



AUGUST 2010

# The Sparkplug

*"Service Above Self"*

Rotary Club of Decatur #180

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT

*According to Rotary International, "Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work."*

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Our Rotary Club, which was chartered in 1915, was the first club within our present Rotary 6490 District. Two other clubs, Danville and Bloomington, also joined that year and Champaign soon followed, forming a club in 1917. Ray Klinginsmith, Rotary's 100th President from MO, could not contain his excitement when he said the year 2010 "marks a significant anniversary to Rotary!" He was as excited as I am about the rich history of Rotary. In 1910 the first convention of Rotary Clubs was held in Chicago and our history as an organization started with that meeting in 1910. We are now commencing a second century service anniversary for Rotary as an association. Our Rotary leaders want our clubs to remain vital and vibrant and have set goals to help their clubs become **Bigger, Better and Bolder!**

So given our clubs long standing history, what might we do to make our club **Bigger, Better and Bolder?** How about continuing our efforts to bring in new members so that we end the year with a sizable increase in club membership. How about increasing our knowledge of Rotary International and our awareness of what fellow club members are doing right here in Illinois. And of course, we need to always be conscious of the needs of others globally and freely offer goodwill towards others.

One way you can assist with this goodwill is working towards your Paul Harris Fellowship and giving to the Rotary Foundation. To support Rotarians in meeting the Foundations goal of a \$100 contribution from every Rotarian, our District 6490 launched the STAR CLUB Designation Program. Since the beginning of the program in 2007-2008, it has been a huge success. Clubs who meet the donation goal are recognized as STAR CLUBS and its members are proud of this elite recognition. To date, our club has not yet been rewarded as a STAR CLUB but perhaps we can work towards meeting that goal this year.

I am honored to serve as the President of Rotary Club #180 and to have the opportunity to increase my understanding of the great things Rotarians are doing around the world. If you have suggestions on how to make our club **Bigger, Better and Bolder...** please let me know. I encourage all of you to take on a bigger role within our club.

Yours in Rotary,

Diana Knaebe

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- All announcements, events and news must be submitted by the last Monday of each month
- Email any news or announcements to [syoung4@ameren.com](mailto:syoung4@ameren.com) or [nbateman@llcu.org](mailto:nbateman@llcu.org)

## ROTARY BASIC: THE IMPACT OF ROTARY

The Organization of Rotary

Clubs - Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts - Clubs are grouped into 530 RI districts, each led by a district governor, who is an officer of RI. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guide and supports the clubs.

RI Board - The 19-member RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI president and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and service emphases for the year.

The Secretariat - Rotary International is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, with seven international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The office for RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region. The Secretariat's chief operating officer is the RI general secretary, who heads a 740-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON ROTARIANS

Rotarian Ben Harmon of Hill & White LLC recently passed his Certified Public Accountant exam. Congrats!



September

Do Good Dollars...

**Catholic Charities**

September School of the Month



Dennis Elementary



# September Birthdays

Chris Long- 9/4	Chris Dowd- 9/13
Bob Smith- 9/4	Monte Cherry- 9/25
David Rayhill- 9/6	Bob Disbrow- 9/27
Denise Smith- 9/7	Jim Fouse- 9/27.
Marsha Thornhill- 9/8	Dan Martini- 9/29
Ben Harmon- 9/8	Joe Havis- 9/30



## September Anniversaries

Bill Blank 9/1/1951  
 Harold Murphy 9/1/1967  
 Cathy Ashby 9/1/1989  
 Andy Thomas 9/16/2002  
 Bob Flider 9/30/2002  
 David Goebel 9/15/2003  
 Lora Dills 9/1/2004  
 Ben Harmon 9/15/2008  
 Lisa Holder-White 9/14/2009



### SEPTEMBER ROTARY PROGRAMS

September 6: No Meeting- Labor Day  
 September 13: Adam Brown, Candidate for State Representative  
 September 20: Charles Miller, Congenital Heart Defects  
 September 27: Senator Kyle McCarter, Candidate for State Senate

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR NEXT MONTH?

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## ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Rotary Club of Decatur #180 is currently accepting proposals for grant funding until November 30, 2010. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for programs and activities which benefit youth and/or which expose youth and adults to different cultures, customs and languages. All applications must include a budget for the proposed activity, project or program, and must also include proof of 501 c 3 status. Further information, grant applications and guidelines can be found online at [www.decaturrerotary.org](http://www.decaturrerotary.org). You may also contact Grants Committee Chair (Ben Harmon) at 425-4800 or by email at [accounting5705@hotmail.com](mailto:accounting5705@hotmail.com) . Notification of awards will be made by January 1, 2011.

## ROTARIAN ANNOUCEMENTS/ COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Project Success Rockin' Back to School event is Friday, September 24th. Rotarian Jane Shade is Executive Director of Project Success and Rotarian Nicole Bateman is running for back to school "queen" by collecting donations for the event. Visit [www.projsuccess.org](http://www.projsuccess.org) to learn more.
- Arts in Central Park will be Friday, September 17th thru Sunday, September 19th in Central Park. See Rotarian Bert Gray or visit [www.decatuarts.org](http://www.decatuarts.org) for more information.
- The WSOY Community Fund Drive will be held on October 8th, 6AM-6PM at Airport Plaza Kroger on Rt. 36 in Decatur. All food and money collected is given to Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army. If you would like to volunteer please call, 217.423.9744

# Thanks to our August Club Helpers

### INVOCATIONS:

Miley Palmer  
Stacey Young  
Tim Nolan  
Jack O'Riley  
Holly Crotty

### GREETERS:

Jim & Paula Finn  
Bert Gray  
Peter Clausen  
Gretchen Murphy  
Bob Flider

