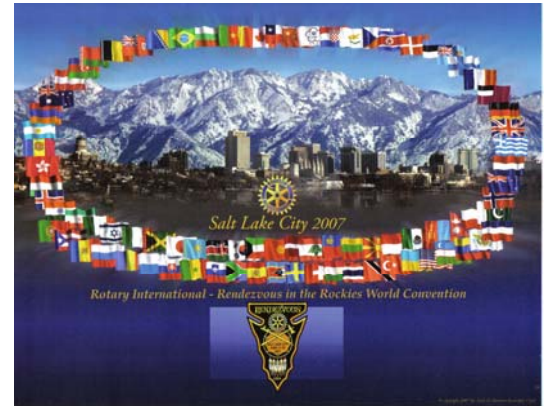

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Rotary Club of Decatur #180
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A Message from the President

Greetings Fellow Rotarians!

Welcome to the 92nd year of Rotary Club of Decatur and the 102nd year of Rotary International. Let me first say how honored I feel to be serving as President of this club. I am humbled by your confidence and hope my efforts will be fruitful. Thanks also for sending me to the 98th annual Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City in June. I joined 17,000 other Rotarians from 147 countries around the world for learning, fellowship, and fun, and in the process, made some new friends.

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, 2007-08 RI President, has launched the new Rotary year as the year to “Say yes to Rotary.” The RI theme, Rotary Shares, is a reflection of his commitment to share Rotary with others through service and recruiting new members. Wilkinson says, “In choosing this theme, I thought about how much of Rotary is about sharing. We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help. In Rotary, sharing doesn’t mean giving away what you have to spare – what you don’t need for yourself,” he explained. “Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others.”

I hope our club will continue to be a part of the sharing he suggests. We can individually contribute by attending meetings regularly, paying our dues on time, inviting guests to meetings and sponsoring them for membership, participating in club service and projects, and giving to the Rotary Foundation at the \$100 Every Rotarian, Every Year level. Our club’s time, talent and dollars certainly support this as we give over \$25,000 to local and international projects. I’m hoping we can organize a new project or two that will require some “sweat equity;” that is, hands-on work participation for a local worthy cause and request that you each volunteer when help is requested.

One thing I noticed at the International Conference as I listened to speakers and visited the House of Friendship area where various clubs showed off their projects, was that Rotarians are problem-solvers. We find creative,

effective and efficient ways to solve water, health and hunger, literacy, and other issues in order to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of adults and youth. That's inspiring to me, and I hope it is to you, also.

As my year begins, I would be remiss if I did not thank immediate club Past President Heather Stoa for her leadership, organizational, and mentoring skills this past year. She did a tremendous job in guiding this club to accomplish some ambitious goals. I have counted on her knowledge on a variety of Rotary topics. I would also like to say thanks to all those club members who have agreed to serve as board or committee representatives during the coming year.

In closing, I would like to share a quote from Arch Klumph, the founder of the Rotary Foundation, who stated, "No one can tell us what Rotary will be tomorrow, but one thing is certain: What Rotary will be tomorrow depends upon what we Rotarians do today."

Please contact me anytime by e-mail at steve_furrow@admworld.com or by phone at 451-7036 (work) or 876-7617 (home) with concerns or suggestions on improving our club.

In service,

Steve Furrow

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

July Programs

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

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| July 9 | Rotary Club of Decatur President Steve Furrow will present his goals for our club during the upcoming year. |
| July 16 | Brit Miller will share his experience playing on the Fighting Illini's Football Team. |
| July 23 | District Governor Dick Wagner will discuss programs and priorities for the 2007-08 Rotary year. |
| July 30 | Beth Nolan will present "Giving Back", a philanthropic program developed by the Brechnitz Group of Raymond James Financial Services. |



Kudos for Weekly Service to Our Club



Thank you to Dave Brandon, Gloria Davis, Miley Palmer, and Michael Sexton for beginning our meetings with thoughtful invocations; to Sergeants-at-Arms Jane Shade, Al Luchetti, Dick Shelby and David Goebel for introducing visitors and collecting Happy Bucks; to our greeters Diana Knaebe, Tony Hotchkiss, Steve Hill and Janis Rhodes 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; and to all the Rotarians who helped to make every week of the 2006-07 Rotary Year terrific!

