



A Message From Our Rotary Club President



When I think about the month of February a few things stand out to me – President’s Washington and Lincoln’s birthdays, Valentine’s Day, and the start of Rotary by Paul Harris on February 23, 1905 in Chicago. The Valentine’s Day Massacre also took place in Chicago in a few years later in 1929. I wonder what Paul Harris thought of the massacre and if Rotary took any kind of action as a result.

Our club strives to exceed the expectations presented by this month’s Rotary Basic listed below. Our current and upcoming board members will meet together at the regular board meeting on March 17th. Although the newly elected board members will not officially start their terms until July, we will make efforts to provide transition plans for continuity in our club. If you are interested in being more involved in the club, serving on a committee is a great opportunity. I know Paul Stanzione, President Elect, is looking for assistance in most every committee this next Rotary year. If you’re interested in learning more about the various committees or would like to volunteer, please let me or Paul know. You may be interested in attending the Rotary Orientation to find out more ways to get involved. Information about this meeting is on page 2 of the newsletter.

I’d like to take this opportunity to clear up any confusion about how our club operates in regards to meals at the weekly meetings. Our policy states that we charge all members for a meal each week the club meets regardless of your attendance or whether you choose to eat the meal that the Decatur Club has provided for our club. We do this then in lieu of other mandatory fundraising events throughout the year. If you miss a meeting, you can “make up” meetings for credit. According to RI: “Rotarians can also make up meetings by participating in a club service project or by attending a club board meeting, a Rotaract or Interact club meeting, a club meeting elsewhere anywhere in the world, or an online meeting at one of several Rotary e-clubs .” If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Diana Knaebe

Rotary Basic: The Local Rotary Club

“The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements: sustaining or increasing their membership base, participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries, supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through program participation, and developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.”

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Rotarian Announcements

Congrats to **Rotarian Dave Moran** and his team at Refreshment Services Pepsi- Decatur on winning the "Independent Bottler Media Promotion of the Year 2010" award by Pepsi-Cola Company. The team won the award for their promotion titled "Friday Night Under the Lights" which challenged local schools to raise money for area food banks to win a \$1500 prize.

Rotarian Kevin Kast, St Mary's Hospital, is the latest member of our Rotary Club to receive Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Congratulations to Kevin for earning this award.

Rotarian Bill Owen proudly announced that his daughter recently passed her licensure exams and is now a certified Psychologist. Job well done!

Kids Rocks 2011 will be held at Macon Resources on Saturday, March 19th, 9:30am-12:00pm. The family friendly event is free for kids ages 3 and younger, \$5 for advanced ticket purchases and \$6 at the door. Proceeds benefit Bright Start and Kids Connection. See **Rotarian Lora Dills** for more information,

Rotarian Kyle Karsten reports the Lutheran School Association is raising money for the American Heart Association

in memory of Gayle Sablotny and will host a Party Hearty Zumbathon on Saturday, February 26th, 2:00pm-4:00pm at the LSA facility, 2001 E Mound Rd.

And the award goes too... The 2010 Herald and Review, Readers Choice Awards went to a couple of LSA stand-outs. The third place award for Best School Teacher went to the late Gayle Sablotny and a second place award for Best Local Athlete went to Morganne Criswell. Congrats to **Rotarian Kyle Karsten** and the LSA award winners.

Rotarian Al Luchetti will assume Accounting responsibilities for our Rotary Club starting February 1st. Amy Gillan is leaving MC&K to pursue her Masters Degree. Thanks Al!

Westminster Presbyterian Church will host world renowned trumpet player, Allen Vizzutti, in a concert on February 18th, 7:30pm. For more information see **Rotarian Stephen Hill**.



Club Announcements

Our club will host a New Member Orientation Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 11:45am-1:15pm at The Decatur Club. New club members as well as any club member that has not been through a training about Rotary in the past, is encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend, you must sign-up in advance. You can sign up at the regular Monday Rotary meetings or by sending an e-mail to Diana Knaebe (dknaebe@hertiagenet.org). The session will be facilitated by **Rotarians Heather Stoa and Bruce Nims**.

