



Willoughby RotaReview

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From President Dave

March 1961 was the Charter date of the Willoughby Rotary Club. In looking to its celebratory 50th year a steering committee has been formed under the guidance of one of the original Charter Member's in the Club – Jim Collins.

The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee is developing a plan to recognize the achievements of the club and its members during this remarkable span of time.

The Willoughby Rotary Club has three of the original Charter members still active in the club, the members include: Mel Andrews, Jim Collins and Dr. Walt Sargent.

During this span of years, the Willoughby Rotary Club has lived the motto "Service Above Self" through countless acts of support for community initiatives and needs, scholarships and donations to numerous organizations. The Club too has maintained a commitment to RI's founder Paul Harris original vision of providing a network of support of like-minded community leaders to manage the myriad of needs of business, community betterment and personal growth.

In just a little over a year we'll celebrate the club's 50th year! If in the archives of other club's or members files there are pictures of events or activities related to the early years in our club's history – we would appreciate receiving copies. Please contact us through our club web site. We look forward to our 50th year in early 2011 and support the plans of the steering committee as they prepare for our gold anniversary!

My Best Regards,

David L. Schell
President Willoughby Rotary Club

Christmas Party December 11 at Breckenridge!

This year's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at Breckenridge. For the gift exchange, **each person needs to bring a gift-wrapped present** – each item should be approximately \$10-15 in value.

For those new to the event, we'll share drinks, dinner, and camaraderie. After dinner, you will draw a number and we will gather round the pile of gifts. The person with the first number will be asked to come up, select a gift, and unwrap it for all to see. The first person will then sit down (for the time being), and the second will come forward to select a present.



Steve Mitrovich steals a present from Rev. Bob Schuhler at the 2002 party

If the second person doesn't like the gift selected, s/he may exchange it with the first person. This procedure will continue with each person – you have one chance at swapping the gift you chose randomly with one already opened. At the end of the evening, the person who went first – and had no opportunity to swap – will get their turn.

To help liven the evening, funny and unusual gifts are encouraged. Past gifts have included:

- The (in)famous portrait of Carmen Cesa,



the originator of our Christmas gift exchange. (Incredibly, in 1996, people traded FOR Carmen's picture TWICE!)

- Stuffed animals or animal slippers.
- Wine.
- Ten dollars worth of lottery tickets (no one has every reported back on the net value of those tickets).
- Candy or nuts (no snacking on the goodies to discourage others from stealing the gift).
- Games and toys.

Usually, a few items prove extremely popular, and are constantly swapped. Of course, there may be an item that stays where it started, often to the vocal chagrin of the member pleading for an exchange!

We hope you will attend this strictly-for-fun social evening. Please note that the 4-Way Test is suspended during the festivities!

For Your Entertainment - More from the Disciples of Murphy's Law

When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane and going the wrong way.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.

Success always occurs in private. Failure occurs in full view.

The hardness of butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the ability to reach it.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.

To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you.

Nothing is foolproof to a talented fool.

November Programs

2	Barbara Marlowe and Teeba	Local family caring for injured Iraqi girl
9	Jan Merrick, Mary Ann Radocaj	Veteran's Tribute - Honor Flight
16	Craig & Sara de Fasselle	Denali & Kenai Fjords National Parks
23	Jim Collins	Mounds Club Robbery
30	Dale Fellows	Did the Constitution Ensure a Civil War?