



**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2009

Today



BRIAN KUEHL
"A Glimpse of the Future:"

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
The Harbert Center

Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:20
Adjournment - 1:15

*Election of Nominating
Committee*

*Announcement: Offsite Meeting
at Sloss Furnace w/ASO - Kennon
Walshall*

*Meet Suman Silwal - RCB
sponsored runner in the NYC
Marathon*

Brian Kuehl is a founding partner of The Clark Group—a national consulting firm that develops innovative solutions to allow governments, businesses, and non-profit clients to achieve their goals while also benefiting the environment. The Clark Group specializes in environmental impacts analysis, strategic planning, and state and federal lobbying. The firm was selected as part of a team with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin of Boston to conduct the environmental review for the proposed Ivanpah Valley Airport in Las Vegas. The Clark Group's current clients include The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Architect of the U.S. Capitol, Tulalip Tribes of Washington State, Enviance, Cherokee Investment Partners, Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition, Environmental Defense, and many others.

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Oct 14 Off-site meeting at Sloss Furnace with ASO
- Oct 21 Healthcare program
- Oct 28 Bob Donaldson
Russian expert
University of Tulsa
American Committee on Foreign Relations
- Nov 4 Raymond Harbert
Harbert Management

Working with The Clark Group, Brian facilitated an agreement between tribes and farmers in Washington State to develop a biogas facility to convert dairy waste into energy, thereby improving the economies of the dairies and protecting local salmon fisheries. He brought a wide coalition of interests together to change the federal tax code to encourage re-development of contaminated brownfield properties. And, he has developed an integrated land trust model bringing together agricultural, environmental, historic preservation, and affordable housing interests. Brian is based in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Prior to founding The Clark Group, Brian served as Legislative Director and Acting Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-MT). During his tenure with Senator Baucus, Brian coordinated Senator Baucus' efforts to secure over \$100 million in federal funding for acquisition of critical public lands, establish the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust, and add 29,000 acres to the Gallatin National Forest through an exchange of federal and private lands. Brian received his law degree from The University of Colorado School of Law and in 2000 was a fellow with the U.S - Japan Leadership Program.

TODAY - TWO KINDS OF SHOTS

ROSTER SHOTS: TODAY

Several members have indicated they would like an updated photo for the roster. Photographer Catherine Berdy will be on the 3rd floor of the Harbert Center from 11:15 to 2:00 taking head shots for use in the Rotary roster. Members who "sit" for their pictures will be charged \$15 on their next Rotary invoice. The photo will be released for use in the roster. If members want their photo for private use, they can purchase the photo from Catherine. She can adjust the size and do some touch-up work. Catherine Berdy will be taking photos on October 7 & 21 only.

FLU SHOTS: TODAY

October 7, 2009

Roll up your sleeves - fall is here and time to protect yourselves against flu! On Wednesday, October 7, 2009, the Alabama Center for Occupational Medicine (Alabama Comp) is scheduled to be in the atrium of the Harbert Center administering the seasonal flu vaccine. The cost of the shot is \$25 and will be added to your next club invoice. Please sign both papers - the waiver necessary for Alabama Comp to give the shot and the Rotary sign up sheet, which is the accounting part. Shots begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS

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Linda Viviani
2800 Jefferson Street
Napa, CA 94558

Dave Walker
Peter G. Peterson Foundation
712 Fifth Avenue, 48th Floor
New York, NY 10019
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**Meetings are recorded. Tapes are available for \$3.50 each, which may be added to Rotary invoices.

NEW CLUB ROSTER

Please expect a fellow Rotarian to contact you regarding your roster profile soon. Whether by email, fax or US Mail, please respond quickly as this is the final effort to publish information the way you want it in the next roster.

BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR INITIALED PAGE regardless of whether it is correct or you have made changes.



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - SRI LANKA



Last week, on behalf of the club's officers, directors and the International Service Committee along with the board of The Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Edgar Marx, VP of International Service, announced the 2009 International Service Project - The Mammography Machine, Sri Lanka.

