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**Madison Ridgeland Rotary Club**  
**District 6820**  
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Rotary International President  
**Ray Klingensmith**  
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**ROTARY MOTTO**  
**Service above self. He profits most who serves best.**

## FOUR-WAY TEST

- First Is it the TRUTH?
- Second Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third Will it build GOOD WILL And BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Capt. Randall Tucker**  
**Madison County Sheriff Narcotics Division**

### Calendar/Future Speakers

- July 29 **Scott Shoemaker**  
MS Home Builders Association
- August 5 **George Lewis**  
Executive Director, MS Municipal League
- August 12 **Ronnie Agnew**  
Executive Editor, Clarion-Ledger
- August 19 **Bob Wilson**  
MS Main Street Association

The making of a president  
*The Rotarian – July 2010*



Meet Rotary's man from Missouri through stories from the friends who looked up to him in high school, his fellow Ambassadorial Scholar in South Africa, associates throughout his professional life, and the Rotarians he inspired on his rise to the RI presidency.

*Matthew Eichor, past governor of District 6040 and a member of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Mo., USA. Klingensmith, a Rotarian for 50 years, joined the Kirksville club in 1974, after membership in the Rotary clubs of Unionville and Macon, Mo. Eichor, as director of the Justice Systems program at Truman State University, worked closely with Klingensmith, who served as dean of administration, business professor, and general counsel.*

I don't know that Ray has a hobby other than Rotary, but then, of course, he's very involved with his family. If I saw him on a golf course, I'd be shocked.

He is tenacious in getting things done. He took the initiative to help our rural county get a full-time prosecutor, and we're better for it. I could repeat that sort of story on any number of issues. He also is an incredibly good speaker. His great sense of humor causes audiences to perk up, and then he delivers the substance. Ray will bring to Rotary International the notion that we don't have to be afraid to change. A lot of RI presidents are content to allow things to function as they always have; Ray is not going to be that way.

*Elsie Gaber, president of the Rotary Club of Kirksville-Thousand Hills, which Klingensmith helped charter*

In 33 years, I don't think I've ever seen Ray without a tie. You get a look at his informal side when he loosens the tie and unbuttons the top button of his shirt. He enjoys a good story (or even a bad one) over a beer or two. With him, a casual conversation can transform into a possible idea, and then into a full-blown strategic and tactical plan of action that can't wait until the next day. He taps you on the shoulder, based on your skills and passions, and enlists you to join in a great adventure to make life better.

*Ralph Cupelli, president of the Rotary Club of Kirksville*

When Ray couldn't find adequate services for his developmentally disabled son, he worked to get laws established and started the Chariton Valley Association to help other people who were facing a similar challenge. That is his modus operandi: See a problem, figure out an action you can take to solve it, and work on it until it is solved. Instead of complaining, he makes things happen.

He has an international perspective, going back to when he was [a Rotary Foundation] Ambassadorial Scholar. Ray is a very active leader; he doesn't follow a routine. He doesn't do things because they've been done that way before. He looks for fresh ideas. I think he will make people outside of Rotary more aware of the organization and how much we contribute to making the world a better place.

Read the full article at <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/Ksmith1007.aspx>