

The Sparkplug



Your monthly source for Rotary #180 Club information!

January 2004

Dates to remember:

- Monthly Board meeting January 15, noon, at the Decatur Club

School of the month:

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

Birthdays:

Herb Dakin 1/02
 Stu Sellers 1/04
 Tom Burns 1/10
 Bill Clevenger 1/11
 Bob Wiedrich 1/12
 Alec Messamore 1/14
 Mike Gibson 1/20
 Harold Murphy 1/24
 Jim Williams 1/31

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The Photo Gallery, Rotary Trivia, listing of officers and board members and an important message from a community organization!

Speakers for January 2004:

Monday, January 5-

Have you ever thought about how your life might change if you became disabled? Emily Dobson and the Soyland Access for Independent Living Disability Awareness Team will ask you to enter the world of disability through an interactive discussion format.



Monday, January 12

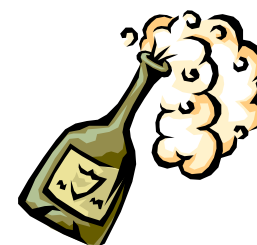
The world of communications continues to evolve at lightning speed. Carrie Hightman, President – SBC Illinois will talk with us about the state of the communications industry and provide us insights about what we may expect in the future.

Monday, January 26

We have much for which to be thankful in Decatur. Rotary #180's very own Melinda Hawbaker, Executive Director of Mid-Central United Way, will share with us the good that your contributions to the United Way is doing in our area.

Monday, January 19

BabyTalkk's Director of Development, Marise Robbins-Forbes, will share with us all the programming and services that this hometown Decatur organization provides.



A report from the Grants Committee

News from the Grants Committee – Chair Bill Kienzle reports that on December 18, 2003, Rotary #180's Grant Committee submitted the following recommendations, which were approved by the Rotary #180 board for 2003:

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| • Partners in Education | \$3000 |
| • Junior Achievement | \$1000 |
| • Old King's Orchard | \$1000 |
| • Project Success | \$1000 |
| • Children's Home Merida, Mexico | \$1000 |
| • Decatur Youth Agency | \$1000 |
| • Soyland Access to Independent Living | \$ 500 |
| • Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center | \$ 500 |
| • Homeward Bound Homeless Center | \$ 500 |
| • Webster-Cantrell Hall | \$ 500 |
| • Dr. Sushant Sinha - needy cataract surgery in India | \$ 500 |
| • Macon Resources | \$ 500 |

A big THANK YOU to Bill and the Grants committee for all the great work!

This month's photo gallery:



Howard Brown, shown here with wife Helen, becomes Rotary #180's most recent Paul Harris Fellow after a generous gift, honoring his Rotary service, was made to the Rotary Foundation



Teacher of the month is Chris Seider, a special education instructor at TJ Middle School.



Chaz Carson and Dominique McMillon from MacArthur High School received honors for excellence in the classroom and on the playing field.



President Palmer presents Larry Foster a check for \$15,000 as the latest installment on Decatur Rotary's pledge to Rotary Park.

Rotary Trivia: What is the SHARE system?

The SHARE system, devised in 1994-95, is the mechanism for sharing Annual Programs Fund contributions with Rotary Districts. Contributions are invested for three years, after which 100% of the contributions are returned for use. Some 60% are made available to the District Designated Fund and 40% are made available to all districts through the World Fund. Earnings accrued during the investment stage cover the administrative costs of The Rotary Foundation.

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

Think you know what Richland is?

You might.

Think you have an idea of what Richland should be?

You Tell us.

"Telling the Richland Story"

REACH Community Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Richland Community College

Shilling Salons

- Education
- Job Training
- Career Center
- Fine Arts
- Community Service
- Large Area Employer
- Outreach
- Retraining
- Economic Development

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