

Heather's Message



Greetings Fellow Rotarians!

Wow! The first month of the new Rotary year has zipped by, and what fun it has been! The success of our meetings has been because of the great work of our board and committees. We have been greeted at the door, celebrated July birthdays, listened to heartfelt invocations, been entertained and introduced by the sergeants-at-arms, benefited from great programs, donated to Race for the Cure through the Penny Fund, supported literacy with a speakers' honorarium check to Northwest Christian Academy, welcomed new members, learned how The Rotary Foundation helps others here and around the world, kept up to date with the Sparkplug, read the announcement of the new board in the Herald & Review and Decatur Tribune, remembered members in need, and most importantly enjoyed visiting with each other on Mondays.

August is Rotary Membership Month. What a perfect time to invite a friend to join you for a Monday meeting. Come see great photos and experience the excitement of the Illini with photographer Mark Jones, find out just exactly what it is that consulting engineers do from fellow Rotarian, Phil Hazenfield; learn about Millikin University's PACE Program, and hear the latest initiatives of Partners in Education from another of our fellow club members, Tina Noland.

Pick up a Membership Brochure from the sign-in table and introduce a friend to Rotary. White cards are available from Secretary Pen Shade for nominating a new member. Complete it and return it to Pen or me.

If you haven't seen fellow Rotarians for a while, give them a call and offer to swing by work or home and pick them up on your way to a meeting. It will give you more time to catch up while you are driving to and from the Decatur Club. Not sure of someone's phone number - check the Club Members section on our Web site at: <http://www.decaturreotary.org>.

Look for the club members with a star on their name badge. They have attended at least 85% of the Monday meetings in the past year. Congratulate them, and ask them what it is that keeps them coming back every Monday. I am sure that the fellowship they share with club members will be among the top reasons that they give for returning each week.

It has been said that a stranger is just a friend waiting to happen. If you have heard good things about a community or business leader who would be great Rotarian, but don't know that person, share the name with Norma Maddio, Andy Thomas or Dane Bragg. Our membership committee members will contact the individual and invite him or her to a Rotary meeting, or make it a point to meet the person yourself and extend an invitation to visit our club with you.

Just as August is traditionally "back to school time", let's also make August "back to Rotary time". If you haven't been here for a while, we miss you. Come back. It is time to reconnect with Rotary.

As always, please contact me by e-mail, hstoa@hotmail.com, or by phone, 875-3752, with questions or suggestions for making our club even better.

In service,

Heather Stoa

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

Penny Fund & Library Books

July's Penny Fund went to Race for the Cure. This month the Penny Fund will go to Relay for Life

July's library books went to Northwest Christian. August's library books will be donated to Oak Grove Elementary School.

On The Calendar



- August 7, 2006 Dick Shelby of our club will introduce Mark Jones, owner of TinType Photography in Arthur, who is the long-time official photographer of University of Illinois sports and also of the Illinois State Fair.
- August 14, 2006, Club member Phil Hazenfield will speak about his work with school children on behalf of Homer Chastain Consulting Engineers Associates.
- August 21, 2006, Robin Ware and Carol Harding will be giving us an update on the PACE Program at Millikin University.
- August 28, 2006, Tina Noland will share with us how Partners in Education impacts our local youth.

ABOVE ON THE CALENDAR ITEMS from:

http://www.decaturrerotary.org/main_asp/programs.asp

MISSED MEMORABLE MOMENTS? (my micro-summation)

- July 3, no meeting
- July 10, Heather Stoa, our incoming President, reported on her trip to Copenhagen for the Rotary International Convention with exhortations to beef up our donations, membership and warm fuzzies.
- July 17, Jamie Kotewa, Art Lecturer at Millikin University, reported on her recent trip as a part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Shanghai and Beijing in China and to Singapore. With 4000 skyscrapers and hundreds more going up, China is an incredible beehive of activity.

