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The Sparkplug

"Service Above Self"

Rotary Club of Decatur #180

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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It's back! Your favorite Rotary Club newsletter, **The Sparkplug**, has returned. We are excited to share all of the news, information, and current events as it happens within our district and as it involves our own Rotary members. It is the mission of those involved with creating this publication that we highlight the traditions and foundation of Rotary as well as highlight the civic involvement of our club which is the driving force that makes this organization so great.

What can you expect to see in future editions of The Sparkplug? Good question!

Here are just a few subjects that we hope to cover in the publication:

Rotary Basic: Each month this column will offer basic fundamental Rotary knowledge that will make every member better informed and proud to be a Rotarian!

Rotary Events: Where is the District Conference being held this year? How can I register to attend? In each edition, we will try to share the most current Rotary events and civic projects that are happening in the world of Rotary.

Spotlight on Rotarians: Let's face it, we needed a section dedicated to recognizing all of the value and hard work that our fellow Rotarians add to their workplace and our community. Recently promoted? Being honored at work or by a community organization? Starting a service project at your church or home? If so, let us know!

And as always, we will recognize **monthly birthdays, anniversaries, new member biographies and share weekly program** information in each issue.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Newsletter will be published the first Monday of each month
- All announcements, events and news must be submitted by the last Monday of each month
- Email any news or announcements to syoung4@ameren.com or nbateman@llcu.org



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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEXT MONTH?

If you have news, announcements or general information you would like to include in our newsletter, please email to: syoung4@ameren.com or nbateman@llcu.org

ROTARY BASIC: THE IMPACT OF ROTARY

This month we start with the basics. Rotary International, the world's first service club organization, is made up of 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their local communities and abroad.

“Rotary is the world's first service club organization with over 33,000 clubs...”

SPOTLIGHT ON ROTARIANS

Rotarians **Nicole Bateman, Jody Cox, Anastasia Lingle, and Denise Smith** were named to the list of 20 people under 40 who are making a difference in Macon County. This list is published annually by the Business Journal of Mid-Central Illinois. Keep up the good work!

Rotarian **Monte Cherry** and the Sanitary District of Decatur received Illinois Water Environment Association's George W. Burke Safety Award, which recognizes an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial wastewater facilities.

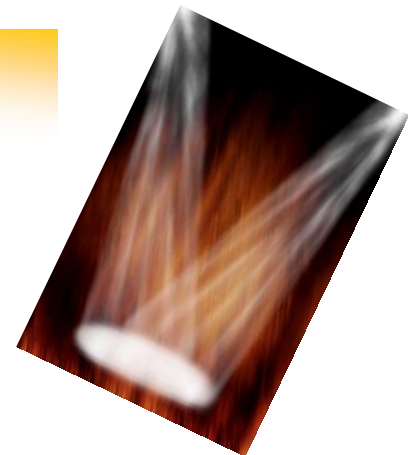
Rotarian **Lisa Holder -White** has been elected to the Millikin University Board of Trustees.

Rotarian **Louise “Wegi” Stewart** has been named president of the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County.

Rotarian **Kit Paulin** is heading up the new Decatur office for the St. Louis-based brokerage firm, Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. They are located at 2884 N. Monroe Street in Decatur.

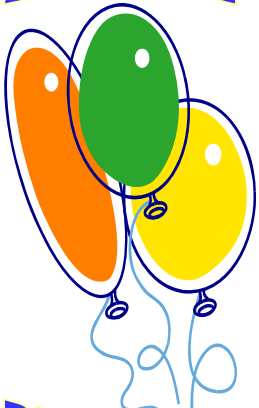
Rotarian **Erin McKee**, Marketing Coordinator for Busey Bank, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President. Good job, Erin!

The **Sikich LLP Decatur Office**, Formerly Sleeper Disbrow Morrison Tarro & Lively, has moved into 132 S. Water St. Suite 300, in the Millikin Court Building.



