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# THE SPARKPLUG

Rotary Club of Decatur #180  
June, 2007

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## A Message from the President

Greetings Fellow Rotarians,

What a terrific year the 2006-07 Rotary year has been! Serving as your president has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and I thank you for the opportunity. It has been a joy to get to know each of you better and to see all that you do for our club, your businesses and our community. I appreciated the advice and guidance of past presidents, and I relied on our board and committees to make sure that meetings and events ran smoothly. "Yes, I will help" was the response to requests for invocations, greeters, sergeants-at-arms, song leaders, bell ringers, ushers, grant evaluators, gardeners and servers. Thank you to all who served.

Looking back at the goals for the year, I can truly say that our club has met or exceeded each one. Attendance has improved; we had another year of terrific programs; membership has grown significantly; we have supported local youth groups and service organizations with our grants; we renewed our relationship with Amor Y Vida Orphanage in Mérida, Mexico and pledged additional collaborative support to the Eye Clinic in Ranchi, India; we increased contributions to The Rotary Foundation through *Every Rotarian, Every Year*, we initiated six new Paul Harris Fellows; we had positive news stories reported about our club activities; our efforts were recognized at the District level and our members served on District committees. We reached out to the families of members who died; we honored the dedication and commitment of our members to our club and community. As a club, we are better organized with a written board manual, a defined budget and a long-range goal of building our local endowment so that we can fund \$25,000 in grants by the time we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. Most importantly, we have had fun and enjoyed the company of fellow Rotarians and guests at our weekly meetings and special events.

On a personal note, I am so very grateful for the well wishes you extended to our daughter as she went through the brain surgeries for epilepsy and recovery. The e-mails and phone messages and inquiries during her hospitalization in August and September and throughout the rest of the year were uplifting. The "Family of Rotary" has special meaning for our daughter, son, my husband and me.

Little did I realize the impact of Rotary when I joined almost nine years ago or when I agreed to move through the offices four and a half years ago. The more I learn about Rotary, the more humbled and awed I am by the needs that

Rotarians meet around the world. I am proud to be a Rotarian knowing the good that this organization accomplishes. I wish for President-Elect Steve Furrow, the new board and our members, all of the rewards of serving and leading that I have been privileged to experience. Thank you for the honor of being your president.

In Service,  
*Heather Stoa*

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"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness." Chinese Proverb

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## June Programs

Invite a friend or co-worker to join you for these outstanding presentations.

- June 4            The Dansig/Consociate Group will share the excitement of their new development in downtown Decatur.
- June 11          Pete Paulin will discuss proposed water solutions for the City of Decatur.
- June 18          State Senator Frank Watson will bring us up to date on the latest activities and legislation in Springfield.
- June 25          We will celebrate the 20+ new members who joined Rotary Club of Decatur this year as President Heather Stoa summarizes the Rotary Year, thank members for their contributions and introduces the new officers and board.



**Save the Date for the Presidents Party  
At the Lincoln Theatre  
Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00**



Please join us for a party at the Lincoln Theatre as we welcome Steve Furrow as the incoming club president for the 2007-08 Rotary year and thank Heather Stoa for her service during 2006-07. We will receive a tour of the theatre and learn more about the restoration as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar of wine, beer and soft drinks in the lobby.

Come as you are from work or home. Spouses, guests and prospective members are invited to join us for the evening. RSVP to Secretary Pen Shade by Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> by e-mail to [william.p.shade.iv@smithbarney.com](mailto:william.p.shade.iv@smithbarney.com) or by phone at 875-7603.

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## District 6490 Newsletter Available On-line

The latest district newsletter has been published on the District 6490 Web site. You may read it on-line by visiting <http://www.Rotary6490.org/Newsletter.cfm>.

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## Happy Birthday in Any Language

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If you were born in China, Japan, Korea or Vietnam, particularly before 1950, you might be celebrating your birthday as a person a year or two older than what members of Western cultures would agree is your true age. The East Asian age reckoning concept originated in China. At birth, infants begin life at one year old and add a year each New Year' Day instead of celebrating on their actual birth dates. If a child is born towards the end of a calendar year, he or she could be two years old at New Year. This system is still widely practiced in China and is officially used in Korea.

No matter how old you are, we wish our June Rotarians Happy Birthday!

6/5     Tina Noland  
6/6     Doug Burdick  
6/13    Martin Getty  
6/15    Phil Cochran  
6/22    Howard Brown  
6/22    Glen Dalluge  
6/22    Kevin Breheny  
6/23    Bill Blank



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## June 25th Membership Celebration!

