

Marshfield Rotary Club

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Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone made it through the snow and cold safe and sound.

On Tuesday, January 5th the Marshfield Rotary Club along with guest David Doherty with the WebCo Custom Industries and guest speaker Bobbi Ragsdale with the Webster Electric Foundation held its weekly luncheon meeting at Sheila's Southtowne Grill. Bobbi spoke about all of the great work that the Webster Electric Foundation has been able to do with funds provided by Operation Round Up. Over the past 10 years, the Foundation has provided approximately \$900,000.00 in awards to help with different projects. Their focus is to help improve our local communities. Organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Rogersville Senior Center Housing have all benefited from money and assistance provided by the Foundation. To learn more go to <http://www.websterec.com/foundation/>.

On Tuesday, January 12th the Marshfield Rotary Club along with guest speaker Sam Rost with the Public Works Department held its weekly luncheon meeting at Sheila's Southtowne Grill. Sam Rost gave an illuminating and informative speech on the recent history of Marshfield's water supply. Sam also discussed and answered questions regarding current and future water issues such as the possibility of regular chlorination and placement of new towers. For more information go to <http://www.marshfieldmo.gov/>.

On Tuesday, January 19th, Marshfield Rotary Club along with guest speakers Melinda Van Note, Suzanne Thoms and Leslie Thomas held its weekly luncheon meeting at Sheila's Southtowne Grill. Melinda, Suzanne and Leslie spoke about the Parents As Teachers program and its partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. PAT offers support and guidance to parents of children from birth to 5 years of age. Through regular visits, either in-home or in a school setting, children's mental, physical and emotional development are evaluated and advice and tools are offered to parents. Through the Imagination Library, 500 children ages birth to 5 in the Marshfield School District have been signed up by their parents to receive a free book through the mail on a monthly basis. A donation of only \$32 can provide one child a year of books. To learn more visit <http://www.marshfieldbluejays.org/> and click on the Parents as Teachers button along the top. To donate to the Imagination Library contact Ruth Brooks of Brooks Gas, call PAT at (417) 859-2120 ext 2421 or attend the 4th Annual Community Indoor Garage Sale being held February 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Marshfield Community Center and visit the PAT booth. For more information about the sale contact Suzanne Thoms at (417) 859-4924.