



Des Peres Rotary News

February 2008 The Rotary Club of Des Peres, MO Thursdays - 7 am

FAREWELL, DR. DAVE



By Fran McDaniel

Dave Wilkinson, charter member of the club, passed away Saturday, January 26. Dave is survived by his wife Christa and his adult children, Jeffrey, Christopher and Neal. He will be remembered and missed by professional colleagues and friends, including his Rotary buddies.



"Doc" Wilkinson in a golf cart at our 2007 golf tournament.

I share with all of the great sorrow in the loss of our fellow Rotarian, Dr. Dave Wilkinson. Dr. Dave was such a nice man. He always took the time to ask me how the boys were doing. When I had the boys there, he would come by to say hello to them. He was a very knowledgeable guy as well. I found out at the visitation he loved to tinker with things. I already knew how much he enjoyed photography. I know all of you will have fond memories to share as well. On Thursday I can call on a few of you to share some memories of our friend, Dr. Dave Wilkinson.

The poker night was a big success!! Jim Smith and Dave Forrest were the big winners!! I of course came in second place with a little help from my husband.

Next big event I hope everyone will join us for is Chinese New Year, February 7 at Wan Fu. Drinks at 6pm and dinner to follow at 7pm. Cost is \$30 a person. We will have Paul Harris to hand out that night as well. From what I remember, I will probably have to be rolled out to my car I will be so

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After graduating from Westminster College, Dave received his medical degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1966. He served in the Army from 1967-69 in Thailand and Fort Leonard Wood.

Dave served more than 25 years in private practice in neurosurgery in St. Louis. He was active in many professional organizations. He was president of the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts in 1991-92. He served as chairman of the St. Anthony's Medical Center Ethics Committee. Son Jeffrey said Dave was especially proud of his active roles in each organization. He was also a member of the Missouri Medical Alumni Association, the Jefferson Club and the McAlester Society.

Members of the club know him for his wry sense of humor and camera in hand, ready to record our many Rotary activities. Not only did he take the pictures, but he kept albums dating back to the club's inception. He was one of ringleaders of the annual Rockbridge fishing trip, along with Lou Bopp, Vince Shaw and former member Ralph Ostermueller. Participants in this annual event always came back with stories of good times and good cigars.

Dave was a man of many interests. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to read. He was a Civil War expert and belonged to the St. Louis Civil War Round Table. Dave loved all kinds of music. Friend Lou Bopp says you never knew what Dave would be listening to – bluegrass, classical, country and western, or zydeco might be playing. He loved to tinker and find out how things worked.

Dave, your Rotary friends miss you.

<h1>Chinese New Year</h1>	FEB. 7 AT WAN FU
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Des Peres Rotary Record

Desk Duty

February 7.....Charlie Miller
 February 14.....Kurt Mungenast
 February 21.....Paul Newland
 February 28.....Dave Patton
 March 6.....Mark Pender
 March 13.....John Reynolds
 March 20.....Dick Ryan
 March 27.....Paul Shaver

Invocation Duty

February 7.....Bill Thomas
 February 14.....Henry Vanston
 February 21.....Rich Waigand
 February 28.....Roy Weisheit
 March 6.....Bill Wiley
 March 13.....Dave Wilkinson
 March 20.....Chuck Ainsworth
 March 27.....Maryann Antoine

February Birthdays

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



Happy Birthday!

Preview of Coming Attractions



February 7 — Club Fellowship. No scheduled speaker.
February 14 -- Chief Terry Milam - SARAA alert system.
February 21 -- Sharon Mertzluft -- MO Botanical Garden
February 28 -- Dr. Williamson -- Acupuncture
March 6 -- Club Fellowship. No scheduled speaker.
March 13 -- Frank Foley -- Fox Theatre
March 20 -- TBA
March 27 -- Mayor Rick Lahr -- City of Des Peres

