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**ROTARY This Friday September 7, 2007 - 11:45 – Hamilton's 110 N East**

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**Workers for this Friday:**

Greeters/Desk: Tony Williams, Ginny Fanning, Fred Clinton  
Sgt. Arms: Richard Johnson     Songs: Fred Clinton  
Invocation: David Atkins Recognitions: Tony Williams/Craig Albers  
Rotary Minute: Keith Lape  
Program: Monica Heard, IDES Illinois Dept Employment Security

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**Ferris wheel schedule for this weekend:**

**Sept 08 (Sat) 10 AM - 1 PM** Fit Park Ed Ecker Bob Leach Cathy Jo Wahl Kelly Staake  
**Sept 09 (Sun) 4 - 6 PM** Fred Clinton Cathy Jo Wahl Tiffany Warmowski Paul White

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Club Social - Friday evening September 14th - 5PM on- at Mike Schneider's home**  
**Please plan to attend!**

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**Youth Overnight at the YMCA - THIS WEEKEND Sept. 8-9**

6-8p Tiffany & Mike Ludvigsen  
8-10p Wally & Fave Fischer  
10-midnight Bob Leach & Michael  
Midnight-2a Fred Clinton & Mike Schneider  
2-4a Ernie Downey & Tony Williams  
4-6a Tom Atkins & Tiffany  
6-9a Jan Williams & Todd Evans  
Thanks to our volunteers! For questions, call Tiffany 473-5581

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**GSE – From Helen Downey:**

The Group Study Exchange Team will be traveling to District 3360 in Northern Thailand March 1 - 31, 2008. We are now seeking team members and a team leader. Team members must be non-Rotarians, young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40, and employed in their professions for at least 2 years. Almost all expenses are paid by Rotary. This is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity with the objective of fostering international understanding and friendship. Applications must be to Helen Downey by September 30, 2007. If any of you have an employee who would benefit from this experience, or know of any other young professional in our district who fits these qualifications, please have them contact Helen Downey.

Team Leader must be a Rotarian. The Team Leader is responsible for preparing his team for the trip with the help of Helen Downey, the District Coordinator. Applications for this position are due to Helen by September 22, 2007.

Any questions, call Helen at 217-245-4381.

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## Meeting Report - Friday, August, 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Reported by: Allen Stare

Well...nobody was taking notes on today's festivities so I volunteered to jot down a few things, mainly because I happened to have a pen with me and Tom Atkins handed out lots of extra song sheets at our table. All of my notes are on the backs of these long, thin sheets of paper. Good news on the Rotary Reporting situation, though...David Atkins is going to take over as lead Rotary Reporter. If he's not "in da house", Helen Kuhn will be assisting and, as an absolute last resort, I'll pick up those meetings where no one else is available.

Shaking hands and taking cash today were new member Melissa Pantier, relatively new member David Atkins and starting to be old member Allen Stare.

President Mike S. called us to order at the top of the hour and we were off with a pledge and a song. I invoked while standing at my table. Todd Evans whispered that he was really disappointed that I didn't seize an opportunity to get behind the mic and pray for about 20 minutes. He said it was like Babe Ruth getting a chance at bat and only going for the bunt.

Tom Atkins led the singing with his usual disdain for the Rotary Songbook. The "ha-ha-has" in the "Happy Wanderer" could be heard throughout Hamilton's. Then Tom somehow managed to sub "Michael J. Schneider, President" for "John Jacob Jingleheimer Smith". On a pie chart of things that cause a loss in American Productivity, about half of the chart goes to computer solitaire, a third to Fantasy Sports, a couple of slivers for e-mail and web surfing then you get all the way down to 0.00001% for "writing humorous song parodies." Tom's picture is usually on the chart.

Guests included exchange student Viviana; Sharon Mather who is making a move from MacMurray to LLCC in October and has discovered that if she really wants to get ahead in this town she'd better join Rotary; and former exchange student Michael from France.

Since it was the final Friday of the month, birthdays were recognized. It was a huge list that Steve published in last week's meeting announcement so if you're really interested you can go look it up there. About halfway through reading the list, Mike said "wow, what happened nine months ago?" Those around my table decided to chalk the high birth rate up to bad choices made during a drunken New Year's Eve party. We didn't know whether to sing "Happy Birthday" or "Auld Ang Syne".

Terry Denison delivered a great "Rotary Minute" by reading a help wanted ad for Rotarians and made sure to get in a membership pitch. Bring new members, people!

Craig Albers headed to the podium to handle recognitions. Craig was obviously in a good mood. He actually heralded his arrival at the podium by humming his own trumpet fanfare. Craig then proceeded to completely steal Shawn McCombs thunder by announcing a United Way Award that was given to Jean Jumper (in absentia) on Thursday night. Shawn was a good sport and paid a dollar anyway to make the same announcement again during Rotations. Craig raked Ron Tendick over the coals with his many recent mentions in the paper...Craig seemed to give special attention to the always glowing "Open Line" mentions which highlight the good work that Ron is doing for Jacksonville. Judy Tighe had a letter in to the editor, Wolf was Chatauqua-ing (is that a verb?), Wally added to the amount that Jay owes him for columns and Paul White was accused of surrounding himself with younger and younger employees at the bank. This is also known as the Dick Clark School of Management. It reminds me of the Mathew McConaughey quote from "Dazed and Confused": "...That's what I love about these high school girls, man. I get older, they stay the same age." Rich Basden was hanging out of a biplane while on 'luudes. The plane was being flown by Spicoli from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High". I don't know...ask Craig...my notes are a little fuzzy here. John Power had his picture in the paper at the opening of another Premier Bank branch. Paul couldn't help himself and started pitching. He was fined a dollar. Every time I hear John Power's name I can't help but think of the time that Homer changed his name to "Max Power". Jim Watson was, as usual, nowhere in attendance.

