope Center in Lexington. Every third Sunday we provide a hot, protein-inclusive breakfast for men that are working hard to change their current situation. Many of them have fallen victim to bad decisions, circumstance or even fate. Regardless of their situation, they are all working through a program designed to help them overcome their dependencies and build skills that will enable them to participate in society in a productive manner.

We've been very fortunate to have gained the support of Crossroads Christian Church in 2009 in regards to providing meals. However, in an effort to expand the community support, we'd like to invite you to participate in our "Backpack Challenge 2009!" It seems pretty consistent that most of us have an old backpack from high school or college lying around the house. Why not put that to good use by donating it to the Men's Hope Center? Many of the program participants carry all of their possessions with them, in part because

they are very mobile. The sad truth is they are living in a very cut throat environment, and they simply don't have a safe place to keep anything that's of value to them.

Our goal is to gather 300 backpacks over the next 6 weeks to be distributed at our April breakfast. We'd love to get you to participate by digging those old backpacks out of the basement or attic. Don't hesitate to throw in a few incidentals in if you feel called to: simple things that we take for granted, things like chewing gum, mouthwash, deodorant, new socks, hand sanitizer, etc. Think about this the next time you check out at Walmart or Target; all the items in the checkout line that someone might find beneficial would make perfect backpack stuffing.

I know that many times we get too busy with our schedules and commitments to serve as much as we'd like. Let my team and me help make that effort a little bit easier on you. If you'd like to participate, just let me know when you're ready and I will make arrangements to pick up your donation.

Thanks for helping.

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ROTARY RECEIVES THANKS

Phyllis Cronin was awarded the Rotary Humanitarian Award during the Rotary Endowment Day meeting. Below is a letter of thanks we received from her.

February 3, 2009

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I want to thank you and the committee of the Rotary Club for bestowing on me such a special honor. It was nice to be recognized for service to others which has given me such joy throughout my life. I appreciate the kindness shown to me by you and all of the Rotarians.

I shall wear this honor with dignity and gratitude especially for all who have shared in making life better for those that we have helped along the way.

Giving back has been a special privilege for me and for all who have shared the journey with me. I have been blessed. Again my sincere thanks for your belief in me.

Warmest regards,
Phyllis Cronin

ROAMING ROTARIANS

Larry Newman - cruising Cape Horn, South America
Gie Oei - Fort Myers, FL (5)

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

If you didn't attend the Sweetheart Soiree last Saturday night, you missed the highlight of the Rotary year. Not only was it a fun-filled event, it was a great success financially. Rotarians and many non-Rotarians made 275 reservations, and there were over a hundred silent auction items on which to bid in addition to the live auction items.

Final numbers are not available yet, but, at first glance, it looks as if Surgery on Sunday and our other Endowment-supported charities will be very pleased with the outcome. A full report will be made to the club soon.

Thanks to the dance committee and to everyone who had anything at all to do with this event. You made it happen! To see some of the party goes, log onto the Rotary website.

— Nell Main

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