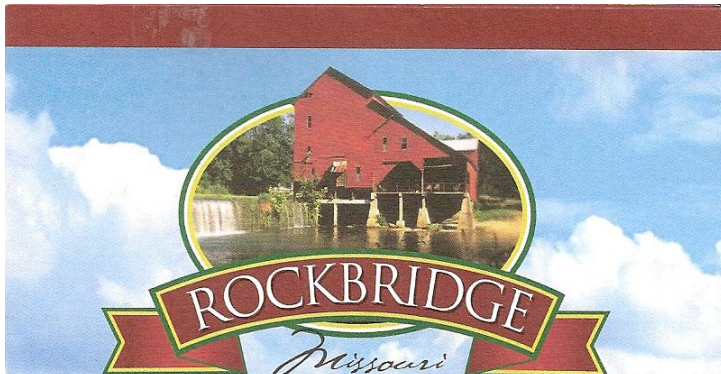
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www.desperesrotary.org
 Rotary International Website
www.rotary.org
 District 6060 Website
www.rotary6060.org

Paul Harris Society

Paul Harris Society members pledge that they intend to donate at least \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund every Rotary Year.

District 6060 began with 14 members as of June 30, 2006.

We now have 21 **Paul Harris Society Members** and are looking for more. Please email Foundation Chairman Todd Lindley if you would like to join. (rotary6060.tl@gmail.com)



Another date to save: Tuesday, April 29, 2008
One night -- unlimited rooms available

See Lou Bopp to reserve your room.

DES PERES ROTARY CLUB

2007- 2008 OFFICERS

Kara Dreste.....President
 Mark Pender.....President-Elect
 Kevin Jenkins.....Past President
 Jeff Johnston.....Secretary
 Rich Waigand.....Treasurer

DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Bob Stalinski.....Director of Club Service and Membership
 Jon Kremer.....Director of Community Service
 Eric Emery.....Director of Vocational Service
 Kim Hove.....Director of International Service
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 Nick Roberts.....Program Coordinator
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The Rotary Club of Des Peres meets at 7 am each Thursday at The Missouri Athletic Club-West (MAC-West), 1777 Des Peres Road , St. Louis, MO 63131

Copies of this newsletter are available at the check-in desk each meeting compliments of Bob Stalinski and
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ROTARY SHARES

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full from the large spread of food!

Lou Bopp is hoping everyone will consider going to the annual Rockbridge event April 29. He will be sending around a sign up sheet. Big fish stories for those who fish, relaxation, and wonderful surroundings are what you can expect!

Of course we have the annual golf tournament coming up and I know we will start having meetings and looking for your support as usual for our one big event of the year.

Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Mark and Nick will be preparing for Show Me Rotary soon as well in March. I remember Kevin saying to me how much he looked forward to me attending so as to pass the torch on. I get a sense now of what he was talking about! So far my year has been a wonderful year, mainly because we have such a great club.

My one goal to still be completed is adding to our membership. In order for us to receive our presidential citation, we need to be net 1 new member. We are on are way I believe, so I continue to encourage you to bring new potential members to our monthly meetings. A great way to do this is, when we have a speaker that might be of interest, mention it to your friends or colleagues.

Yours In Rotary,
Kara Dreste

Intercity

Rotary Club of Lambert Airport
Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 at 12 noon

Holiday Inn—St. Louis Airport
4505 Woodson Road
St. Louis, MO 63134

Speaker:
Dick Hrabko, Director
Lambert St. Louis Airport

Tax-Time Tips

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I bought Girl Scouts cookies—can I deduct the cost of those?

No. You paid the fair market value price set by the seller. If you also made a separate contribution to Girl Scouts, then you could deduct that according to the rules listed above.

Can I make a charitable contribution of property instead of cash?

Yes, but special rules apply for determining the value of donated property, for the records that the donor must keep, and for the documents that must be filed with the IRS. Be sure to consult with a tax specialist and with **IRS Publication 561**, “Determining the Value of Donated Property”.

May I claim a deduction for donations of clothing and household items?

Yes, but for donations after August 17, 2006, no deduction is allowed for clothing and household items that are not in good used condition or better. However, a taxpayer may claim a deduction of more than \$500 for any single item, regardless of its condition, if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, and linens. The Salvation Army has high and low values of donated items sold in their thrift store published on the internet @ <http://www.satruck.com/ValueGuide.asp>.

How much may I deduct for donating my car?

