

**Rotary Board Meeting
Thursday, March 18, 2004**

Board Members Present: Miley Palmer, Kit Paulin, Wayne Allen, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow, Kevin Kehoe, Bob Lloyd, Harold Murphy, Steve Reid, Martin Getty

The March 18, 2004 meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Decatur was called to order at 12:05 pm at the Decatur Club. President Miley Palmer officiated.

The minutes of the February 2004 meeting were approved with corrections.

FINANCE

Harold Murphy presented the Finance report, which showed Net Assets of \$29,624. This report was approved as submitted. (Allen/Finn)

It was noted that in tribute to our speakers we gift a book to an elementary school. We have gifted to all of the elementary schools in Decatur. There was discussion whether to now gift to the middle and high schools. It was decided to continue gifting to the elementary schools and to restart that process.

There was clarification of the Penny Fund Recipients. They are:

March	4-H
April	American Heart Association
May	YMCA Camp Sokia

NEWSLETTER

The new website and newsletter look fantastic! They may be accessed at www.decaturreotary.org

Tom Brinkoetter will present the program on April 5, 2004 to teach us how to use the site.

It was suggested that the site be a source of new member information.

MEMBERSHIP

Dane Bragg was introduced on 3/15/04 as a new member.

A new application has been approved for Susan Keane, Sales Manager of the Holiday Inn Select. (Kehoe/Finn)

Approved for invitation are Dan Martini, Chris Woodrow, and Cynthia Bullock. (Kehoe/Finn)

Resignations were accepted, with regret, for Merlin Outcalt, Gary Peacock, and Beth Noland. (Furrow/.Kehoe)

Wayne Allen generously offered to donate billboard space for the club to celebrate its 90th birthday. He will provide 5 boards if the club will provide the signage. He estimates the cost of the signage will be \$125 each. We discussed the idea of presenting the opportunity to club members to sponsor a sign and have their company name appear on the sign as a sponsor. We will present this idea to club members in April. The board approved the club proceeding with this project. (Murphy/Furrow)

PROGRAMS

The upcoming speakers are as exciting as the many great speakers we have enjoyed this year. They include:

Tom Hill, Author of the Chicken Soup series of books

St. Teresa State Champion Girls' Basketball Team

Tom Brinkoetter and the New Website

Cindy Laegeler and the Youth Leadership Students

Three Generations of Rotary

Decatur Arts Center (Approved to Eat at the Decatur Club and then Walk to the New Decatur Arts Center for a Tour)

St. Mary's Hospital

Dr. Sinha

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership)

We are sponsoring four students this year. It was noted that our financial commitment to RYLA is separate from grants. RYLA is considered a program and has already been budgeted.

It is time to submit applications for both Personal and Club district achievement awards. The board voted to submit an application for the nomination of Dr. Miley Palmer for the District Achievement Award (Paulin/Finn) and to apply for a club award.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20PM.