

Today's Program

May 9, 2006

Bobby Conner

Grandparents for "Children Need To Read"



In The Future

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeup> Make up online

May 16th - Mitchell Moore PDAP

May 23rd - KWEL Radio

May 30th - Beci Armstutz CAAG



HILL INTRODUCES OUR GSE TEAM



May Birthday Wishes

Derek Bohne – May 1st

Linda Guererro – May 5th

Jeb Hughes May 9th

Harold Fuller – May 14th

David Theobald – May 16th

Dianne Anderson – May 24th

Bhupen Agrawal – May 30th

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- (1) Fostering unity among member clubs;
- (2) Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- (3) Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- (4) Providing a system of international administration.

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A Rotarian revives New Orleans

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Balancing atop a fractured New Orleans flood wall in green and black fatigues, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Duane Gapinski spots a man picking through a wrecked home nearby.

He tells Gapinski that his mom lived there for 58 years, and he's trying to find some of her belongings to give her closure.

But there was nothing.

"I'll always remember that," Gapinski says. "It was the moment when I realized just how many people lost everything."

If you followed any of the media coverage of Hurricane Katrina, you likely heard Gapinski explain his plan to drain the flooded city. But what you probably didn't know is that Gapinski is a member of the Rotary Club of the Iowa Quad-Cities (Davenport/Bettendorf), Iowa, USA.

With 80 percent of New Orleans flooded and with water up to the rooftops in some areas, Gapinski's team faced an enormous task. They focused on repairing New Orleans' existing water pumps before systematically draining the city. Because many of these pumps were flooded or damaged, the team also used handheld pumps, initially powered by generators, to force the murky water into the nearby lakes and bayous.

"The water just stunk. It was all that decomposition going on," says Gapinski, adding that the team aerated the water so plants and animals could live in it again.

It took seven weeks to drain the city. "In week one, you couldn't do all the things you take for granted," Gapinski says. "By the time we left, you could drive almost anywhere."

Gapinski has since returned to his post as commander of the Rock Island District for the Corps of Engineers. He plans to retire in July and enter the civilian workforce. But his heroism has not gone unrecognized. In January, *Engineering News-Record* magazine named him one of the top 25 newsmakers of 2005 in the construction industry.

"I never, ever thought I'd do something like this," says Gapinski. "I just hope no one ever has to again."