In general, deductions for vehicle donations of over \$500 are now limited to the sale price obtained by the charity. In some limited circumstances, however, (the charity uses the donated vehicle to fulfill its charitable purpose) the donor may claim fair market value, which is often higher. Deductions for contributions of used vehicles, boats, and airplanes of over \$500 must be accompanied by a written acknowledgement from the charity. The IRS has issued **Form 1098-C** (PDF) and **instructions** (PDF) for vehicle donations.

I volunteered in 2007. Can I deduct the value of my services?

No. Individual taxpayers may not deduct the value of their donated services.

Can I deduct the expenses I incurred while volunteering?

Some expenses incurred when volunteering services, for example, travel expenses, are deductible if they are not reimbursed by the charity. The mileage rate for charitable purposes for the 2007 tax year is 14 cents per mile. However, travel expenses are deductible only if there is no significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation associated with the travel. For example, if you volunteered to help with a youth club camping trip, but visit friends along the way or spent time with your own family, you could not deduct these travel expenses.

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Tax-Time Tips

Rich Waigand, CPA
Shapiro Flom & Company LLC

As the 2007 tax filing season is underway it is a good time to remember that you may be eligible for a tax deduction for your 2007 charitable contributions. The following are basic guidelines on how to claim tax deductions for your gifts. Be sure to consult a tax specialist for specific information.

Note: Several important changes for charitable contributions are now in effect as a result of enactment of the Pension Protection Act in 2006. The law added an incentive for donating to charity from an IRA and new restrictions on donations of various types of property. In addition, donors should be aware that new recordkeeping rules are in effect for all cash donations, regardless of amount, beginning in 2007.

Which gifts qualify for deductions?

You may deduct your contributions to religious, charitable, scientific, educational, literary, and other institutions that are incorporated or recognized as 501(c)(3) organizations. (***Rotary Foundation Contributions qualify; however, monthly Dues & Breakfast do not qualify.***) Gifts to state and local government, the federal government, qualifying veterans and fraternal organizations and certain nonprofit cemetery companies also may be deductible. Gifts to other kinds of nonprofits, such as 501(c)(4) organizations, cannot be deducted. To see whether your charity is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, visit the on-line version of [**IRS Publication 78**](#).

Do I need any records in order to take a deduction for a charitable contribution?

Yes, and the recordkeeping requirements vary according to the amount and type of gift. **Beginning in tax year 2007, all cash contributions regardless of amount must be supported by a canceled check, dated bank or credit card statement or a dated receipt from the charity.** Taxpayers will no longer be able to satisfy this requirement with their own written records. A bank record includes canceled checks, bank or credit union statements and credit card statements. Bank and credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the date and amount paid.

For contributions of \$250 or more, you must obtain a “contemporaneous written acknowledgment” from the charity, either on paper or electronically (such as by email) which must contain the name of the organization, date and amount of a cash contribution or description of a non-cash contribution, and a description of benefits (if any) received in return with an estimation of their value or if none, a statement to that effect.

What records should I keep if I give to charity through a payroll deduction?

Pledge cards for workplace giving programs, along with a pay stub, Form W-2, or other document provided by an employer will satisfy the new cash contribution recordkeeping requirements. The documents must show the name of the charity and the amount donated. See [**IRS guidance on donations made by payroll deduction**](#).

What should I have received from the charities I gave to last year?

Most nonprofits provide thank you letters and receipts for any gift. However, by law they are required to provide the donor with a written statement for gifts that exceed \$75 if the nonprofit provided goods or services in return. Such disclosure statements must include a good faith estimate of the value of the return benefit and must advise the donor that only the amount of the gift in excess of the benefit is deductible. For gifts over \$250, the donor must obtain from the charity a written acknowledgment whether or not the donor received any goods or services in return.

If you haven't already received these written acknowledgements from the nonprofit organizations you gave to, be sure to contact them so you can keep your records properly—and be ready just in case you are ever audited.

How much can I deduct?

You can only deduct the amount of a contribution given voluntarily with no expectation of a commensurate return. If you received a financial or economic benefit in return for making a gift, the payment is not a deductible charitable contribution except to the extent that it exceeds the fair market value of the benefit. For example, if you gave \$100 to a museum and received a book in return that sells regularly for \$25, you can only claim \$75 as a charitable deduction.