



## Thursday, April 1, 2004

### This Week's Program

John Scudder is this week's host. His guest today is Robert L. Butler, Mayor of Marion, IL. Mayor Butler will have many words of wisdom for all of our club members.

### Next Week's Program

Steve Shafer will be next week's program host. His guest will be Lee Crisp of Pepsi Midamerica Co. Our Rotary Club Board is also planning a short press conference before the start of the program.

### Rotarian Birthdays

Bob Boyl..... April 2nd  
Steve Shafer..... April 6th  
George Sheppard..... April 1st

### Spouses Birthdays

Emilie A. (Wayne) Gerlock..... April 4th  
Janice (John) O'Keefe..... April 1st  
Georgiana (Jim) Richey..... April 4th



### Wedding Anniversaries

None this week

### Next Travelogue

On Thursdays, April 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Sandy Mortimer will present at the MHS Auditorium. "Ireland: Celtic Myths And Splendors"

### Rotary Club Greeters (11:30am to Noon)

Apr. 01, 2004	Front (Main St.) Door	Parking Lot Door
Apr. 08, 2004	Gene Watson	Sandra Jent
Apr. 15, 2004	James Doughty	Marjorie Wright
	Mary Jo McCurdy	Ken King

### Rotary Amphitheater Project News

The Rotary Centennial Committee continues to work on bringing the Amphitheater Project to reality. The Marion Rotary Club Board of Directors recently approved starting construction as soon as weather and scheduling permits. This will allow the club to build the Amphitheater during the summer construction season. We still need contributions to bring our project fund up to our goal.

### Humor of the Week

A little boy, who wanted \$100.00 very badly, prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write GOD a letter requesting \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter to GOD, U.S.A., they decided to send it to the President. The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the boy \$5.00. Mr. President thought that this would appear to be a lot of money to the little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and immediately sat down to write a thank you note to GOD that read: *Dear God, Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, D.C., and, as usual, those JERKS deducted \$95.00 for taxes!*

### Did You Know?

Today is "All Fools Day" or, as it is known in the U.S., "April Fools Day." In 1564, King Charles IX of France decreed that with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, New Year's be moved from April 1st to January 1st. Those who refused or forgot were ridiculed by being sent foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The butt of such a prank was known as a "poisson d'avril." Over a period of nearly two hundred years, the practice of playing such jokes spread from France to England to the U.S.

### Rotary Club Anniversaries

None this week

### Centennial Project Fund Cash & Pledges Update

# \$32,804.71