DISTRICT CONFERENCE 4/29-30: Mark Burger announced there was a planning meeting at the Newman Center at 4:00 today for the conference and gave an invitation to everyone to provide sponsorships for the conference for folks who might not otherwise be able to attend. President Ralph reminded us to register for the conference online (see http://6040conference.kvrotary.org) as the rates will go up April 1, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ron Garber indicated there were 19 who had paid for the motor coach to New Orleans – 23 are needed and he encouraged people to sign up quickly. Tickets are now on sale for Ray’s reception Sunday night of the conference. There are a total of 200 tickets and they will go fast! Ron also invited anyone who has pictures of Ray to send them/give them to Jacob or Ron.

Matt Eichor announced a committee meeting of the New Member Information Committee on March 15 at 3:45 at the TCRC.

Jacob Condon and Heather Mitchell invite everyone to the Grand Opening of Broyles Transfer & Storage Company at 516 N. Franklin on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

NOMINATE A CLUB CHAMPION: Nomination forms were on each table. Tim Tucker will collect the nominations after the meeting. Recipient from each District 6040 club will be honored at the Governor’s Banquet on April 30.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS: Chair David Nichols sought donation of shoes or money. Shoes were again placed on the tables for donations. There are currently 241 pairs of shoes and the goal is 400 pairs of shoes! Walmart and Payless are discounting shoes for this fundraiser.

PRESIDENT RALPH announced there would be a Board meeting at 5:15 Thursday, March 10 at the Dukum Inn. Everyone is welcome.

SPEAKER: JOHN GILL, FORMER DISTRICT GOVERNOR on MICRO-CREDIT BANKS

Mr. Gill is a former District Governor who spoke to Rotarians today about Micro-Credit Banks and specifically how they have helped people in Honduras. Micro-credit loans are small loans that are provided to individuals in impoverished countries to help them start businesses. As these loans are repaid, the money is used to provide loans to other people interested in better business practices. Dr. Muhammad Yunus was the founder of the concept and Rotary patterns their banks after his concept. Mr. Gill encouraged each Rotary chapter to give to the Foundation and consider these programs as they decide on future fundraisers.

50-50 Drawing: $100
Pot now at $972
Happy Bucks: $55

Guests:
Heather Mitchell (g/o Jacob Condon); Larry Isles (g/o Betty McLane-Igles; Bill Hannant (g/o Craig Shorten); Thomas Van Vleck (g/o Tim Tucker); Jim Waggoner (Morning Club); Dick Gooch & Al Barnes (g/o club); Marcy Palermo (g/o club & GSE)

Upcoming Programs:
March 16: Sokol Saraci (Albanian)/Trumpet
March 22: Youth Recognition Banquet
(6:00 social, 6:30 Dinner, TSU Georgian Room) NO MEETING MARCH 23
March 30: Steve Salt/Downtown Grocery