♪ Happy Birthday Dear Rotarians, Happy Birthday to You! ♪

Teachers Mildred Hill and Patty Hill wrote the melody and lyrics to a classroom greeting song entitled “Good Morning to You” in the 1890s. Sometime in the next two decades, the words were changed to “Happy Birthday to You” and published in the 1920s. In 1934, Jessica Hill filed suit for the unauthorized use of the “Happy Birthday to You” melody that her sisters originally wrote. In 1935, Jessica copyrighted and published "Happy Birthday". The rights to the song are now owned by Summy-Birchard Music. Royalties of \$2 million a year are split between Summy-Birchard and the Hill Foundation.

7/2 Paul Stanzione
7/2 Dick Shelby
7/2 Pen Shade
7/3 Julie Schwalbe
7/7 Diana Knaebe
7/7 Lewis Hull
7/8 Bryan Mikeworth
7/13 Tony Hotchkiss
7/17 David Coopriker
7/26 Phil Hazenfield
7/27 Pat Dawson
7/31 Bud Wilcox



Fun at the Presidents Party at the Lincoln Square Theatre

Secretary Pen Shade planned a delightful evening for 47 Rotarians and guests on June 26th with a tour of the historic Lincoln Square Theatre, tasty food and recognition of outgoing President Heather Stoa and incoming President Steve Furrow. The party was an opportunity to enjoy visiting with friends, meet spouses and see the latest restoration efforts at the theatre.



Pen Shade gives President Heather Stoa an engraved clock for her service during the 2006-07 Rotary year.



As her last official duty, Heather Stoa presents incoming president Steve Furrow with his president's pin.

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>

Building the Rotary Club of Decatur Endowment Fund Through The Community Foundation of Decatur and Macon County

Once again this past year, the board discussed concerns about fundraising and attendance. We currently fund community projects, youth grants and international missions with meal surplus dollars raised by charging each Rotarian \$10 for lunch whether you are present or not. This leads to a classic Catch-22. We expect you to attend, but we make money if you don't. Our meal policy negates good attendance. The time has come for us to look seriously at our contributions and attendance policy.

Our club will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2015, and the board has set a goal of moving from meal surplus funds to interest income as the source for giving by the time we reach 100. We have committed to adding \$10,000 to \$16,000 a year to the Rotary Endowment through the Community Foundation of Decatur and Macon County, depending on the annual rate of return (this past year, the rate of return for the Community Foundation was 12%). By building the endowment fund, we will be able to use \$25,000 in interest income to finance our donations. As a first step, the board has transferred \$5,000 this year from our money market account to the endowment as a memorial to Stu Black, Bill Shade, Jane Hawkins, Jackson Owens and Bob Lloyd.

Following are four scenarios with interest rates of 6%, 8%, 10% and 12%.

6.00%	Average Annual Return
\$16,000	Annual Deposit (start of year)
\$25,000	Annual Disbursement (start of year)
9	Year for First Disbursement

Year	Beginning Balance	Deposits (start of year)	Disbursement (start of year)	Ending Balance before Interest	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
1	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 960	\$ 16,960
2	16,960	16,000	0	32,960	1,978	34,938
3	34,938	16,000	0	50,938	3,056	53,994
4	53,994	16,000	0	69,994	4,200	74,193
5	74,193	16,000	0	90,193	5,412	95,605
6	95,605	16,000	0	111,605	6,696	118,301
7	118,301	16,000	0	134,301	8,058	142,359
8	142,359	16,000	0	158,359	9,502	167,861
9	167,861	16,000	(25,000)	158,861	9,532	168,393
10	168,393	16,000	(25,000)	159,393	9,564	168,956
11	168,956	16,000	(25,000)	159,956	9,597	169,554
12	169,554	16,000	(25,000)	160,554	9,633	170,187
13	170,187	16,000	(25,000)	161,187	9,671	170,858
14	170,858	16,000	(25,000)	161,858	9,711	171,570
15	171,570	16,000	(25,000)	162,570	9,754	172,324
16	172,324	16,000	(25,000)	163,324	9,799	173,123
17	173,123	16,000	(25,000)	164,123	9,847	173,971
18	173,971	16,000	(25,000)	164,971	9,898	174,869
19	174,869	16,000	(25,000)	165,869	9,952	175,821
20	175,821	16,000	(25,000)	166,821	10,009	176,830

8.00%	Average Annual Return
\$13,500	Annual Deposit (start of year)

