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## The Sunriser

Nov 21, 2011

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays at Trinity United Methodist Church 3737 S. Peoria

### This week's program & RoD

Program: Clayton Clark, Business Coach / Serial Entrepreneur  
RoD: Mike Bibby

### Upcoming Programs & RoDs

- **Nov 30 Program: Don Walker**  
RoD: Jim Blackburn
- **Dec 7 Program: Iman Rose**  
RoD: Carolyn McGhay
- **Dec 14 Program: Spkr from Geneology Center**  
RoD: Barbara Smallwood

### Other Coming Events

- **Next several Saturdays – Our Lindsey House** project continues “every Sat” morning. See Mark Welty if you'd like to help.
- **Christmas Party** – Dec 2 at the Summit Club. See separate article, Barbara, or Janet for more info.
- **Salvation Army Bellinging** – Dec 10, Promenade. See separate article or Kit Sprague.
- President Randy announced a **volunteer opportunity to gift-wrap at Barnes and Noble** on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. An excellent number of Sunrisers offered to volunteer

### Nov 16 Club Business & Announcements

- **Scavenger Hunt Trophy** is MIA. Anyone knowing its whereabouts, please advise, or just bring it in.
- **Mark Welty** spoke of the **Lindsey House** apartment rehab project. We will be painting Saturday, so anyone can come help.
- Anyone with back issues of National Geographic or the Smithsonian magazines are invited to donate some to the Sunrise Club to provide to the **Laura Dester Children's Center**
- Sunrise Sergeant at Arms Art Rasher complimented the club on its enthusiasm. He also highlighted a five-page article in **Tulsa People Magazine** featuring Sunriser **Breniss O'Neal**.
- **Barney Tonquest** announced it's Mustache Season in November to raise money for the “Fraternal Order of the Mustache”, a charity to promote awareness of

prostate cancer in men. It is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Donate at their website <http://mobro.co/sunriserrotarian> Proceeds benefit the **Cancer Foundation and Livestrong**.

● **Visiting Rotarian Pedro** (Venezuela) announced he is moving to Tulsa. He visited our club to see if he might join. Gracious assistance was offered.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** Mike Bibby (11/21); Tom Clark (11/26)  
**Anniversaries:** Sandy & Randy Branstetter (11/26); Tamara & Eric Miller (11/27); Bob & Marilyn Newkirk (11/24)

### Last Week's Rotarian of the Day

Kay Hays was RoD, and her classification is Public Education. She did her undergraduate studies in Art, and holds a Masters in Education. Kay's most recent work was with Union Schools, from which she has since retired. Prior to teaching at Union, she taught in Midland, Texas and her hometown of Muldrow. Kay's son followed in her footsteps and teaches also. She is very proud of him. She joined Rotary in 1995 and thanks Sunriser Mike Bibby for mentoring her in Rotary.

### Last Week's Program Travels in Saudi Arabia

*By Joe Gaudet*

Our own Paul Brauer was born and raised in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He attended Knox College with Jack Freese's son. He then attended the Illinois Institute of Technology. He moved to Tulsa in 1981. Paul makes his home in Tulsa with his wife Debby. He is retired General Manager of Core Lab Instruments and enjoys, golf, hunting and fishing. You may direct questions about today's presentation to Paul at [paul.brauer@corelab.com](mailto:paul.brauer@corelab.com), or call him at (918) 809-3041.

Paul's company makes laboratory testing equipment using CT and x-ray scanners to evaluate rock for best way of oil recovery. He started his career with Cities Service and left to form his own company, which he has since sold.

His first visit to Saudi Arabia was in 1993. A little bit about Saudi Arabia's population. There are 16 million Saudi's, 9 million expat's, and 1 million illegals.

He showed an interesting slide presentation including maps of Saudi Arabia, and Saudi oil reserves. The first well found produced 20,000 barrels of oil per day. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has the largest oil reserves in the world, and is the second largest producer behind Russia. They currently push 12,000,000 barrels per day at about \$100 per bbl. That's a lot of oil and a lot of money.

He spoke on Saudi culture showing photos of Saudi life. Segregation of men and women is evident everywhere. Women marry as early as 10 or 12. Dowries run to \$50,000. Saudi women are mostly not well educated. They have made progress though and now have the right to vote and work, but are not yet allowed to drive cars. If caught driving a car they can be arrested and suffer a public lashing as a result. Driving is hazardous for expat's in Saudi Arabia. If you get in an accident with a Saudi you are always at fault.

Signs showing the direction to face Mecca are everywhere so Saudi's may engage in prayer. The faithful pray five times per day

Saudi banks are forbidden to pay interest on money held.

If you go, plan two to three hours to clear customs once arrived. Sand storms can interfere. The King has his own terminal though. When in Saudi Arabia, expat's have no rights and are expected to live in walled compounds.

There is 10% unemployment. Companies in the Kingdom must employ at least 50% Saudi's, who may or may not show up for work. A common practice is to hire one Saudi for each position open and one outsider to do the work.

