

**Rotary Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 18, 2003**

Board Members Present: Miley Palmer, Kit Paulin, Stu Ellis, Wayne Allen, Jim Finn, Bob Lloyd, Harold Murphy, Heather Stoa, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Dave Brandon, Bill Kienzle, Robin Crowe, Harry Cook, Marsha Fleming

The December 18, 2003 meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Decatur was called to order at 12:07 pm at the Decatur Club. President Miley Palmer officiated.

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were approved. (Brandon/Allen)

**NEW MEMBERS**

Stephen Hill, the new pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church is interested in becoming a member and will be contacted for follow-up by Miley Palmer.

Earlier New Member Orientations were very successful and Miley Palmer will schedule another in January.

**RESIGNATIONS**

Long-time and very valued member Merlin Outcalt has requested resignation from the club due to an intense travel schedule with the mission organization "The Nomads". The board tabled the request in hopes of convincing Mr. Outcalt to maintain his membership. (Crowe/Finn)

**NEWSLETTER**

Dave Brandon reported that we are now capable of providing the newsletter on-line. We have 140 e-mail addresses for approximately 150 members. By offering the newsletter on-line we will save approximately \$150/month. A motion passed (Allen/Ellis) to cancel the newsletter service currently being provided by the Herald and Review and to provide the letter electronically. Dave Brandon will cancel the Herald and Review immediately.

**FINANCE**

Harold Murphy presented the finance report. Two members owe a total of \$3,100 to the club. A motion passed (Stoa/Allen) to drop these two members from the club if they have not made a significant attempt to pay by year-end.

Several members are approaching arrears of 1-2 years of past dues. The following motion was passed (Brandon/Allen) regarding arrears:

**A MEMBER'S QUARTERLY BILLING STATEMENT MUST BE PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE THE FINAL DATE OF THE QUARTER. IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED THAT PERSON MAY BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP.**

Electronic billing will be available in the near future.

The finance report was approved. (Paulin/Fleming)

## GRANTS

Bill Kienzle presented the grant recommendations from the Grants Committee which met on December 1, 8, and 15, 2003. A process was developed to review and score the 30 grant applications that were received (in addition to the Partners in Education grant that was previously approved by the Rotary Board). Grant committee members reviewing and scoring the grant applications were Bruce Nimms, Paul DeBruine, Bob Pancoast, Merlin Outcalt, Noel Myers, and Bill Kienzle.

The Grants Committee, by unanimous decision, recommended the following:

### \$1,000 Grants:

- Junior Achievement
- Old Kings Orchard
- Project Success
- Children's Home Merida, Mexico
- Decatur Youth Agency

### \$500 Grants:

- Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center
- SAIL-Soyland Access to Independent Living
- Homeward Bound (Homeless Center)
- Webster Cantrell Hall
- Dr. Sinha (Eye Clinics in India)
- Macon Resources

The recommendations were approved (Ellis/Getty) with Brandon opposed (specifically to the Old Kings Orchard project) and Crowe abstaining.

The board is extremely grateful for Bill Kienzle's hard work in coordinating this effort. Thank you, Bill!

Bill Kienzle also noted his appreciation of Wegi Stewart's notes from past meetings. They were extremely helpful to the process.

Grant requests funded will be low for 2 to 3 years as we complete our commitment to Rotary Park.

District grants are available at \$1,000 each. There is \$25,000 available through the district.

## NOMINATIONS

Five past presidents nominate the treasurer who will move on to become the secretary, then vice-president, then president. Dave Brandon was nominated to become the treasurer. (Finn/Crowe) Therefore next year's officers will be:

President	Stu Ellis
Vice-President	Kit Paulin
Secretary	Heather Stoa
Treasurer	Dave Brandon

Board of Directors is as follows:

<u>Class of 2001/2002</u>	<u>Class of 2002/2003</u>	<u>Class of 2003/2004</u>	<u>Class of 2004/2005</u>
Wayne Allen Doug Burdick	Tom Brinkoetter Dave Brandon	Robin Crowe Jim Finn	(Recommended) PaulaFinn(Stoa/Ellis) Bill Kienzle (Finn/Ellis)
Harry Cook	Steve Furrow	Marsha Fleming	Kim Lockert (Palmer/Paulin)
Heather Stoa	Kevin Kehoe	Martin Getty	Penn Shade (Furrow/Ellis)
	Kit Paulin	Harold Murphy	Andy Thomas (Finn/Ellis)
	Steve Reid		

Vice-President Stu Ellis will contact the incoming board members.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Salvation Army bell ringing project went extremely well. Chairman Wayne Allen has done a tremendous job organizing this committee and the board extends a very sincere THANK YOU to Wayne for his hard work and success.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jim Finn proposed the creation of a club handbook with guidelines for committee heads.

## OLD BUSINESS

Kit Paulin promised to obtain several styles of shirts and hats with the Rotary Design on them for club members to order. She will contact Maverick Marketing for those items.

It is also time to organize the annual party for the "changing of the guard". This party is traditionally organized by the vice president for the outgoing president and the incoming president. Therefore, Kit Paulin will organize the party to honor Miley Palmer and Stu Ellis. The party is traditionally in late June.

Jim Finn reminded that club of the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and the need to organize a celebration for that event.

#### PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Byrkit proposed Jim Hienkle as a new member. He is a graduate of MacArthur High School and Eastern Illinois University (Accounting) and a former member of the Navy. He is a commercial real estate broker with Cardwell. Current member, Cindy Bachman, also employed by Cardwell, has approved his membership. This proposal was approved. (Furrow/Paulin)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25.