

Marshfield Rotary Club

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I failed to mention an important item in last week's column. We all know that Joplin native Jamie McMurray won the Daytona 500 on February 14th. However, there was also a Marshfield connection. The large logo decals on the car were created by our Label Solutions, Inc., which is co-owned and operated by our very own Rotarian Rick Jones here in Marshfield. Way to go Marshfield and Label Solutions, Inc!

Since 1985, eradicating polio worldwide has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Rotary invites the public to support the polio eradication initiative by visiting rotary.org/endpolio. Cell phone users can donate \$5 by texting the word "polio" to 90999 during the week of March 7th to March 13th. Text early and text often!

On March 2nd, the club along with guest speaker Carla McDaniel, Co-Chair of the Rotary District 6080 Literacy Task Force Director and Rotary Assistant District Governor Joe Stokes met at Sheila's. Carla reported to the club that there are more than 800 million people over the age of 15 who cannot read or write and that 64% of them are women. 90 million of those people live in the United States and 1 in 6 adults over the age of 16 cannot fill out simple information on a job application. Think that reading, writing and basic math skills are not important? Try to imagine yourself giving your child the proper dosage of medication without being able to read the label, filling out a medical questionnaire, or signing a permission slip for your child to go on a field trip? Literacy is a basic, fundamental skill that every person should have the ability to attain. Give a person the gift of life through the gift of literacy. Support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library offered through our local Parents As Teachers or volunteer to teach others. Visit http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/adult_ed_and_literacy_index.htm