- July 24, Dr. Sushant Sinha updated us on how he has worked to improve Eye Health in his hometown in India. Many of the diseases and blindness are readily curable but he needs a bit of help to do even more.
- July 31, Pat McDaniel, new Director, told us of programs and exhibits at the Macon County Historical District; he said that Abe Lincoln is a renewed priority for the museum and that we should go and see how rich he was!

Many Special Thanks, or as was heard at the Rotary International Conference in Copenhagen- Tussen Tak



Thank you to our **Gardening Angel** (a spouse of one of our members who wishes to remain anonymous) for taking the time to weed the Rotary Park Flower Wheel last month. Two full bags of pesky weeds were pulled to keep our symbol looking nice for all who pass by the park on Highway 51. The time and effort are appreciated.

With the end of our Rotary year, the board terms of **Robin Crowe, Jim Finn, Martin Getty, Harold Murphy, and Kevin Kehoe** came to end. Our thanks to these gentlemen for serving our club well during their three years of leadership. Even though they are no longer on the board, they continue to share their time and talents with our club.

Bookkeeper **Bob Lloyd** keeps us on track month after month recording attendance, preparing billing statements and generating our monthly financial report. Thanks Bob and Assistant Bookkeeper **Harold Murphy** for making sure our assets are greater than our liabilities.

Kudos to **Jane Shade, Janis Rhodes, Jackson Owens, and Norma Maddio** - our greeters for the month of July; to **Dave Brandon, Steve Furrow, David Coopridier and Glen Dalluge** - our invocators; to **Paula Finn, David Goebel and Miley Palmer** - our sergeants-at-arms; to **Glenda Williamson, Debbie Seitz and Diane Knaebe** for introducing our speakers; to **Debbie Seitz and Martin Getty** for sponsoring our new members; and to **Howard Brown, Harold Murphy, and David Coopridier** for leading our opening songs.

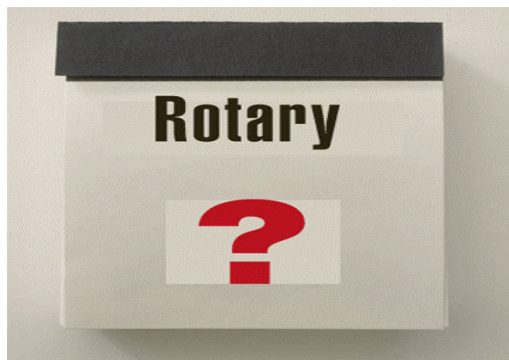
Welcome Gloria Davis

It is a pleasure to welcome our newest member, Gloria Davis, Superintendent of Decatur Public Schools. Gloria moved to Decatur from Dodge City, Kansas where she was superintendent of schools for the past five years and a member of the Dodge City Rotary Club. They also meet on Monday, so slipping into our Monday meeting schedule is a natural fit.

Sponsor Martin Getty noted that since beginning her new job on July 3rd, Gloria has quickly taken on the challenges of getting to know teachers, administrators, board members, staff, students and community members and learning about the district and Decatur. She was on hand to greet children and parents as Hope Academy opened for year-round school, the first school in District 61 to adopt the year round calendar.

Originally from St. Louis, Gloria is enjoying being closer to family, although her daughter and grandchildren are still a plane trip away. We look forward to having Gloria as an active member of our club.

Rotary #180 Founding Date Confusion



When did Rotary Club of Decatur begin - 1914 or 1915? In looking over the record of past presidents, Dan Bonus is listed as our first president in both 1914 and 1915. Most likely, our club was formed in 1914 as a provisional club and chartered by Rotary International in 1915. So, unofficially we began in 1914, but officially in 1915. No matter the date, we are still going and growing strong 90+ years later!

Star Rotarians



While we don't have certificates to send home to hang on the refrigerator, we do have stars on the name badges for Rotarians who attended at least 85% of our 47 meetings last year. Congratulations Dave Brandon, Glen Dalluge, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Jon French, Steve Furrow, Harold Murphy, Jackson Owens, Miley Palmer, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Tom Burns, Noel Myers, Bill Owen, Paul Stanzione, Jack Dolan, David Coopridner, Dick Shelby, Diana Knaebe and Bob Lloyd! We are proud of you and your commitment to Rotary.

