

News & Notes

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Smile time

A cop was patrolling late at night in a well known spot when he sees a couple in a car, with the interior light brightly glowing.

The cop carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a magazine.

He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, filing her nails.

Puzzled by the surprising situation, the cop walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window.

The young man lowers his window, "Uh, yes, Officer?"

The cop says: "What are you doing?"

The young man says: "Well, Officer, I am reading a magazine."

Pointing toward the back seat, the cop asks, "And her, what is she doing?"

The young man shrugs: "Sir, I believe she's filing her fingernails."

Now the cop is totally confused. A young couple, alone, in a car, at night in lover's lane, and nothing appears to be happening!

The cop asks: "What's your age, young man?"

"I'm 22 sir," he answers politely.

The cop asks: "And her . . . What's her age?"

The young man looks at his watch and replies: "She'll be 18 in 11 minutes."

Rotary Calendar

- Nov. 12** - Salvation Army Bell Ringers - 2 to 8 p.m., Wentzville Schnucks.
- Nov. 15** - Rotary Day at the Rams (polio fundraiser)
- Nov. 19** - Old Newsboys Day, 6 a.m., Bread Co.
- Dec. 2** - Bell Ringers, 2 to 8 p.m., Wal-Mart.
- Dec. 6** - Christmas Banquet, Pitman Center.



Thanks Del. Rotary President-elect **Robert Smith** holds a check for \$1,000 which was presented to the club by **Drew Rector**, president, SMS St. Joseph West Hospital, as a thank you to **Dr. Del Moeller**, OB-GYN, who recently gave the hospital some valuable equipment. Dr. Moeller requested that Rotary donate the money to the capital funds for a new Wentzville Senior Center, in honor of the late Kathy Schramm. Mrs. Schramm was widely known for her volunteer work as a Board member at West and in numerous other community efforts.

It's Rotary Foundation Month . . .

Fittingly, our joint adventure with other Rotarians to purchase a surgical microscope has succeeded

Two years ago, then District Rotary Foundation Chairman **Dr. Todd Lindley**, our guest speaker today, offered Wentzville the opportunity to be the International Host Club for a joint venture between seven Rotary clubs, three Rotary districts and a Rotary Action Group's Donor Advised Fund to fund the purchase of a \$60,000 ophthalmic operating surgical microscope for the LRBT Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan.

This microscope is a world-class piece of equipment which is being used to perform free eye surgeries for poor people seeking treatment from the LRBT Hospital. The microscope is also an excellent teaching tool, providing for use by two surgeons while providing a video feed to near nearby computers or video screens.

The Rotary Club of Lahore Cantt, Pakistan was the host country sponsoring club. They were also able to purchase a virectomy cutter.

Three Wentzville Club members at that time—President **Howard Emerson**, Past President **Pat Komoroski**, and member **Dr. Dalius Kedainis** — signed on as the international host club representatives for the project. Later, **Paul Lambi** replaced Emerson as the club president and **Donna-Marie Pierre** replaced Komoroski, who transferred to the Florissant club.

This week, we received word that the project, which cost \$60,000, has been completed and that, in a period between April 24 and June 16 of this year, the microscope was used in 1,060 procedures, helping restore sight to the people of Pakistan. At that rate, tens of thousands of patients will benefit from the grant from Rotarians.