



Des Peres Rotary News

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Minuteman Press Helps with Eye Surgeries



by Fran McDaniel

Bob Stalinski, club member and owner of Minuteman Press, played the “good guy” card again by making a significant donation from his December sales to the district’s cataract surgery program. The district has been an active supporter of curable blindness initiatives following RI’s “Avoidable Blindness” lead in the 2000-2001 Rotary year. For the past several years, the Rotary Foundation has matched district grant applications dollar for dollar for cataract surgeries.



Bob Stalinski (left) with his Minuteman Press employees: Carrie, Ray and Angela.

I should be using this space to make announcements about how proud the Club and its individual members should be for the donations that are being made to several worthy causes such as the Rotary Foundation and Casa Materna in Nicaragua.

I should be reminding you and enlisting your help for the upcoming Rotary Golf Tournament that will be held at Pevely Farms on Monday, May 14th.

I should be encouraging you to sign up for the annual Chinese New Year’s Party and invite prospective new member to join in the festivities.

Instead, I’m a big fan of sharing personal interest stories, so that’s what I’m going to do!

The last time I was up at the farm, I found a couple of headstones that were literally in the middle of the woods. Susan, Samuel and M. J. Watkins have been at the farm a lot longer than I have. In fact, they have been resting there for well over 100 years. Although the dates are all different, they were all laid to rest in the mid to late 1800’s.

I thought I would put the new-

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Todd Lindley, district foundation chair, was a guest speaker at the club in No-
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Think Golf!

By Fran McDaniel



Save the date! The club’s annual benefit golf tournament will be held **Monday, May 14**, at Pevely Farms Golf Club.

For \$150 per player, you can enjoy lunch, 18 holes of golf, camaraderie, dinner, various liquid refreshments on the course, camaraderie, a chance to improve your golf score, and camaraderie. There will also be several sponsorship opportunities.

Norma Johnson has started us our raffle off right with a pair of round-trip tickets anywhere Southwest Airlines flies. Kevin Jenkins has a donation of a free one-year family membership to the Kirkwood-Webster YMCA.

John Hirlinger is chairing this year’s event. He’s looking for several good (or bad) men and women to join the committee and make this event even bigger and better than last year’s.

In addition to a guaranteed good time, your participation will ensure that proceeds from the tournament will benefit the club’s many local, national, and international causes. Support the club’s efforts by playing, by being a sponsor, or by volunteering.



Des Peres Rotary Record

Desk Duty

February 1.....John Hirlinger
 February 8.....Kim Hove
 February 15.....Norma Johnson
 February 22.....Tom Keiser
 March 1.....Jon Kremer
 March 8.....Cliff Kurrus
 March 15.....Mike Lodes
 March 22.....Fran McDaniel
 March 29.....Kurt Mungenast

Invocation Duty

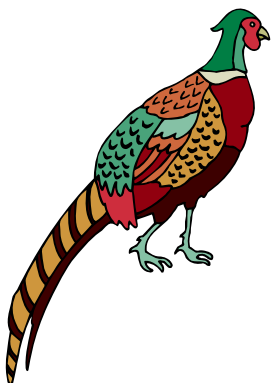
February 1.....Kurt Mungenast
 February 8.....Dave Patton
 February 15.....John Reynolds
 February 22.....Dick Ryan
 March 1.....Paul Shaver
 March 8.....Jim Smith
 March 15.....Kim Smith
 March 22.....Bob Stalinski
 March 29.....John Steuterman

February Birthdays

February 8.....Boyd Atteberry
 February 17.....Bob Stalinski
 February 19.....Norma Johnson
 February 27.....John Arthur
 February 28.....Dave Patton



Happy Birthday!



Continental Shoot

By Jim Smith

Dick Ryan is putting together a "continental shoot" for interested Rotarians. For the un-initiated, this involves a brave soul who sits in a bunker set in the middle of a field surrounded by a cage with 80 pheasants.

In a huge circle, surrounding the bunker are 25 equally spaced shooter stations. The stations are built such that they limit the field of fire for each shooter and, in theory, prevent them from shooting each other. The "brave soul" grabs a pheasant and throws it in the air, at which point the pheasant files away in an attempt to exit the circle of death. Most make it but some succumb to their wounds. Doggies do their thing and retrieve casualties. After three or so birds are so launched, a horn sounds and the shooters rotate to the next station and the process is repeated until the cages are empty or the "brave soul" meets his maker. Active shooters may then walk about and attempt to "clean up" any escapees.

The price per shooter is \$50 which includes lunch. To be legal, a small game permit and a migratory bird permit are required (about \$20). These permits will be good until March 2008. If you have permits from 2006 they are valid until March 2007. By the way, if your birth date is after 1/1/1967 you must have completed a Hunter Education Class before you can purchase a small game permit. There is also a "Rammer" exception in the law that requires that anyone who has ever painted any body parts to attend a sporting event must take the Hunter Education Class regardless of age.

*The date is **Saturday February 10**. Pevely, MO is about a half hour drive. Plan to show up around 11 am, shoot a few clay birds for warm up, eat lunch, blast from 1 to 3 pm and, for those who wish to continue the fun, retire to a local establishment to stoke up on munchies and the oil of conversation. You will need to bring a shotgun and a box or two of shells.*

Those who wish to take dead birds home may head to the cleaning station and start plucking.

