

## **Rotary Newsletter – December 2003**

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### **Birthdays**

Elmer Cordes	December 2
Corydon “Corky” Nicholson	December 3
Bob Pancoast	December 5
Amy Wikoff	December 20
Heather Stoa	December 24
Cindy Laegeler	December 31

\*\*\*if your birthday hasn't been listed this year, please let Dave Brandon know

### **Programs**

December 1 – It's December now and time for a report on Illinois' fall veto session. Fellow Rotarian and State Representative Bob Flider will share with us his thoughts on the veto session as well as give us some insights into his experiences and thoughts on being the new representative for our area.

December 8 – We'll all more or less familiar with firms that provide funds to businesses for start-up or expansion purposes. Decatur has its own venture capital firm, InDecatur Ventures. Larry Haab will share with us the history, mission, and future of InDecatur Ventures.

December 15 – ADM's Director of Security, Mark Cheviron, will join us to talk about how corporations view and prepare for terrorist attacks.

December 22 – Some members of the club were fortunate to hear Reverend Terry Harter at last year's President's Banquet. He has agreed to come back and share with us his reflections on the season. In addition, we may have a little music to celebrate.

December 29 – Many people in Decatur are working to reduce the school dropout rate. John Owen, Executive Director of the Decatur Drop-out Task Force will share with us the needs and the progress that the community is making.

**The Penny Fund for December will go to the Decatur Club Wait Staff. Please be generous to these folks who take good care of us throughout the Rotary year! (use coin clip art)**

**Photos: (none this month)**

**Rotary #180 School of the Month**

In honor of our guest speakers for the month of December, Southeast Grade School will receive a check for \$60 from Decatur Rotary Club #180 to purchase new books!

**Rotary Trivia:** What does the acronym NID stand for? (answer: National Immunization Day - please hide answer somewhere in newsletter)

**A message from the Grants Committee Chair:** The grants budget for the club this year was \$8000.00. Having met November 17 the committee wishes to announce the following grants; ?????????????????????? (more info by end of business 11/20)

**How to become a Paul Harris Fellow**

Rotarians may elect to receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition by making a minimum \$1000.00 commitment to the Rotary International Foundation. The gift may be made at one time, or Rotarians may pledge their commitment over a period of time, with pledge payments automatically added to the quarterly Rotary club billing. Please consider making this lasting commitment to Rotary International in the name of Rotary's founding father – Paul Harris.

**Dates to Remember:**

- \*\*\*Sign up ASAP for your bell ringing time slot (see Wayne Allen)
- \*\*\*Bell ringing December 13<sup>th</sup>
- \*\*\*Board meeting December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Decatur Club

**Rotary Club #180 Officers and Board members: (back flap)**

- Miley Palmer – President
- Stu Ellis – President-elect
- Kit Paulin - Secretary
- Heather Stoa – Treasurer
- Daryl Sieplinga – immediate past President

**Board of directors: (back flap)**

<u>Class of 2001-02</u> (term ends June 2004)	<u>Class of 2002-03</u> (term ends June 2005)	<u>Class of 2003-2004</u> (term ends June 2006)
Wayne Allen	Kit Paulin	Harold Murphy
Doug Burdick	Tom Brinkoetter	Marsha Fleming
Heather Stoa	Kevin Kehoe	Jim Finn
Harry Cook	Steve Reid	Robin Crowe
Steve Furrow	Dave Brandon	Martin Getty

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As the Holiday Season approaches, Millikin University would like to thank its many alumni and friends in Decatur Rotary Club #180 for decades of strong financial and

volunteer support. Since December is a month in which many of our supporters make their annual gift to Millikin, it's prudent to remind those donors that the gift envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2003 in order to claim the tax deduction in 2003. Thanks again for your generous support!

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