

The Sparkplug



Your monthly source for
Rotary #180 Club
information!

February 2004

Dates to remember:

- Monthly Board meeting
February 19, noon, at
the Decatur Club

School of the month:

In recognition of the
speakers for our meetings
this month, the library at
Washington Grade School
in Decatur will receive a
check for \$60 to purchase
new books!

The Penny Fund for
this month goes to Dove,
Inc. Please be generous to
this worthy cause.

Birthdays:

David Tyrolt 2/5
Jim Finn 2/7
Cindy Bachmann 2/8
Kit Paulin 2/9
Mike Heneghan 2/10
Tom Cooley 2/10
Art Wells 2/17
Barbara Dunn 2/28

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**The Photo Gallery,
Rotary Trivia, listing
of officers and board
members and an im-
portant message
from a local busi-
ness!**

Speakers for February 2004:

Monday, February 2

Soon, we will see the beginnings
of the Target development at
Mound Road and Highway 51.
Greg Struve from Target will up-
date the club on the progress of
the project. Dane Bragg from the
staff of the City of Decatur will
answer our questions on the city
portion of the development.



Monday, February 9

We will have the opportunity to
hear about a growing entrepre-
neurial enterprise in Decatur.
Dennis Espinoza of Interna-
tional Control Services, Inc.
will share his experiences and
insights about his business.

Monday, February 23

The impact of increased mal-
practice insurance rates has be-
come a national issue.

Dr. John White, Chair of Sur-
gery at St. Mary's Hospital, will
discuss the malpractice crisis in
Central Illinois and how it may
affect our health care.

Monday, February 16

In honor of Abraham Lincoln's
birthday, Professor Dan
Guillory of Millikin University
will talk with us about Lincoln
as President.



A message from President Miley Palmer

Many Rotary clubs these days are in decline, with older members dying and young people not joining. Our club, however, is in a period of both loss and growth. The loss is real: one of our most faithful members and a former president, "Box" Bob Smith died last month. At the same time, we're taking in a number of new members, as you can see by each month's issue. Things change.

Another change is about to take place: our faithful newsletter editor, Dave Brandon, is retiring from the job. Following him will be one of our new members, Kim Lockart. But Dave is not leaving us! Indeed, in July he will become our next club treasurer, on track to be president of the club in 2007. So we bid Dave a tiny farewell, and give both him and Kim a big "Welcome!!"

Our club is blessed with so many willing volunteers. So far this year, every person I've asked to do a job has said yes except for one - whose job situation is changing and he asked to be let off the hook for awhile - but to be sure and come back to him later. Thanks to all our good Rotarians!

Gratefully, Miley

This month's photo gallery:



Dr. Sushant Sinha accepts a \$500 grant from Rotary #180 for his work doing eye surgery among the poor in India



President Miley Palmer presents a \$500 grant from Rotary #180 to of Soyland Access to Independent Living.

Steve Davis, a 30-year veteran of Decatur Public Schools, is Soy Capital/Rotary #180 Teacher of the Month!



Kent Phillips of Decatur Youth Foundation Agency holds a \$1000 Decatur Rotary Grant check, while Lore Baker of Homeward Bound holds a grant check for \$500.

Rotary Trivia: List the Tenets of the 4-Way Test (extra credit if you know who devised it and in what year)

1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? and 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The test was created in 1932 by Rotarian and future RI President Herbert J. Taylor. It was adopted by Rotary International in 1943.

Officers and Board members:

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

Board of directors:

Class of 2001-02

(term ends June 2004)

Wayne Allen
 Doug Burdick
 Heather Stoa
 Harry Cook

Class of 2002-03

(term ends June 2005)

Kit Paulin
 Tom Brinkoetter
 Kevin Kehoe
 Steve Reid
 Steve Furrow

Class of 2003-2004

(term ends June 2006)

Harold Murphy
 Marsha Fleming
 Jim Finn
 Robin Crowe
 Martin Getty



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