

# The Sparkplug

"Service Above Self"

Rotary Club #180

October 2011

## A Message From Our Club President

I am sure that every Club President enters their term with great hope for a successful year of Rotary. As I have shared before, the goals for our club are simple, attainable and intended to help improve the quality of our community and grow our club. Those who have served in this role before me have performed well and we have a strong club foundation to build upon because of their exceptional work. Job well done!



To sustain our success, we need to be reminded that the **Avenues of Rotary** are the commitments that drive what we do:

**Club Service:** Each Rotarian in our club has an opportunity to become involved on a committee, as an officer or by helping with a project.

**Vocational Service:** Teaching high ethical standards, leadership skills and offering opportunities to others, internal and external of Rotary, such as youth and young adults.

**Community Service:** Improving the quality of life in our community by lending a hand at food drives, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, volunteering at the Turkey Tournament or finding new services that we can offer to other charities each year.

**International Service:** Our support and goodwill to those who have a need in other countries, such as our project that is helping an orphanage in Mexico, is a demonstration of how dedicated we are to the mission of Rotary. We must keep asking ourselves "What else can we do?" to assist those in need.

**New Generations:** This service was recently added to the other Avenues of Service and recognizes the positive changes that occur through the engagement of youth and young adults. We have a great opportunity to teach, lead and show our financial support by being a part of such youth programs as RYLA, Junior Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract. We can make a difference in the lives of the youth in our community.

Well, what are we waiting for?! In the words of my Dad, "It's time to go to work!"

Thanks for all that you do!

Yours in Rotary,

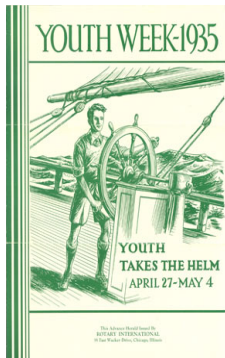
*Paul Stanzione*



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## Rotary Basic: Service To Our Youth



The history of Rotary's work with youth dates back to the 1920s, when many clubs took part in an international event known as Boys' Week.

The first Boys' Week was held in New York City in May 1920 by the Rotary Club of New York and other local organizations. The event was part of an effort to promote youth development in the areas of education, citizenship, health and hygiene, and vocation.

Boys' Week events quickly spread throughout the world. By the mid-1920s, they were being held in almost 600 locations across 25 countries. In 1928, the number of participating cities and towns had grown to about 3,000. In 1934, Boys' Week became known as Youth Week, and in 1936, Boys and Girls' Week.

The RI Board of Directors voted to discontinue Rotary's official sponsorship of Boys and Girls' Week in 1956 in order to support new youth efforts, but it encouraged clubs to continue participating in local youth service initiatives.

Rotary went on to create other programs for young people in the following decades, including Interact , Rotaract , and Rotary Youth Exchange .

In 2010, New Generations Service became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service. Rotarians recognize the positive change that youth and young adults implement through leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Source: rotary.org

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### October Scholar Athletes: MacArthur High School



Michael Clevenger

Kayla Buchen

### Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Maria Jacobs for being selected Teacher of the Month. She has taught 16 years at Johns Hill Magnet School and currently serves as an ESL/Bilingual teacher. She has 42 years of teaching experience.

Maria is the first full time ESL teacher at Johns Hill. She has developed a program that now instructs and monitors over 70 students. Maria reaches out to the community helping keep an open line of communication between Decatur Public Schools and the families in her program. She has a great passion for her students and their families. When a new family enters the ESL Program, Maria gives them her personal contact information and is “on call” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Maria has served as a lifeline between the Decatur Public Schools and the Hispanic Community.

In the classroom, Maria teaches to multiple intelligences. Her students regularly use the Smartboard and are physically active while learning the English Language.



### October Birthdays

Everett Nicholas - 10/2

Darbe Brinkoetter - 10/4

Michael Sexton - 10/5

Larry Foster - 10/7

Jon French - 10/13

Bill Owen - 10/16

Bruce Nims - 10/19

Tami Crouch - 10/29

Andy Thomas - 10/29

### October Anniversaries

Heather Stoa - 10/26/1998

David Wilhour - 10/31/1998

George Streckfuss - 10/21/2001

Gayle Saunders - 10/8/2001

Glenda Williamson - 10/28/2002

Dick Shelby - 10/3/2005

Julienne Pajer - 10/29/2007

Jody Cox - 10/6/2008

### Do Good Dollars:

### Thanksgiving Basket



### School of the Month:

### McGauhey School



*\*If we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary, we hope it was fabulous! Please email nbate-man@llcu.org and we'll add you to the appropriate list.*

## Announcements & Special Rotarian Events

The next Rotary Club 180 Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Decatur Club beginning at noon.

Rotarian **Kyle Karsten**, Principal of Lutheran School Association (LSA), announced that beginning in January, LSA juniors will begin taking the ACT prep class as a part of their regular school day, at no extra cost to their parents.

Rotarian **Michael Sexton** would like to invite everyone to the BREW HA HA on Friday, October 14th. German beer, food, music, and door prizes. Enjoy folk dancers, an Oompah band and beer drinking songs! All proceeds to benefit the Decatur Area Arts Council. Tickets are \$50 and the festivities begin at 6:30 PM at South Side Country Club under the tents. Call the Arts Council for tickets: 423-3189.

Everyone is invited to gather up their old paperwork and bring it to Land of Lincoln Credit Union's Community Shred Day on October 22nd, 10 AM - 1 PM at their branch at 2890 North Oakland Avenue in Decatur. Rotarians **Nicole Bateman**, LLCU, and **Stacey Young**, Ameren, note that there will be free Ameren tote bags and free pizza for those who attend.

Rotarian **Paul Stanzione** would like to extend an invitation to The Y Celebrity Waiter and Mystery Diner at the Decatur Club on October 27th beginning at 5:00 with happy hour, dinner at 6:00. Celebrity waiters include fellow Rotarians **Dr. Jeffcoat**, **Joe Havis**, Kim Mangan, Randy Richardson, Drs. Granzotti, Dawn Sterling, Noah Newman, Melanie Schelling, Ron Ingram, Michael T. Kimmy K., TJ Jackson, Joe Doolin, Mark Morthland and Jack Wilkerson. Live and silent auctions will be held and the play "Murder on the Oriental Rug". Contact the YMCA 872-9622 for tickets. All proceeds support children in need in our community.

The Rotary Club is invited to attend the grand opening of St. Mary's Hospital new ER center on November 13th. Join the community in celebration the completion of St. Mary's recent expansion and renovation.

Rotarian **Amanda Bodine** notified the club of the passing of Illini Supply's VP, John Young. John began his career with Illini Supply in 1980 expanding the company into the commercial furniture industry. He became Vice President in 1982 and managed the office furniture division until his retirement in August 2011. John lost his battle with cancer September 13, 2011, but will always be remembered as a wonderful partner and friend.

### Take Note!

Rotary will not meet on the following dates:

**Monday, November 21st** - Rotarians are encouraged to attend the Community Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 22nd. Tickets are \$20, however, Rotary will cover \$10 of the cost and you can count the Luncheon as a make-up meeting. Please look for more details at an upcoming meeting.

**Monday, December 26th** - Christmas

**Monday, January 2nd** - New Years