Craig opened the floor to Rotations and, I tried, but it was hard to keep up...here goes. Jean (the aforementioned winner of the United Way award) apologized for having to leave early...possibly once again running away from this United Way award. She seems to have some fear of actually receiving this award. Bob Foulk announced a new grandbaby which weighed in at 10-plus pounds. John Calise's Family is going to take on the Sacred Heart football team, all of the Win Your Dreams Tickets are sold, the Pacesetter Kickoff featured some wicked punch, Helen Downey's daughter is teaching Spanish, Wally's Daughter-in-law qualified for her Ph.D. and

about a half a dozen people apologized to the speaker because they had to leave early. They just couldn't wait to get that Labor Day cookout underway.

Wolf introduced the program...although it was not the program that he had planned. Even the speaker apologized to the speaker and had to leave early. It seems that Joel Tinsley, who is performing as Paul Robeson this weekend, couldn't make it. But, since Wolf has a deep talent pool to draw on during Chataqua weekend, he was able to pull in an excellent replacement. John and Stephanie Wilkey performed a selection of spirituals that would have influenced former slave and noted abolitionist Sojourner Truth. This was a sampling of their complete program that could be heard at 4:00pm on Friday afternoon of Chataqua which, at the time you're reading this, is way past so I'm sorry I wasted your time with that promotional announcement. Stephanie sang while John accompanied her on harp.

The selections included "Old Ship of Zion", "Go Down Moses" (Moses referring to Harriet Tubman who was considered Moses to her people) and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". When Stephanie introduced what she called 'a Journey song.' I know I wasn't alone when I immediately thought "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'?", "Open Arms?" and I was also thinking "wow, I had no idea Steve Perry was that old." Not exactly what she meant. It was "Jesus, Walk with Me". Following "Shall we Gather at the River" John plugged his harp in for a rockin' rendition of Boston's "More than a Feelin'" followed by an encore of "Feel Like Makin' Love" from Bad Company. As John was smashing his harp against the piano, Stephanie dove into the crowd and we passed her around the room over our heads.

Now you people who left early are wishing you'd have stayed, aren't you?

Another religious leader had their number drawn for the 50/50 which leads me to believe that they are pulling some strings. John Kay moved us one step closer to the big payday by getting rid of a heart.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50p

**Program Notes:** Mark your calendar for these upcoming programs at Rotary. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Monica Heard from IDES will be on hand. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, don't miss John Kay with "The Road to Africa", a report on his extensive African trip from this past spring. On September 21<sup>st</sup> Al Schmidt presents "Myths about Suicide" and on September 28<sup>th</sup>, District Governor Ron Riggins makes an official visit. All programs are subject to change without notice. And remember, if you know of a person or organization that might make a great program for Rotary, please give their contact information to either Tom Atkins or Allen Stare. We would love to have them come see us some Friday.

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## **Weekly Meeting Friday, August 24, 2007 by Mike Schneider**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Mike Schneider.

### Announcements

Mike read a Thank You card received from the Play For All Park Committee thanking the club for its donation of two park benches for the park. It was announced that Diane Siefert has been proposed for membership by Anne Jackson. The foundation exploratory committee has met and examined the concept of a local Rotary foundation and will be making a recommendation to the Board of Director's at their September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mike asked any club member who has concerns regarding the establishment of a local foundation to notify him of their concern. He will send a letter to all Rotarians about the foundation. The fundraising committee is looking for locations at which Ferris Wheel tee shirts can be displayed and sold. There will be a Club Social at Mike Schneider's house September 14 starting at 5:00pm. The membership committee will meet 8/28 at noon at Vics. The fundraising Committee will meet 8/20 at 5:00pm at the Library.

Dave Fisher and Jan Williams were greeters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the club followed by the singing of America. Bob Faulk gave an invocation. Fred Osburn led the singing.

### Guests

Dick Pasmore, District Governor elect was introduced by Keith Lape. Kristine Smith was visiting from Springfield's Midtown club. Other visitors were Viviana, our exchange student from Columbia, Diane Siefert, and the John McCord family.

Induction

Kelly Gross, proposed by Toni Long, was inducted into the Jacksonville Rotary Club by President Mike Schneider.

Recognitions

Craig Albers led recognitions and rotations. Craig and Allan read an ode to our legislators quoted from Open Line. Among other recognitions and rotations the club learned that Carol Carl is a grandma, Fred Clinton has a fan, and the Williams family gave verbal kisses to Viviana.

Program

Wolf introduced John McCord who gave a powerful portrayal of abolitionist William Wilberforce.

The meeting ended with the recitation of the Four Way Test, and Kelly Gross not winning 50/50.

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***See you at Rotary This Friday - Bring a Guest***

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