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www.desperesrotary.org

Rotary International Website
www.rotary.org

District 6060 Website
www.rotary6060.org

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found technology of the internet to work. To my surprise on some site called Ancestry.com, I was able to procure an 1880's Federal Census from the local community of Emden, Missouri! Susan Watkins was on the Census as well as her mother and father, William and Mary, originally from Kentucky, and her sister, Nancy. (Samuel would not have made the report as the poor guy passed at the age of 2 and I can only assume that the M. J. Watkins is Susan's mother.)

Not wanting to stop there, I kept searching. I was able to find someone that made an entry back in 1997 looking for a James Watkins from Emden that was born and passed about the same time. James was also from Kentucky, which leads me to believe that he and William might have been brothers.

I was able to get a hold of that individual who confirmed that James would have been her great, great grandfather. I'm still waiting on more information and will report it as soon as I find out, but can you imagine...I may have found a living relative of the family buried on our property! "Google" is amazing.

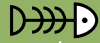
Have a great month and thank you for everything that you do for the Club.

February 1 — No speaker. Club fellowship.

February 8 — Kitty Madden of Casa Materna

February 15 — No meeting. Chinese New Year at Wan Fu.

February 22 — Desi Kirchhofer of Fern Ridge School



Save the Date

Wednesday, April 25 - 26



The annual outing of the fishermen of Des Peres Rotary will leave St. Louis Wed. April 25th, heading to Rockbridge, MO — about 250 miles SW. The limit is 8 fishermen (or women!) so sign up soon. It's a great chance to get away to the Ozarks, get in some good fishing, good fellowship & good cooking.

Contact Dave Wilkinson, Lou Bopp or Vince Shaw for further details.



Minuteman

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vember 2005. He spoke about the compelling need for eye surgeries in impoverished nations. Todd told of the estimated 9 million people in India with blindness that could be reversed by cataract removal. He has witnessed firsthand the despair of the blind and the joy they experienced when



their sight was restored. This year's funding will support eye surgeries in India, Pakistan and Thailand.

In the U.S., it typically costs over \$750 for cataract surgery. But through Rotary International's efforts, intra-ocular lens implantation cataract surgery costs approximately \$30 – a small price to restore a person's sight.

Bob and his associates made a significant donation to the district's cataract surgery project in December 2005. They decided to repeat their effort this past December and made an even larger donation. Hats off to Bob Stalinski for his generous donation that will restore sight to over 100 people!



Our club has done it again!



By Maryann Antoine

Five years ago we participated in a Foundation grant to electrify the Nicaraguan village of Rio Abajo. By spring of this year we will have aided another Nicaraguan project. Our grant application only awaits a stamp of approval from the Rotary Foundation after lots of hard work on the part of Casa Materna folks and Todd Lindley, District 6060 International Guru, filling out endless information on endless forms. It looks like the Rotary Foundation will fund about \$10,000 to furnish the new auditorium at the Casa. Our Nicaraguan partner for this grant is the Rotary Club of Matagalpa, the group that introduced us to this wonderful organization three years ago.

Kitty Madden, the moving force and fund-raiser for Casa Materna will be the program at our **Feb. 8** meeting. It's become a much anticipated annual event so we will hear how the grant funds will be used in the auditorium and how our club funds are being used for the ongoing assessment program underway in rural Matagalpa region of Nicaragua. We have been joined in funding that program by Sunset Hills- Crestwood and Kirkwood clubs thanks to the work of Fran McDaniel.

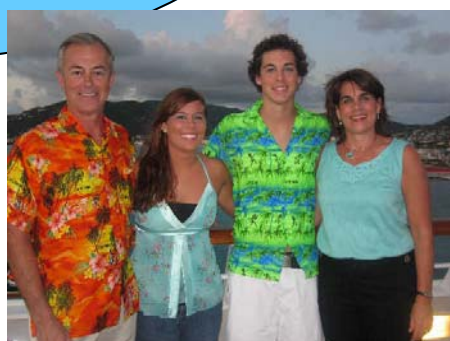
Don't miss our Feb. 8 program or Chinese New Year on Feb. 15 where we will hear from Todd Lindley about the importance of our club's Foundation support and its role in this grant application, thanks to some fine work by Mike Lodes.



Spotlight on Members

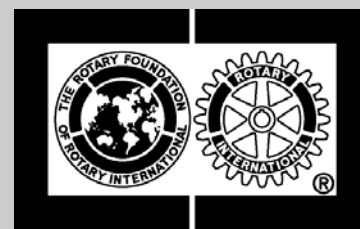
Recently Kim, Randy and the kids took their first family cruise on the Carnival Valor from Miami Fl, stop in Nassau-Bahamas, St. Thomas- Virgin Islands and St. Maarten- West Indies. They left Dec. 17 and returned Dec. 24th. Kim highly recommends that week for a trip. Takes the hustle bustle out of Christmas shopping and activities because you are not here to do it. Come back for a relaxed Christmas day. Also shopping at Sam's Club at 4 pm on Christmas Eve is great. No one else there and get your one hour photos developed in half an hour with no line.

Randy, Caitlin, Ryan and Kim Hove on their first family cruise.



Rotary Foundation Giving..... Well done Club!!!!

1. # 2 in district in Per Capita giving to Annual Programs Fund during last Rotary Year.
2. 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year award for last year signifies that every Rotarian donated something and as a club you exceeded \$100 per member on average to the Annual Programs Fund
3. Century Club Award for THIS YEAR - club has reached \$100 per member average already this year.



HONORARY MEMBER
Remember Harris McKee? Well, Harris and his wife, Mary, recently took a trip to the Greek islands. Here they are (slightly pixelated) on the island of Mykonos.