Have news to share? Contact Nicole Bateman at nbate-man@llcu.org to submit information.

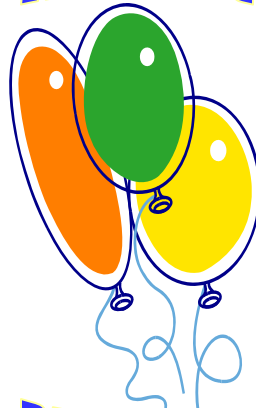
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Birthdays

- Gary Likins 8/1
- David Goebel 8/3
- Rich Smith 8/6
- Jull Applebee 8/9
- Noel Myers 8/9
- Chuck Hippler 8/13
- Jane Shade 8/20
- Kathy Merner 8/22
- Dave Moran 8/24

August



Birthdays

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

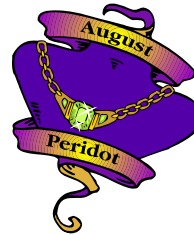
Name: **Tony Reynolds**

Occupation: Sales Manager for Express Employment Professionals

Why I joined Rotary: "As a native of Decatur, I thoroughly enjoy being a part of the community and meeting new people. What better way than through the Rotary Club."



- Phil Cochran 8/1/1981
- Bruce Nims 8/1/1988
- Miley Palmer 8/1/1994
- Hary Cook 8/19/1996
- Kevin Kehoe 8/28/2000
- Paula Finn 8/15/2002
- Melanie Brown 8/20/2007
- Jim Finn 8/15/2002
- Dave Moran 8/27/2007
- Randy Prince 8/25/2003
- Joe Havis 8/3/2009
- Robert Gauthier 8/14/2006
- Howard Beede 8/21/2006



AUGUST ROTARY PROGRAMS



- August 2: Tom Schneider, Macon County Sherriff
- August 9: Pamela Perlmutter, Hospital Sisters Outreach, Springfield
- August 16: Cindy Deadrick-Wolfer, The Pointe
- August 23: Ray Ropp, Rotary District Governor
- August 30: Kara Demerjian-Huss, Marketing Campaign

Name: **Irma Brooks**

Occupation: Executive Director, Decatur Area Education Coalition

Why I joined Rotary: "I am relatively new to the city and very interested in becoming more actively involved in the community."



MEET OUR ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Ray Ropp

Ray Ropp was born in Normal, Illinois, and grew up on a dairy and grain farm in McLean County. He has been a 4-H leader for 42 years, and attended National 4-H Congress in 1960. In 2003, the Ropp family was the Illinois 4-H Spirit Award winner. Ray was inducted into the State of Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame in 2008.

Ray and his wife, Carol, graduated from the University of Illinois, where he was president of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. In 2004, Ray was selected as one of the "brothers of the Century" by Alpha Gamma Rho when the fraternity celebrated its centennial anniversary.

Ray served in the Army for two years, one year in Korea. After leaving the service, he joined his father and brother on the family farm.

Ray joined the Normal Rotary Club in 1974, becoming president in 1984-85. He is a member of the club's Hall of Honor, a Paul Harris Fellow and has served as assistant governor. He has attended the Rotary Leadership Institute and served on several district committees. He has attended four International Rotary Conventions.

He and Carol are members of the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship and have hosted Rotarians from New Zealand, Sri Lanka and England. They have hosted numerous GSE Team members and a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Poland in 2007.

Ray and Carol traveled to India on a Rotary Friendship Exchange and fact-finding team in 2004. Ray and Carol have hosted people from over 40 countries in their home.

2010-11 Rotary #180 Officers



From Left:

Secretary **David Goebel** of Moran & Goebel Funeral Homes

President, **Diana Knaebe** of Heritage Behavioral Center

Treasurer, **Julie Moore-Wolfe** of Decatur Memorial Hospital

Vice President, **Paul Stanzione** of Decatur Family YMCA

August School of the Month



Brush College Elementary School

August

Do Good Dollars...

Salvation Army