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Friday, June 19, 2009

Today's Daybreaker

Mike Wilkerson

Today's Program

Ken Copeland

Newton Co. Sheriff & Doug Wilkerson

Central Christian Center
 "Meth Addiction & Rehabilitation"

Upcoming Events

JUNE

6/26 Club Assembly
 Changing of the Guard

JULY

7/3 Daybreaker: Jim Hardy
 Program: Bill Trudeau - Fun Day
 7/10 Daybreaker: Becky Brill
 Program: Mark Rohr - City of Joplin
 7/17 Daybreaker: Paul Bricker
 Program: Paul Bricker - Cancer Treatments

Birthdays

Drew Hartley 6/10
 Garry Haralson 6/14
 Terry Peacock 6/16
 Becky Brill 6/21
 Mike Woolston 6/28

Reused canes, walkers get people moving

A woman in Tanzania who has lost both of her legs above the knee crawls on her hands and stumps, begging at the side of the road. A disabled grandmother in the Usa River Valley is unable to leave her house and yet has to take care of 12 grandchildren, many orphaned by AIDS. A carpenter living nearby needs crutches before he can walk.

These are images that stay with David Talbot, a professional photographer and member of the Rotary Club of Mountain Foothills of Evergreen, Colorado, USA.

The founder of Crutches 4 Africa, Talbot is committed to collecting discarded crutches, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs and delivering them to disabled people in need. Because of the program, the Tanzanian woman now has a wheelchair, the grandmother has a walker, and the carpenter has crutches and the supplies to produce them for people in his community.

The organization has distributed 6,000 mobility devices to people in Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Uganda over the past four years, with a goal of one million units within 10 years.

"The need is obvious to anyone who's been to Africa," Talbot says. "You just open your eyes and look, and you see these people everywhere."

By conservative estimates, 15 million people in Africa lack adequate mobility devices, he says.

A polio survivor, Talbot first witnessed this need in 2005, when he went to Uganda to work on a documentary film. Back in Colorado, he began partnering with Rotary clubs, schools, and businesses — some as far away as New York — to collect crutches.

In the United States, Talbot notes, doctors often allow patients to use only new equipment because of insurance requirements and malpractice concerns. As a result, de-

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Proposed New Member

Robert Pyle
 Proposed by Tracy Crider

June is
 Rotary Fellowship
 Month

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Please remember to check your name on the attendance at the door.
- Please put cell phones on silent before the meeting.
- We understand that a member may sometimes need to leave the meeting early. If you do, please leave **before** the speaker begins his/her program.
- **eCLUB ONE** (electronic make-up). Effective immediately, you now have the opportunity to process your make-ups on-line. Simply go to the website: www.rotaryclubone.org and click on imake-up info! to complete the short form, **or just go to our website and click on "electronic make-up."**

WE NEED CELL PHONES: Please continue to bring your old cell phones to Rotary and add them to our "donation box" at the check-in table. This is such an easy way to help fund the organizations we support!

Crutches 4 Africa (cont.)

vices that are no longer needed pile up in homes across the country. "I see crutches at yard and estate sales all the time," he says. Many U.S. hospitals have a surplus of used crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.

"I met a guy who works at a landfill in Denver who told me that they had buried a whole trash bin full of crutches and wheelchairs that had come from a hospital," Talbot says. "The stuff we throw away can be used."

Crutches 4 Africa ships the devices by ocean liner, and Talbot and other volunteers fly to various countries in Africa — often with dismantled crutches packed into their luggage — and work with local Rotary clubs to manage distribution. Each pair of crutches costs about US\$3 to ship, Talbot says, but the clubs and other connections can help lower that amount.

The organization's most recent distribution to Kenya and Tanzania in February and March got a boost when a Denver business associate put Talbot in touch with a member of the band Steppenwolf. The rock star was going on safari with high-end tour company Abercrombie & Kent and arranged for 350 units to be loaded at no cost aboard the tour's chartered Icelandair plane in unused cargo space.

Talbot looks over an image of two brothers in Uganda, one pulling the other along on a scrap of old blanket because he couldn't walk.

"It's not a good way to travel," Talbot says. "We have what they need — let's give it to them."

MSNI Raffle

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Medical Supplies Network Raffle for a 2009 Mercedes C300 Sport Sedan. Drawing will be held October 24, 2009. If you buy your tickets before June 30, 2009, you are eligible for the Early Bird Drawing for a Sanyo 42" LCD HDTV, which will be given away on July 25 at the MSNI Board of Directors meeting. Tickets are available from Randy Weiss at a cost of \$25 for one ticket or five tickets for \$100. See Randy at the meeting or call at 782-2345.



SMILE! Puns

- ☺ Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.
- ☺ A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
- ☺ A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- ☺ Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- ☺ Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- ☺ Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- ☺ A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
- ☺ A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
- ☺ Reading while sunbathing makes you well, red.
- ☺ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- ☺ Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- ☺ When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- ☺ What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)
- ☺ A backwards poet writes inverse.
- ☺ A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- ☺ If a clock is hungry does it go back four seconds?
- ☺ A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- ☺ Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

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WHERE YOU CAN MAKE UP NEAR "DAYBREAK"

(Makeup meeting must be made up to 14 days prior or after a regularly scheduled meeting)

MONDAY

Bartlesville, OK - noon Community Center
 Springdale, AR - noon Holiday Inn

TUESDAY

Aurora, MO - noon Community Hospital
 Lamar, MO - noon Memorial Hall
 Miami, OK - noon NEO College Cafeteria
 Pittsburg, KS - noon Mt. Carmel Hospital
 Rogers, AR Rogers Youth Center
 Springfield, MO Kentwood Hall

WEDNESDAY

Bentonville, AR Ramada Inn
 Fort Scott, KS Country Club
 Frontenac, KS Jack's Steak House, Pittsburg
 Mt. Vernon, MO MO Rehabilitation Center
 Neosho, MO Neosho Auditorium
 Rogers, AR Early Risers St. Mary's Hospital
 Tulsa, OK First United Methodist Church
 Webb City - Carl Junction Granny Shaffer's
 Rangeline

THURSDAY

Joplin Club Twin Hills Country Club
 Springfield SE Mid America Cancer Center



THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?