The Savory Rotary Club is hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 26, 2011, 7:00am-10:30am. The cost for the breakfast is \$7.00 for adults and \$3 for children. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church, 1602 N. Prospect, Savoy, IL.

If you have news or an announcement you would like to share in our next newsletter, please email Nicole Bateman (nbateman@llcu.org) or Stacey Young (syong4@ameren.com). We would love to hear from you!

Teacher of the Month

Nikki Torbert, Baum Elementary School

Nikki Torbert is in her 14th year of teaching at Baum Elementary School. Her 6th grade classroom is a peaceful oasis of learning, where classical music plays softly in the background and where students are active participants in their educational progress. In addition to her teaching duties, she serves on the Professional Learning Communities site leadership team, and is instrumental in helping provide follow-up professional development for the staff. Last year, she assumed the additional role of Promethean technology teacher leader, again attending training on her own time, then returning to provide monthly follow-up Skill and Share sessions on site for the Baum staff.



January Scholar Athletes: Eisenhower High School



Pictured left to right: Jenny Woare, Ms. April Hicklin (EHS Principle), Connor See

Jenny Woare

Class: 17 year old/Senior
Class Rank: 8th GPA: 4.0

- * Cheerleader- 2 years
- * Captain of team

Future plans to attend SIU at Edwardsville to study nursing

Connor See

Class: 17 year old/Senior
Class Rank: 5th GPA: 4.15

- * Varsity Soccer- 4 years
- * Varsity Football- 2 years

Other Activities:

- * VP, National Honor Society
- * President, Student Council

February Do Good Dollars:

*Northeast Community
Fund*



February School of the Month:

Holy Family

2011 Youth Grant Recipients

- **Garfield Montessori Magnet School** will use their \$1,000 grant to expose youth to fresh fruits and vegetables by having them find and care for fruit and nut trees.
- **Project Success** will use their \$1,000 grant to continue providing tutoring sessions to elementary/middle school students.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** has received \$1,000 to provide focused programming at John Hill's School which provides mentors to work in ESL (English as a Second Language).
- **Decatur Family YMCA** will use their \$1,000 to provide severely obese children with a personal trainer twice a week.
- **Boy Scouts/Scout Reach** will use the \$1,000 grant to provide inner city scouts the opportunity to learn more about different customs and culinary experiences.
- **Project Read** has been awarded \$500 to provide mothers learning to read instruction on how to share their new skills with their children.
- **Jr. Fire Cadet Program** will use the \$500 grant to teach youth how to be productive citizens in our community by providing community leaders as mentors.
- **Junior Achievement** will use the \$500 grant to provide students in two high school classes help in developing work-readiness skills.
- **Baby Talk** has been awarded a \$500 grant to provide 32 "Global Baby" book bundles to families enrolled in GED and ESL programs.
- **Webster Cantrell Hall** will use it's \$500 grant to partner with Phi Beta Lambda to provide leadership concepts to youth.
- **Decatur Area Arts Council** has received \$500 to provide funds for needy students to attend PASS - which exposes them to different cultures, customs, and languages.

February Birthdays

2/5 David Tyrolt
2/7 Jim Finn
2/8 Stacey Young
2/9 Kit Paulin
2/13 Tim Stock
2/16 Tim Nolan
2/17 Glenda Williamson
2/21 Kevin Kehoe
2/28 Barbara Dunn
2/28 Matt Snyder



February Anniversaries

2/1/1972 Larry Foster	2/9/2009 Jill Applebee
2/1/1993 Wayne Allen	2/16/2009 John Stock
2/1/1993 Phil Hazenfield	
2/7/2005 Tim Stock	
2/28/2005 Al Luchetti	
2/4/2008 Julie Moore	
2/18/2008 Candice Poe	