



# CAPE GIRARDEAU WEST

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Club #2397 - Rotary District 6060  
Chartered July 25, 1966

Meetings at Noon Every Thursday- Elks Lodge #639

Board meets 2nd Tuesday 4:00 pm,

At Connie Eichhorn's office at Drury Southwest  
Located at 101 S Farrar Drive.

## *President's message:*

Is it fate or did someone plan to follow up a "thank you" month with a "gift giving" month??

I know Cape West has many things to be thankful, but I truly know we are a GIVING club. Sunday's picture in the Southeast Missourian reminded me of the many blessings we have as a club and how much we share those within the community. Many hours went into the auction and we will help children for generations with what we have done in the past.



Let us strive for a 100% attendance, especially during this very busy season. You know we have a dedicated membership when you get a call to consider a meeting between the Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Jan 1 dates. Both of these fall on Thursday this year, so we would miss two chances for fellowship. The board will consider hosting a "make up" during that week, for those who may want to enjoy the company of fellow Rotarians.

During this season of "sharing the message" with others, I wish all of you a most blessed holiday season!!

**Tony Buehrle**  
**President, Cape West Rotary**  
**2008-2009**

### **Rotary Auction!**



**Cape West Rotary donates \$10,000 to Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship (MVTH)**

**Cape West Rotary conducted our 43<sup>rd</sup> radio auction on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Show Me Center. For over 40 years area businesses have partnered with our club by donating cash, merchandise and services for the auction. Each year our club distributes the proceeds of the auction to worthy charitable organizations.**

**This past year our club conducted its most successful auction in our history by donating over \$35,000 to various charities. We chose Mississippi Valley Therapeutic Horsemanship (MVTH) to be the primary beneficiary of the 2007 auction. MVTH helps area children with special disabilities by providing specialized therapy using horse riding. MVTH is an emerging care giving organization in our region and they needed help with facility improvements so they could serve even more children. Our gift of \$20,000 has gone a long way in helping MVTH enhance their facilities and programs.**

The other \$15,000 was distributed to organizations like Boy and Girls Club of Cape Girardeau, Boy Scouts of America, Humane Society of Southeast, Young Life of Southeast Missouri, Safe House for Women, Inc., Teen Challenge, The Salvation Army, The Shriners Hospital for Children and many more worthy not for profit organizations.

Our Rotarians would like to share with you our plans for this year's auction and how you can play a special part in it. MVTH will be the primary beneficiary again this year. However, we have made plans to make a sizable contribution to a school for Haitian orphan children, in addition to other worthy local charities. It is often said that education is the greatest weapon against poverty. We intend to brighten the future for these Haitian orphans by building a school.

### *Featured Rotarian for November: Luther Bonds*

#### Luther R. Bonds, New Member of Cape West Rotary

Every other month the newsletter will feature a new member of Cape West Rotary. Luther has been a member of Cape West for two months. Luther has been the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Cape Girardeau for over eight months. The Club targets youth, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential through education, character, life skills, recreation with leadership programs and activities. Luther attended Copiah-Lincoln College in Wesson, Mississippi and Southeast Missouri State University where he attained a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, with a minor in recreation management. He is married to Bobbi J. Bonds and has a 17 year old son, Dante who attends Cape Central Senior High School. His hobbies include basketball, football, tennis, swimming, bicycling, and hiking.

#### Luther's philosophy:

1. Business is second to God, family and personal life,
2. Our personal values should be the ones we use in business, our integrity is very important, and
3. The most important value is to treat others the way you want to be treated, with respect.

Luther was asked what "Service above Self" means to him, Luther stated, "it means that I am doing is for the youth, families, and my community. I do not go above and beyond for any special

recognition or praise, for it is not about me. For me, it is about being passionate about life, people, and helping others." Luther chose Cape West Rotary because he wanted "to be a part of something bigger than myself or my job, in order to make a difference in my community, other communities, and worldwide."

*Greeter Schedule December 2008*

December 11 Jim Welker  
December 18 Mike Radake  
December 25 CHRISTMAS

Please plan to arrive by 11:40 AM. If you have questions please contact Benjie Ferguson at 335-3100 or [bferguson@bankofmissouri.com](mailto:bferguson@bankofmissouri.com). I will send a reminder by email before your scheduled day.

*Program Schedule:*

Dec 11 - Barbara Mueller, Friends of Cape County Ambulance District

Dec 18 - Notre Dame Choir, Christmas Music Program

Dec 25 - Merry Christmas, NO MEETING

If you have any information you would like to include in the December newsletter, please let me know by December 26. You can email me at [shecht@kfvs12.com](mailto:shecht@kfvs12.com).

**Quote or Story of inspiration.....**

God's Promise  
Author unknown

God didn't promise  
Days without pain  
Laughter without sorrow  
Or sun without rain,

But God did promise  
Strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears  
And a light for the way,

And for all who believe  
In his Kingdom above,

He answers their faith  
With everlasting love.

# Merry Christmas!