We do not undertake an international project every year. When the need arises, a need that can be met with opportunity, the path seems clear. To help our sister club and the citizens of Sri Lanka, the International Service Committees of both Rotary and Rotaract are pleased to introduce The 2009 International Service Project: joining Sri Lanka in the fight against breast cancer by contributing a mammography machine to their Cancer Early Detection Center in Colombo.

Breast cancer is a disease with which we are all intimately familiar; this is a disease we can fight from Birmingham by supporting Sri Lanka's prevention efforts.

Asking for your participation and support, for you to contribute to multiple Rotary projects, and for you to think globally at a time when resources locally are in such demand is a challenge. Our friends in Sri Lanka are engaged in similar struggles. As President Hatton said, no matter what our economic experience has been, theirs is far more challenging.

To date, approximately \$25,000 has been raised. To purchase a mammography machine, we hope to raise an additional \$53,000. Anything beyond that, we will use in the breast cancer awareness campaign which is also important. President Hatton made the initial gift toward this project. The club plans to recognize all gifts made in honor of mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, or female friends in a special way at the completion of the project. Please complete your pledge card with the addition of the person you would like to honor with your gift and whether or not this gift will be a holiday gift. The club will provide a card acknowledging the gift made in honor of _____

The bottom line is that we have discovered, through this club's personal connections with Rotary in Colombo, Sri Lanka an outstanding opportunity for us to make a big impact on a community in need for a relatively small investment. We are committed to this project and we have each pledged financial support. I hope you will join us.

Summarizing Edgar's presentation regarding reasons this project was selected over seven other excellent project requests:

Sri Lanka is home to the RCB sister club, Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Through the close Rotarian to Rotarian relationship with that club, the confidence placed in the high caliber and capability of the Colombo club to administer the project was one of the features prompting the selection of this project. Other important features considered in the selection process: there are no mammography machines in the country for early cancer detection; there are no mammography machines available to the general population (the existing machine is limited to treatment purposes and available to only the wealthy; the mammography machine purchased by this club will be available free of charge and used for early detection purposes; this healthcare project will have immediate impact directly saving lives of mothers, wives, daughters, sisters; the facility to house the project is built in a partnership with the Rotary Club of Colombo and the Sri Lankan Department of Health which means that there is outstanding functionality and follow-up; the Rotary Club of Colombo is the primary support for the facility; high quality medical care is available in Colombo but with no screening machines for the general population, women whose breast cancer was detected in a physical exam were arriving for treatment too late; breast cancer is the highest incidence of cancer in the country; breast cancer is the leading cause of death in Sri Lankan women between the ages of 40-55.

A dynamic aspect of this project is the Birmingham Rotary to Colombo Rotary partnership, the Birmingham Rotaract to Colombo Rotaract partnership and the Birmingham Interact to Colombo Interact partnership and all the crisscrossing among the organizations. The vitality of the younger Rotary-sponsored leadership clubs has energized all involved and Edgar's committee has provided leadership training in solid, observable ways. *This level of cooperation truly reflects the ideals of Rotary which enrich the experience for each of us.*

This project is consistent with the challenges that the 3rd largest Rotary Club in the world readily accepts.

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IN ROTARY'S PAST



Senator Oscar W. Underwood

1920 - In the Tutwiler Hotel Ball Room on November 10, 1920, Senator Oscar W. Underwood spoke to Rotary. Underwood served as both a U.S. Senator from Alabama (1915-1927) and a congressman from Alabama 1897-1915 and in 1895. He was both a majority leader of the Senate as well as the House. In the 1924 Democratic National Convention his name was put into nomination as the Democratic nominee for President by the Alabama Delegation. John William Davis was the ultimate nominee for the Democrats, losing to Republican Calvin Coolidge. Underwood was an honorary member of the Birmingham Rotary Club.

