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## WHAT'S HAPPENING? - The Weekly Newsletter of Northlake Mandeville Rotary - Vol. 1 No. 8

**WE DID NOT MEET-** yesterday was Thanksgiving! (May we be last to wish you Happy Thanksgiving, and first to say Merry Christmas!)

**We serve others:**

### \* Feeding the Needy - FRIDAY



*Tom, Bob and Jim were among a dozen Mandeville Rotarians who paid \$100 for their lunch last Friday at Covington Rotary's big annual fund raiser. Event Chairman John Baldwin said one in six St. Tammany Parish children goes to bed hungry. In Washington and Tangipahoa it is one in five! Our fellow Rotarians need us at the St. Paul's School Cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. Christmas Morning to help deliver turkey dinners to over 1,500 families. One problem - several hundred boxes need to go to the Franklinton area. If you can't make Christmas Day, go to the Food Bank Monday morning at 8:45 and help pack boxes!*

### \* Alzheimer's Walk - SATURDAY



*There were quite a few familiar faces in bright yellow t-shirts at this year's Alzheimer's Walk at Fountainbleu State Park. Mandeville Rotarians handed out flowers to many participants. And most made the walk as well.*

### \* Snow Village – SUNDAY



*What a beautiful display of a tiny snow-covered Christmas Village with the model trains running through it and all!! Mandeville Rotarian Greg Cannizzaro and his helpers got it together over the past couple of weekends. It is now up and running each evening from 5:30 until 10:30 in the Aquarius Pool Building on Lafitte Street, at the corner of Gen. Pershing and Lafitte. You really should take the kids!! (This kid is going tonight!)*

## **34 YEARS - PERFECT ATTENDANCE** **ROGER WILSON, OTTAWA, CANADA**



*We had such an interesting visitor at our last meeting - Ottawa Canadian Roger Wilson - who has maintained 34 years of perfect attendance! (Tell that to some of our members who we have not seen for three months!) He and his wife pull an Airstream R.V. south for the winter, and spend summers "back up home." They have visited every state in the U.S. except Rhode Island and Connecticut! He retired after a long career with YMCA. And then he was with U.S.A.I.D. worldwide, and the Canadian International Development Association in the Caribbean. He said he and his wife think Rotary is **WONDERFUL!!***

**\* YESTERDAY WAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY** which began in 1621 when the Indians and Plymouth colonists broke bread together. Thanksgiving was declared an official holiday in 1863 by President Lincoln. In the midst of the Civil War, he proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. Here's what St. Paul wrote in **2Corinthians 10:11** "**You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God,...**" Is that what Rotary's all about? Do we help others to thank God for all the many blessings he bestows on us?

**AND FINALLY** J.B. Priestly complained: "There was no respect for youth when I was young, and now that I am old, there is no respect for age. I missed it coming and going!"

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