\$25,000	Annual Disbursement (start of year)
9	Year for First Disbursement

Year	Beginning Balance	Deposits (start of year)	Disbursement (start of year)	Ending Balance before Interest	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
1	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ 1,080	\$ 14,580
2	14,580	13,500	0	28,080	2,246	30,326
3	30,326	13,500	0	43,826	3,506	47,333
4	47,333	13,500	0	60,833	4,867	65,699
5	65,699	13,500	0	79,199	6,336	85,535
6	85,535	13,500	0	99,035	7,923	106,958
7	106,958	13,500	0	120,458	9,637	130,094
8	130,094	13,500	0	143,594	11,488	155,082
9	155,082	13,500	(25,000)	143,582	11,487	155,069
10	155,069	13,500	(25,000)	143,569	11,485	155,054
11	155,054	13,500	(25,000)	143,554	11,484	155,038
12	155,038	13,500	(25,000)	143,538	11,483	155,021
13	155,021	13,500	(25,000)	143,521	11,482	155,003
14	155,003	13,500	(25,000)	143,503	11,480	154,983
15	154,983	13,500	(25,000)	143,483	11,479	154,962
16	154,962	13,500	(25,000)	143,462	11,477	154,939
17	154,939	13,500	(25,000)	143,439	11,475	154,914
18	154,914	13,500	(25,000)	143,414	11,473	154,887
19	154,887	13,500	(25,000)	143,387	11,471	154,858
20	154,858	13,500	(25,000)	143,358	11,469	154,827

10.00%	Average Annual Return
\$11,750	Annual Deposit (start of year)

\$25,000	Annual Disbursement (start of year)
9	Year for First Disbursement

Year	Beginning Balance	Deposits (start of year)	Disbursement (start of year)	Ending Balance before Interest	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
1	\$ -	\$ 11,750	\$ -	\$ 11,750	\$ 1,175	\$ 12,925
2	12,925	11,750	0	24,675	2,468	27,143
3	27,143	11,750	0	38,893	3,889	42,782
4	42,782	11,750	0	54,532	5,453	59,985
5	59,985	11,750	0	71,735	7,173	78,908
6	78,908	11,750	0	90,658	9,066	99,724
7	99,724	11,750	0	111,474	11,147	122,622
8	122,622	11,750	0	134,372	13,437	147,809
9	147,809	11,750	(25,000)	134,559	13,456	148,015
10	148,015	11,750	(25,000)	134,765	13,476	148,241
11	148,241	11,750	(25,000)	134,991	13,499	148,490

12	148,490	11,750	(25,000)	135,240	13,524	148,764
13	148,764	11,750	(25,000)	135,514	13,551	149,066
14	149,066	11,750	(25,000)	135,816	13,582	149,397
15	149,397	11,750	(25,000)	136,147	13,615	149,762
16	149,762	11,750	(25,000)	136,512	13,651	150,163
17	150,163	11,750	(25,000)	136,913	13,691	150,605
18	150,605	11,750	(25,000)	137,355	13,735	151,090
19	151,090	11,750	(25,000)	137,840	13,784	151,624
20	151,624	11,750	(25,000)	138,374	13,837	152,212

12.00%	Average Annual Return
\$10,100	Annual Deposit (start of year)
\$25,000	Annual Disbursement (start of year)
9	Year for First Disbursement

Year	Beginning Balance	Deposits (start of year)	Disbursement (start of year)	Ending Balance before Interest	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
1	\$ -	\$ 10,100	\$ -	\$ 10,100	\$ 1,212	\$ 11,312
2	11,312	10,100	0	21,412	2,569	23,981
3	23,981	10,100	0	34,081	4,090	38,171
4	38,171	10,100	0	48,271	5,793	54,064
5	54,064	10,100	0	64,164	7,700	71,863
6	71,863	10,100	0	81,963	9,836	91,799
7	91,799	10,100	0	101,899	12,228	114,127
8	114,127	10,100	0	124,227	14,907	139,134
9	139,134	10,100	(25,000)	124,234	14,908	139,142
10	139,142	10,100	(25,000)	124,242	14,909	139,151
11	139,151	10,100	(25,000)	124,251	14,910	139,161
12	139,161	10,100	(25,000)	124,261	14,911	139,173
13	139,173	10,100	(25,000)	124,273	14,913	139,186
14	139,186	10,100	(25,000)	124,286	14,914	139,200
15	139,200	10,100	(25,000)	124,300	14,916	139,216
16	139,216	10,100	(25,000)	124,316	14,918	139,234
17	139,234	10,100	(25,000)	124,334	14,920	139,254
18	139,254	10,100	(25,000)	124,354	14,922	139,276
19	139,276	10,100	(25,000)	124,376	14,925	139,301
20	139,301	10,100	(25,000)	124,401	14,928	139,329

The board encourages each Rotarian to consider donations to the Rotary Club of Decatur Endowment Fund in honor of or in memory of those who are important to you. If you have additional suggestions for ways to increase the fund, please share these ideas with officers or board members.