If caught violating drug laws in Saudi Arabia, the penalty is beheading. The beheadings are held outdoors on Sundays in the town square for the public to see.

The King Faud Causeway to Bahrain is 16 miles long. It is the longest bridge in the world. Saudi Arabia is a dry state and Bahrain is wet. Saudi's go to Bahrain for the nightlife. The bridge home can be a dicey drive

late at night. A longer bridge is currently being constructed, also to Bahrain. It will be 40 miles long when complete

Sandstorms are frequent and can be compared to a fog, with visibility limited to 10-15 feet.

Camels and tents are still in regular use. Extensive irrigation systems support plants and trees.

Cars must be covered during the day because temperatures can rise too 135 degrees. The good news is gas costs just ninety cents per gallon.

We saw slides of an Aramco oil facility.

New modern architecture is prevalent and free education is provided to the locals. Saudi's receive a \$1,500 per month stipend when studying abroad

The local University has a mosque at its center and the architecture is fascinating. The University is very nice.

Typical house is nice but still use tents. One walks through the house to get to the tent out back that has the flat screen TV. Houses are walled in. Men eat separately from the family. The dinner table is laden with food and the walls are adorned with Persian rugs. Houses have a men's side separate from the family quarters.

Speaker Brauer handed out Saudi, English language newspapers for a first hand look at Saudi culture and viewpoints. President Randy thanked Speaker Brauer for an excellent and fascinating presentation.

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### [The Ticket & The Pot](#)

Barney Tonquest bought the right ticket, but drew the wrong card. The pot is up to \$318 now!

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### [Thank You Lindsey House Workers](#)

Saturday's workers included only Randy Coffman, Mark Welty, and Kit Sprague. Thanks, fellas!!

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### [Badaboomp Department](#)

*The sooner you fall behind,  
the more time you'll have to catch up.*

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### [The Rat Race, Nov 16](#)

**100%** - Arruda, Bibby, Biron, Blackburn, Cantu, Clark, Coffman, Ford, Freeman, Mikes, Miller, Ondracek, Carol Orr, Herb Orr, Rasher, Reid, Bill

Rodgers, Barney Tonquest, Ellie Tonquest, and Walker.

**75%-99%** - Alrifai, Barney, Care, Dyson, Freese, Gaudet, Glassco, Lawson, Leithner, Lively, McGhay, Morse, Orvis, Thyvelikakath, Welty, Wendt, and \*\*Tommy Williams.

**50%-74%** - Bowen, Brauer, Carpenter, Cyrus, Francis, Kelly Grogg, Hardy, \*\*Hays, Horton, Joel Mattson, Sara Mattson, Morgan, Newkirk, O'Neal, Shields, Smallwood, \*\*Sprague, Vander Lind and Wood.

**Less than 50%**- Farrimond, \*\*Stanley Grogg, Muck \*\*Reagan, \*\*Scroggs, \*\*Smiley, \*\*Wasson, and Spike Williams.

\*Return from LOA, \*\*Rule of 85  
Honorary Member - Bob Melott.

Questions? Kit Sprague is your contact.



### SUNRISE STARS AT THE SUMMIT

**DINE, DANCE AND CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!**

**Friday, December 2**  
**6:30 pm – 10:30 pm**  
**\$50 PER PERSON – FREE PARKING**

**The Summit Club**

**6<sup>th</sup> AND BOULDER**

Friday, December 2 is our annual Christmas party at the Summit Club titled *Dancing with the Sunrise Stars*. Cost is \$50 per person. We encourage more Club members sign up. A copy of the menu was presented by President Randy. Chairpersons Janet & Barbara were demonstrably thanked by Breniss, who challenged all Sunrisers to attend with a charming and entertaining pitch, so much so that it was suggested that she follow Art Rasher as the Club Sergeant at Arms.

### New Sunriser Reporter – Thanks Joe!

I managed to box myself into a corner last week, and had to find a reporter for the meeting at the last minute. I tapped our newest member, Joe Gaudet, and not only did he never hesitate to say yes, he also took some terrific notes. He did such a good job that we've asked him to be a regular, and he agreed to that too. Most of the material in this issue is courtesy of Joe.

### Dictionary Delivery Thanks

*By Bill Rodgers*

A very sincere "Thank You" for all the Sunrise Rotary Club members who participated and made the 2011 Dictionary project a wonderful success: Randy Coffman, Tom Clark, Janet Ford, Tamara Miller, Jim Blackburn, Paul Brauer, Andy Leithner, Bill Bowen & daughter, Kay Hays, Carol Orr, Herb Orr, Barney Tonquest, and Aaron Wendt. The enthusiastic reaction from both the students and teachers served as a great reward for all the effort.

### Ringin' Those Bells!

**Sat Dec 10 Shifts: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4-5**  
**Promenade: Dillard's N&W, Macy's E&W**

Signups began last Wednesday. Families and friends welcome to ring with you. Because we have 16 slots to fill (4 shifts, 4 locations), we ask that just one Sunriser sign up for each shift until all are filled. Then we can start pairing up.

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