

**Programs
October 2008**

**Program Chair
Lloyd Westbrook**

- Oct. 9: Jason Rapert, Just fiddlin' 'round
- Oct. 16: District Governor Jim Davis
- Oct. 23: Carl Barger, life in the Ozarks.
- Oct. 30: Bob McCormack, Candidates' Forum

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- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

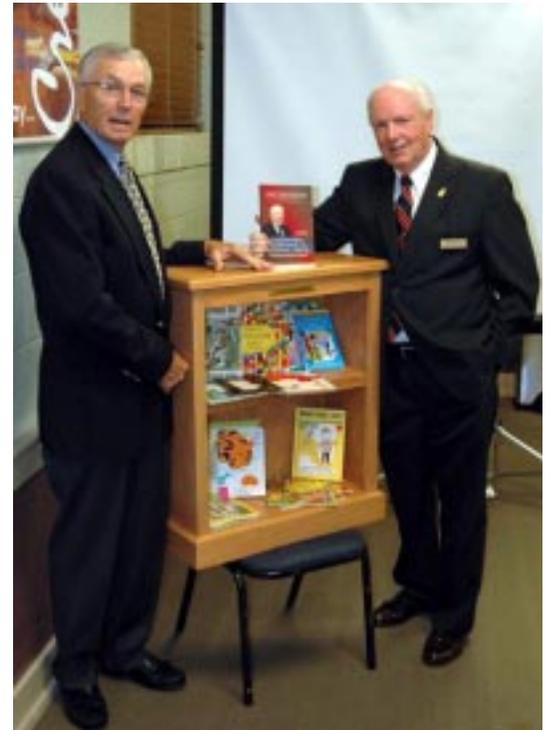
**September 4
Bookcase Project**

Celebrating his wedding anniversary, President Dan opened the meeting by introducing his guest – wife Nancy – to the Club. Mickey Cox, a guest of the day's speaker, Jim Davidson, also joined us. Sgt at Arms Lowell spoke on the Club's updated vision and our desire to "enhance the value of Rotary membership". Part of that enhancement is increased attendance, which we've see the last couple of weeks.



President Dan welcomes guest Nancy to club meeting. (Dan & Nancy celebrated their anniversary on Sept. 4th.)

Let's keep it up for the fall. Vice-president Sharon introduced the September program chair, Dr. Thomas Cabantac. Thomas, a native of Little Rock, attended Little Rock Catholic High School, UCA and Tuskegee Institute. He joined St. Francis Veterinary Clinic three years ago to work with Dr. Sharon Stone and is now a partner. He and his wife have two young daughters. Thomas then introduced Jim Davidson, a highly successful columnist, commentator and speaker. Jim's columns are found in nearly 200 newspapers weekly and he has traveled far and wide as a speaker and commentator. Jim came to visit with the Club though about a service project he founded four years ago called the Conway Bookcase Project. Jim's group builds quality oak bookcases for the children of low income families and gives them away free of charge, along with a "starter" set of books. The project, which is aimed at helping to alleviate illiteracy and to promote a love of reading to pre-schoolers, has greatly affected the lives of the children who've received the bookcases. Jim told the Club members about an upcoming fund-raiser that his group is sponsoring which will be held on October 16th at Bob Courtway Middle School. All proceeds from the Banquet that night will be used to buy materials



Mickey Cox and Jim Davidson show-off Bookcase.

for more bookcases. Hopefully some Rotarians and their families can get out to this event and eat some great family style food and hear Jason Rapert's fiddle playing as Jason's bluegrass group will be providing entertainment for the evening.

— Danny Powell

**September 11
Patriot Day and Life Choices**

On the seventh anniversary of Patriot Day, the club recognized and remembered our fellow citizens whose lives were lost on 9/11/01, and their families who live on, during the opening invocation as well as in conversations shared around the tables. May our service above self continue to make our world a better place for peace and good will and better friendships as we live life together.

The speaker for the day, Maria Edwards of Life Choices, presented the mission and vision of Life Choices. With service and counseling available for men now as well as women, Life Choices offers crisis-pregnancy counseling and so much more. Now Life Choices is able to provide a free ultrasound of the baby and its beating heart as part