Please join with other members of the club as we celebrate the membership of our newest members at the last meeting of the 2006-07 Rotary year. Help us welcome them again with your presence and support on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gloria Davis	Kevin Kast	Mike Cassell	Howard Edwards
Robert Gauthier	Jim Montgomery	Greg Crowe	Erin Brownlow
Howard Beede	Steve Hill	Kim Bauer	Kemper Willcut II
Jason Tompkins	Sue Watts	Norma Quihuis	Tami Crouch
Jamie Duies	Georganne	Julie Schwalbe	Delmar Sandage
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## New Member Orientation on June 15th

A New Member Orientation will be held on Friday, June 15th from 12:00-1:00 at the Decatur Club in the President's Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. New members, prospective members or anyone who wants to brush up on Rotary basics is invited to join us. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a new member orientation, are new to our club or are thinking about joining, this is a fun, easy way to learn more about Rotary. This is also a great review session for incoming board members and officers to gain a renewed perspective on our club.

Over lunch, we will discuss Rotary International, our history, club service projects, grants, finances, The Rotary Foundation, attendance and make-ups, Web sites, and club committees. And, we will still have time to visit and get to know one another better!

Please RSVP to Heather Stoa: hhstoa@gmail.com or hstoa@hotmail.com by Thursday, June 14th. All are welcome.

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## **Glen Dalluge Honored as Rotarian of the Quarter**

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Recognition Chair Kit Paulin introduced Distinguished Rotarian Glen Dalluge. Many of our members may not have realized that Glen has been a member of Rotary for 53 years – he has been a member of our club for just two years – and what an active contributing member he has been since joining us in 2005.

Glen Dalluge is a Decatur native who grew up in Blue Mound and graduated from high school there in 1943. Upon graduation Tom Delahurst nominated Glen for a civil service war time job which he received and for which he was sent to Pearl Harbor. He held that job until the war ended and was then sent to the army base in Fort Sheridan, Illinois. That base was the separation center for returning WWII soldiers. Glen, still with the civil service, worked in the medical records unit. To hear Glen tell it, he had the pleasure of asking every returning soldier if they had ever had malaria or syphilis. After a time, Glen tired of the job and seized an opportunity to work in Japan for the U.S. Air Force.

While in high school Glen had held a part time job in his hometown grocery store, and because of that the Air Force made him the manager of the sales commissary in Japan.

Glen spent six years in Japan and married Takako, a Japanese woman, he met there. They had one son born in Japan and two other sons born in America.

Because of the Oriental Exclusion Act, Glen's wife was not eligible to come to the United States. Senator Paul Douglas and Representative Bill Springer introduced and eventually passed a bill that made it possible for Glen and his family to come to America in 1952. They returned to Blue Mound, bought a home for \$1500 and lived there for 27 years.

Glen worked in the lumber yard, and then became the acting postmaster for four years. Eventually an opportunity arose at the Blue Mound Grain Company and Glen worked there for seven years. In 1969, Phillips Petroleum hired Glen as a fertilizer sales representative. They transferred him to Manhattan, Kansas where he and his family lived for 25 years. Glen retired in 1988.

Glen's wife of 51 years passed away in 2002 after a 20 year battle with Parkinson's.

A few years ago Glen married Blue Mound native, Arlone Ritter. They recently celebrated their fourth anniversary.

Our club has benefited greatly from his return home as Glen has had many years of experience and service in Rotary. Glen joined the Blue Mound club in 1954 and was also a member of the Manhattan, Kansas club. In Manhattan he was the club secretary for 10 years and also served as the Sergeant of Arms.

Our thanks is extended to Glen for his many, many years of service to Rotary and for the great contributions he has made to the Rotary Club of Decatur.



## **June Speakers' Honorarium – Doing our Part for Literacy**

Each month, Rotary Club of Decatur donates funds in honor of our speakers to a Decatur or Macon County elementary school library for the purchase of new books. This month the donation will be sent to William Harris Elementary School.

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## June Do Good Dollars

This month **Do Good Dollars** will be given to Race for the Cure to help fund research to diagnosis, treat and eliminate breast cancer. The local Race will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> beginning in Fairview Park at 8:00 am. If you would like to volunteer to hand water to the runners and walkers, please contact David Coopridier or Wayne Allen.