A Giving Challenge from Foundation Chair, Glen Dalluge



President Heather Stoa and your board have set a goal for our club to do MUCH BETTER in supporting OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION during this Rotary year - beginning right now.

At the first Rotary Club of Decatur board meeting for the 2006-07 year, our board passed a challenge motion to encourage first time contributors to donate to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Using matching funds available to our club from The Rotary Foundation, we will match every \$100 contributed with \$50 until the funds are depleted. Currently only 29 of our 125 members give to The Rotary Foundation. It is the goal of our club that every member reach the **Every Rotarian, Every Year \$100** level of giving.

It is easy to give. If you have been putting it off, now is the time to get started! Please pay special attention to the section of your quarterly dues statement that provides an almost painless way for you to support Rotary's many worthy service projects around the world. On the return portion of your billing statement, simply check the box asking you to donate and fill in \$25 as the amount. Once you have donated a total of \$1000, you join thousands of other Rotarians around the world as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Please make a personal commitment with your donation and support The Rotary Foundation's goals of achieving world peace and understanding through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

Grant Applications Due



It is time to encourage community groups and organizations and qualified individuals to submit grant applications for funding for activities and programs that will have a beneficial impact on our community. The grant requirements and application may be downloaded from our Web site. Grant applications will be accepted from September 1 through November 30. Recipients of the grants will be announced in December and awards will be distributed January through March.

Specifically, the Rotary Club of Decatur's priorities for grant funding are:

- Programs and Activities which Benefit Youth: The Rotary Club will support programs and activities that have a positive impact on youth. These programs and/or activities must result in new learning and new experiences for youth that will enable them to make constructive contributions to their communities and their peers. Such programs should introduce youth to activities and programs which are beyond normal schooling and which enhance the ability of our youth to become leaders and contributors and, possibly, future Rotarians.
- Programs and Activities which Expose Youth and Adults to Different Cultures, Customs, and Languages: Rotary is an international organization, and as such, Rotary supports activities of a multicultural and international theme that introduce individuals of various cultures to different practices and customs both in the business world and in daily living. As a consequence, programs, which encourage the introduction of different cultures and customs and also improve alliances and partnerships with other people and nations are eligible for funding through the Rotary Grants Program.
- Awards to Individuals: The Rotary Club of Decatur will make awards to individuals in situations where those individuals are involved in efforts which support the above two purposes, the improvement of the quality of life in the Decatur area, or the introduction of multiculturalism and international customs to the Decatur area. From time to time, the Rotary Club has chosen to support international exchange students and other international exchanges, which have introduced individuals from the Decatur community to practices and customs of other people and nations. Such individual requests will be funded only as long as they are beyond, and in addition to, the normal and customary requirements of schooling or work.

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Family - **Mary Ann Koucky**

Fellowship - **Miley Palmer**, Lora Dills, Jim Finn, Paula Finn

Foundation - **Glen Dalluge**, Lucy Murphy

Grants - **Paul Stanzione**

Greeters - **Janis Rhodes, Jackson Owens**

International - **Bert Gray**, Kathy Merner, Bud Wilcox

Invocations - **Robin Crowe, Jeff Stout**

Membership - **Norma Maddio**, Dane Bragg, Andy Thomas

Newsletter - **Bill Owen**, Barb Dunn, Melinda Shaw

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RYLA - **Tina Noland**

Sergeants at Arms - **David Goebel**

Volunteers - **Wayne Allen, David Coopriider**

Committee Chairs and Co-chairs are in bold

If Rotarians would like to join any of the above committees or be considered for the two open slots on the board, please let the chairs or Heather Stoa know of your interest.

Newsletter

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Last Glance:

Here's another look at the incredible model in Shanghai that our GSE speaker photographed to give you the bird's eye view: (picture by Jamie Kotewa)



Last word: Wow! Another incredible volunteer effort at the 21st Annual Decatur Celebration!