Club Dues Increase from \$30 a Quarter to \$40 a Quarter Beginning July 1, 2007

RI has notified all clubs of a dues increase. For the first time in more than ten years, club dues will also increase.

July 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. The July donation will be sent to Argenta-Oreana Early Learning Center.

July Do Good Dollars

This month **Do Good Dollars** will be given to the Good Samaritan Inn to assist in their efforts to feed the hungry a hot, nutritious noon meal each day of the week every day of the year. From January through the end of May, the Good Samaritan Inn served 38,439 people.



Membership Updates

Phil Zeni was welcomed to our club on June 4th. Phil, a Decatur native and father of two, recently returned to his hometown after living and traveling in many places around the globe. He wears several hats as Managing Director of Public Broadcasting Partners and CEO of The Next Level. Phil was sponsored for membership by childhood friend, Larry Foster.

It is with regret that the board accepted the resignation of Martin Getty as he begins a new position that requires travel on Mondays. We wish Martin well in the new job.

Rotary Club of Decatur experienced a net gain of four new members in 2006-07. We currently have 128 members. Invite a friend to join you at our meetings. Share the excitement and benefits of Rotary with others.

Meet the New Board

Officers

President: Steve Furrow
Vice-President: Pen Shade
Secretary: Lucy Murphy
Treasurer: Andy Thomas
Past President: Heather Stoa



Board Members

Term Ends June 2008

Diana Knaebe
Jamie Maccari
Dick Shelby
Glenda Williamson
Bud Wilcox

Term Ends 2009

Lora Dills
Glen Dalluge
David Goebel
Melinda Hawbaker
Norma Maddio

Term Ends 2010

Michael DelSignore
Al Luchetti
Randy Prince
Jane Shade
Paul Stanzione

Thank you to Race for the Cure Volunteers

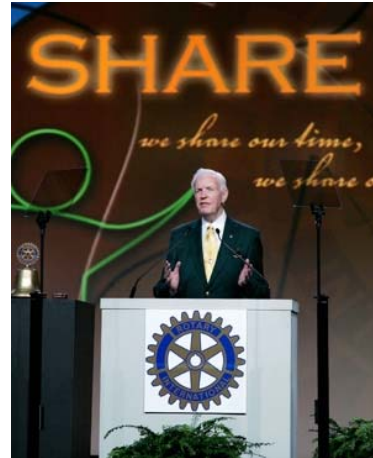
Many thanks to Bob Hawkins, Steve Hill, Susan Keane and her daughter, Mary Ann and John Koucky, and David and Nancy Coopriders for serving water to walkers and runners during the Race for the Cure.



Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah



Steve Furrow exchanged club banners with his new friend Prestige from Nigeria.



Rotary International President Wilf Wilkerson addressed Rotarians at the closing session.

Good Attendance!

Congratulations to Wayne Allen, Kim Bauer, Howard Beede, David Brandon, Howard Brown, Erin Brownlow, Tom Burns, Monte Cherry, David Coopriders, Tami Crouch, Glen Dalluge, Mike DelSignore, Lora Dills, Jack Dolan, Howard Edwards, Stu Ellis, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Larry Foster, Jon French, Steve Furrow, Bob Gauthier, Martin Getty, David Goebel, Bert Gray, Melinda Hawbaker, Steve Hill, Diana Knaebe, Mary Ann Koucky, Al Luchetti, Norma Maddio, Jim Montgomery, Harold Murphy, Lucy Murphy, Noel Myers, Ev Nicholas, Bruce Nims, Bill Owen, Miley Palmer, Norma Quihuis, David Rayhill, Delmar Sandage, Pen Shade, Dick Shelby, Paul Stanzione, Wegi Stewart, Heather Stoa, Sue Watts, Bob Weidrich, Bud Wilcox, David Wilhour, Glenda Williamson and Phil Zeni for 60% attendance or better throughout the past year.

Members with 100% attendance based on the number of meetings (45) attended plus make-ups were: Steve Furrow 43/2, Jon French 42/3, Jim Finn 40/5, Paula Finn 40/5, Glen Dalluge 39/6 and Heather Stoa 36/9.

The Rotary International 2007 Council on Legislation changed the attendance requirement: Club members are now required to attend or make up 50% rather than 60% of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and make-up at area clubs or on-line when they miss Monday meetings.

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.decaturrerotary.org