## Kudos for Weekly Service to Our Club

Thank you to Bill Owen, Miley Palmer and Glenda Williamson for beginning our meetings with thoughtful invocations; to Sergeants-at-Arms Jane Shade, Al Luchetti, and Dick Shelby for introducing visitors and collecting Happy Bucks; to our greeters Lora Dills, Jamie Duies and Martin Getty for making everyone feel welcome; to Howard Brown for leading us in song; to Miley Palmer for wearing his magnificent hat and extending birthday wishes, to Lora Dills for providing ice cream for the birthday table, to Martin Getty for introducing the Teacher of the Month, to Tony Wilkins for introducing the Scholar-Athletes; to Kevin Kast and his staff at St. Mary's Hospital for hosting us on May 14<sup>th</sup> with a great presentation and an excellent meal.



## Smile!

Glen Dalluge is taking photos for our on-line directory. If you do not have a photo, please see Glen before or after the meeting. Or if you have a photo that you would like to have used, please give it to Heather Stoa or e-mail it to her at: [hhstoa@gmail.com](mailto:hhstoa@gmail.com). She will scan photos and return them to you.

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## Haley King May Teacher of the Month

Martin Getty introduced Haley King as the May Teacher of the Month. Haley teaches at Garfield Montessori Magnet School as a kindergarten teacher. She has a degree in Early Childhood Education and has taught for four years.



Her nomination recommendation read:

Haley King is one of the most gifted and talented educators that has ever been in the field of education! She is kind, compassionate, caring, considerate, respectful and generous . . . and those are just a few of her qualities. She is constantly seeking ways to improve student achievement and implement “best practices” within her classroom. She works closely with her peers to benefit all students. She strives to meet the needs of each individual student and family whether that need is social, emotional or academic. She utilizes the resources available to her within the building, the district and the community. Her classroom provides a warm, nurturing and loving environment that encourages challenges and growth. Haley King is a role model for educators everywhere. Garfield Montessori Magnet School and the Decatur Public Schools are fortunate to have her as a member of their families.

Rotary Club of Decatur and Soy Capital Bank salute Haley for her contributions as an educator.

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## Membership Updates

We welcomed Delmar Sandage to our club on May 21st. Delmar, a Decatur native and father of three daughters, is Assistant Vice-President and Branch Manager for Buena Vista National Bank. He was sponsored for membership by Steve Furrow. Delmar was our 20<sup>th</sup> new member for the year!

It is with regret that the board accepted resignations from Gary Peek and Elmer Cordes.

We currently have 128 members. Please invite a friend to join Rotary and experience the benefits of membership

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## District Conference Awards and Presentations!

At the District Conference in Champaign on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, our club was recognized with three awards for our newsletter, our international service project in Mérida, Mexico and our Web site! Our club was well represented by Heather Stoa, Steve Furrow, Howard Beede, Bruce Nims and Tim Stock with presentations given by Heather Stoa and Bruce Nims.



L-R: District Governor John Berhendt, President Heather Stoa and Past Rotary International Director David Morgan from Porthcawl, Wales



Bruce Nims reported on the Leadership Institute held in February.

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### A Request from The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair

“The Rotary Foundation needs Rotarians, it needs you! The world’s problems are on the rise.... Please continue to increase your level of support to the Foundation. It needs each one of you to take action so that its good work may reach out to every corner of the globe.”

Thank you from Luis Vincente Fox

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## May Scholar-Athletes

MacArthur High School seniors Shannon Delaney and Thomas "TJ" Austin were honored as May Scholar-Athletes by Ameren, the Decatur Athletic Council and Rotary Club of Decatur. They were accompanied to the meeting by Athletic Director Tim Cruz, and their parents.

Shannon has a 4.50 GPA, was on the Honor Roll and has been a member of band, yearbook, student council, National Honor Society and Scholars and Mentors. She is also active in her church. Shannon was a cheerleader her junior year, played basketball as a freshman and soccer all four years. She was named the 2004 Offensive Player of the Year and the 2005 Most Committed Player in soccer. Shannon plans to attend St. Louis University and major in physical therapy.

TJ has 4.88 GPA. He participated in band and was on the Honor Roll. TJ played football and baseball for four years and wrestled for three years. He won the Coaches Award in football, the Ironman Award in wrestling, served as captain and lettered in all three sports. He also received the Ray DeMoulin Baseball Award, the Earl Hamilton Football Award and the Stan Musich School Spirit Award. TJ plans to attend Illinois College, major in English and play football and baseball. His career plans are to teach and coach.

