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Upcoming Programs

<p>Mon., Sept. 1</p> <p>***Labor Day***</p> <p>No meeting - enjoy the holiday!</p>	<p>Mon., Sept. 8</p> <p>The Schrodt Health Center at Richland Community College is one the newest positive additions to our community. Dr. Gayle Saunders, President of Richland, and Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Martha Schrodt will give a brief presentation about the Center followed by a tour .</p>	<p>Mon., Sept. 15</p> <p>Doug Whitley, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce will talk with us about Illinois politics, and its influence on the State's</p>	<p>Mon., Sept. 22</p> <p>We'll hear about The Lumpkin Foundation in Mattoon. Cristine Betters will talk with us about a new initiative, The Lumpkin Nonprofit Excellence Program, designed to bring assistance and grants to Central Illinois organizations.</p>	<p>Mon., Sept. 29</p> <p>Senator Frank Watson, Illinois Senate Minority Leader, will be our speaker. Senator Watson will talk with us about the fall veto session, Illinois politics and his thoughts on being the Senate Minority Leader.</p>
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NEW MEMBER



Linda Wrigley, of AtlasTravel/Carlson Wagonlit Travel, sponsored by Cindy Bachmann

MAYOR PAUL OSBORNE VISITS ROTARY #180



Decatur's new Mayor, invited by Program Co-Chair Jim Finn, shared his "State of the City" address.

A MESSAGE FROM PROGRAM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS JIM AND PAULA FINN OF THE FINN GROUP:

Thanks for the great program suggestions! Your Program Committee is working to bring you interesting and relevant programs. Please mention any ideas you might have to any of us on the committee. Also, if you would like to receive an email reminder each Friday of the program for the next Monday, and do not already receive it (Decatur Rotary's email list is not yet complete), send your email address to: finngrp@aol.com.

ROTARY #180 SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

In honor of our guest speakers for this month, St. James School will receive a check for \$60 from Decatur Rotary Club #180 to purchase new library books!

Birthdays

- 9/2 Mark Kuhn
- 9/3 W. Fred Birch
- 9/4 "Bank" Bob Smith
- 9/6 Dave Rayhill
- 9/7 Jim Hendren
- 9/8 Richard Hall
- 9/8 Elizabeth J. Hawkins
- 9/8 Marsha Thornhill
- 9/9 Lucy Murphy
- 9/22 Jean Brooks
- 9/25 Monte Cherry
- 9/27 Bob Disbrow

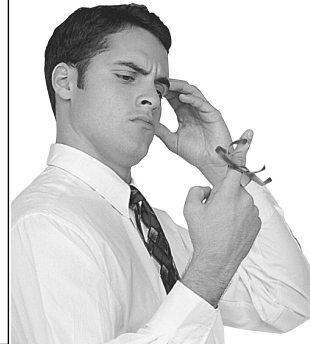


The Penny Fund recipient organization for September is The United Way of Decatur and Macon County. Please be generous to this worthy cause!

ROTARY TRIVIA

How much does it cost to immunize one child against polio?
(look for answer in this newsletter)

DATE TO REMEMBER



*** Rotary Board Meeting is Thursday, Sept. 18, noon, at the Decatur Club.

MILEY'S MOMENT

The theme for Rotary Year 2003-2004 will be "Lend A Hand". Our international president has challenged us to put that theme to work in the four areas of Rotary service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and World Service. In this issue, I'd like to share with you my thoughts on how we accomplish that in Community Service.

Rotary has always been a service organization. The first project of our parent club in Chicago was to create a public "comfort station" in the Loop. As Janet and I traveled around two states in Australia last June, we noticed in nearly every town a sign prominently announcing a park or a community event sponsored by the local Rotary Club.

Our club has long been involved in many avenues of service to Decatur. Each year a number of us volunteer to work as ushers at the community Thanksgiving luncheon, basketball tournaments, and to ring bells at Christmas time for the Salvation Army. I propose that we continue those traditions. In addition, I propose we have a "Rotary Moment" one meeting per month, continue honoring local scholar-athletes in cooperation with Illinois Power, and at another meeting each month honor a "Teacher of the Month" in cooperation with local schools. We should also continue purchasing library books each month for a local school in honor of our speakers. One of our newest traditions is honoring a member of the club as "Rotarian of the Quarter" and honoring a non-Rotarian as "Citizen of the Year." I hope we continue these customs as well.

One of our proudest projects in recent years has been helping underwrite Rotary Park, along route 51 south, in cooperation with the Decatur Metro Rotary Club. We made a pledge of \$95,000, and Metro pledged \$5000 which has been paid. I hope that our club will make considerable progress in paying off our pledge this year. Our club contributes significant funds annually to local charitable projects, a tradition we will continue. As those decisions are made by our board, we will be sure to inform you at our meetings, via the newsletter, and on our web site. If you have an idea for a project you'd like to propose for our club this year, please call me at 876-0749 or e-mail me at mpalmer520@aol.com.

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“Service Above Self”

Rotary Club #180, Decatur, Illinois
Meeting days and times for Rotary Clubs in District 6490

Monday

12:00 p.m. Decatur #180
The Decatur Club Bldg

12:00 p.m. Champaign
Chancellor Hotel

12:00 p.m. Shelbyville
Methodist Church

6:15 p.m. Moweaqua
Rotary Building

Tuesday

6:45 a.m. Bloomington/Normal
Jumer's Chateau

7:00 a.m. Forsyth (Sunrise)
Hickory Point Golf
Course Clubhouse

12:00 p.m. Clinton
Maverick Family
Restaurant

12:00 p.m. Tuscola
Parkview Restaurant

12:00 p.m. Urbana
Jumer's Lodge

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Springfield
Lincoln Plaza

12:00 p.m. Champaign/Urbana
Round Barn Center

12:00 p.m. Lincoln
Elks Country Club

12:00 p.m. Monticello
Community Bldg

12:00 p.m. Normal
Bone Student Center

6:30 p.m. Blue Mound
Royal Blue
Restaurant

Thursday

6:45 a.m. Champaign/Urbana
Radisson Hotel

12:00 p.m. Metro Decatur
Decatur Club Bldg.

12:00 p.m. Springfield
Heritage House

12:00 p.m. Bloomington
Elks Club

12:00 p.m. Arthur
Dutch Oven

The Four-Way Test

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



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(term ends June 2005)

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