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**EFFINGHAM ROTARY CLUB**  
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## Christmas Party 2011

**28 November 2011**

Despite the rain and cold temperatures, we had a great turnout! The valet parking option was a huge hit especially with the weather. Santa Claus greeted guests and checked his list, finding those who had been naughty and nice.



Everyone commented on the wonderful change of pace in regards to food and venue. President Norma Lansing congratulated Ted Keller on his 50 years as a Rotarian and presented him a celebratory cake.



**Newlin Martin, Babbo Natale (that's Santa in Italy) and Donna Martin at Joe's Monday evening.**

Rotarians opened their hearts and their wallets after hearing from Jason Wrone who spoke on behalf of the Big Brother / Big Sister organization here in the Effingham community. Over \$400 was collected as we passed the hat to help the young boys and girls who need adult guidance, friendship, and love. Learn more here: <http://www.joinssomethingbig.org/>

Local musicians, Eric Norman and Travis Goeckner, provided acoustic entertainment as the crowd visited with one another. A great time was had by all those who attended.

Zeb Collier, Andrew Donsbach and Joe Garland were our valets from EHS and we thank Mike McCollum for arranging for our valets. (everyone did get their own car back?)

*Social Committeewomen Christy Hakman and Libby Moeller provided the scenario for this week's bulletin. Thank you, editor.*

**Libby Moeller showing the anniversary cake honoring Ted Keller's 50 years in Rotary.**




## December 7

2011 Vocational Excellence Award winner and Program Chair Dave Ring has invited Greg Sidwell, District 6490 Foundation Chairman for the Annual Giving Program to give an overview of the program.



## STUFF YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

- ❖ Our Rotary Youth Exchange Student Maricruz Martinez from Orizaba, Veracruz, Mexico is staying with Jack and Darlene Poff through December. The Youth Exchange Committee is exploring for additional host families. One needn't be a Rotarian, just available to host and help. Eric is working on next year's student and indicated the Whitt family in Altamont may be a host for a portion of the 2012-2013 year.
- ❖ *For everyone's attention*, according to President Norma and President-elect Rosie, Heartland Landscaping, formerly Nobsch Nurseries, is going to plant some of the trees, i.e., two Sunset Maples, two Crimson Maples, and two Sugar Maples at Evergreen Hollow Park as part of our District Simplified grant next week. If the weather is decent members will be invited to attend. Watch this space  for more details.



## VOLUNTEERS FOR ART

- ❖ Are you able to help bring Art Schottman to Rotary? **Larry Ensign** and **Jim Gartner** have volunteered; **Jon Sills** is helping, too. **President Norma** says she would like TWO more so the schedule can work on a rotation basis.



There were over 120 elves from the two clubs at the party



## MAKE-UPS

**The Christmas Party** Monday evening was the “regular” weekly meeting for our club and for the Sunrise club. If you didn’t make it out on that cold and rainy evening or to another club you can always do your Rotary membership duty on line. <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>



## HI TECH PRESENTATION FOR YOUR PROGRAM?



Computer/laptop projector and Wi-Fi are available at First Baptist Church – please make arrangements BEFORE your program.

You may need a special connector or adaptor from your unit, i.e., your computer, to the projector...talk to President Norma Lansing and arrive early to set-up, please

**NOT ALL COMPUTERS OR PROJECTORS ARE CREATED EQUAL  
DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING!**

## REASONS TO CELEBRATE (NEXT 10 DAYS)

Bob Fergus	December 4
Claude Hudson	December 4
Carl Siepker	December 8



And one more...