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## Service

### From the Winner's Circle Network with Lou Tice, The Pacific Institute

"Service." If you'd like to add new depth of meaning to your life, and give your energy level a boost at the same time, then read on. There's a great idea that seems to have gone out of fashion for a while, and that's really too bad, because it's an idea that helps give meaning and purpose to life. It can also do wonders for your energy level, relationships, and self-esteem. That idea, in a word, is "service." To be more specific by "service," I mean the act of doing something to assist or benefit someone else without any expectation of reward or even acknowledgement. All of us can think of shining examples of people who selflessly serve others, and by doing so; make the world a better place – like Mother Teresa did.

But it's important to realize that you don't have to be a Mother Teresa to do good work in the world. Whenever you have a personal or business contact with someone, and you take a moment to put yourself in their shoes and behave accordingly, you change the balance of power in the world – from fear and hate to caring and consideration.

You may be an automobile mechanic, a salesclerk, an accountant or a computer programmer – it doesn't matter what you do. What matters is how you do it – the creative, personal touches you add to make one someone's day a little easier or a little smoother. Some people will notice what you've done, and some won't. But I guarantee you, if you start to approach your job with the goal of giving truly caring service, you will be transforming your work into something magnificent.

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For past issues of **The Sparkplug**, to read board minutes, to consult the board manual and club by-laws, or to look up member contact information, visit our Web site at [www.decaturotary.org](http://www.decaturotary.org)

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## Members Committee Interests Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your areas of interest and return to president-elect Steve Furrow at the meeting, by mail: ADM Wellness Center 4666 Faries Parkway Decatur, IL 62526; e-mail: Steve\_Furrow@admworld.com; or fax: 217-451-4421

Please remember that while the following committee activities are delegated on a regular basis to fellow Rotarians, they are the responsibilities of all Rotarians at all times.

### Committee Descriptions and Responsibilities

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family:** To receive notice from club members that a Rotarian or his/her family member is experiencing a difficulty, to follow up with a card or phone call, and to report back to the club on the status of the Rotarian or his/her family member.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fellowship:** To organize social activities or events for Rotarians; to serve as mentors for new members; to contact members not attending and invite them to a meeting; to arrange a members' birthday table the first meeting of each month

\_\_\_\_\_ **Foundation:** To educate Rotarians about the RI Foundation and its work; to encourage Rotarians to donate \$100 a year to the Every Rotarian, Every Year campaign; to recognize Rotarians who contribute; to recognize Paul Harris Fellows

\_\_\_\_\_ **Grants:** To review, rank and award grant funds to community organizations and individuals who apply for local funding; to host recipients at meetings where funds are distributed; to recommend Do Good Dollar recipients

\_\_\_\_\_ **Greeters:** To greet Rotarians, visiting Rotarians and guests at the door at each weekly meeting; to assist visitors and guests with nametags, food and seating

\_\_\_\_\_ **International:** To manage the club's response to service projects of our choosing and Rotary International projects; to coordinate exchanges with other countries, including hosting international visitors and students

\_\_\_\_\_ **Invocations:** To solicit and schedule Rotarians to provide an invocation at the beginning of each meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership:** To contact potential members; to invite potential members to a meeting; to serve as sponsors for the new members; to encourage attendance at a New Member Orientation

\_\_\_\_\_ **Member Recognition:** To recognize the Distinguished Rotarian of the Quarter and to recognize members for accomplishments within the club and community.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter:** To take photos, submit articles for the newsletter each month, to publish, e-mail and make hard copies of the newsletter available to the membership; to mail copies to members without e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_ **Programs:** To solicit ideas for programs; to contact and schedule speakers; to submit information about upcoming programs to club members and to the media; to introduce the programs

\_\_\_\_\_ **Public Relations:** To submit information about Rotary special events, activities, or members to the press

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA):** To review applications and select area high school sophomores, juniors and seniors (in conjunction with representatives from Decatur Metro, Forsyth Sunrise and Blue Mound Rotary Clubs) to attend the District Rotary Youth Leadership Camp held by grade group one weekend each spring at Allerton Park; to serve shifts as chaperones during RYLA Camp

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sergeant at Arms:** To introduce guests, visiting Rotarians, announce make-ups and solicit Happy Bucks at each meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ **Volunteers:** To solicit and schedule individuals to help with Rotary activities or Rotary supported activities such as the Turkey Tournament, Salvation Army bell ringing, weeding and planting at Rotary Park

I am willing to help \_\_\_\_\_ committee or serve as chair of \_\_\_\_\_ committee.