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Banner given in memory of past Rotarian Ed Tubbs

Sons of the late Ed Tubbs of Maquoketa display a banner that Bill Tubbs presented to the Maquoketa Rotary Club recently in memory of his father, a longtime Rotarian and community leader who died in September. The banner lists Rotary's four-way test, a set of four questions adopted by the worldwide service organization as a guideline for making decisions. The four-way test asks, "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" From left are Sherry Kindsfather, Maquoketa Rotary Club president; Bill Tubbs, a member of the Eldridge Rotary Club and former Rotary district governor; Al Tubbs, a member of the Maquoketa Rotary Club, and Steve Tubbs.

Collections continue for Christmas

By KELLY GERLACH

Tables sprinkled with lonely unwrapped presents line the walls of a portion of Pearson Memorial Hall, where Jackson County's Toys for Tots donations are being sorted this year.

Each table represents an age group - 0-1, 1-2, 3-4, etc. Tony Todorich, the all-star elf of the year according to head elf Ron Schaefer, organized the system to make U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy sorting and distribution easier for the volunteers involved.

But arranged in such order, a stark reality becomes apparent. The program lacks much in the way of Christmas gifts for children from birth to 6 years of age, especially toys for girls age birth to 2 years.

Sure, there are basketballs, books, board games, airplanes, puzzles, and other gifts for older youths because Toys for Tots provides gifts for those birth to 17 years old. Traditionally the older children prove the most challenging to shop for. But it's the youngest of them all who could be without gifts this Christmas.

"We're at 40 percent of where we need to be (overall)," Schaefer said last week. "So if you're shopping for Christmas presents for the children in your life, buy one extra to help someone in need. It's really easy."

Toys for Tots added a great deal of toys to its collection over the weekend. 3 Guys and a Bus donated the use of the bus and fuel for a day, transporting volunteers to Toys R Us in Davenport Saturday morning to purchase toys. The toy store donated \$2,000 to Jackson County's Toys for Tots program, and the local elves made sure to get their money's worth,



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How many toys does it take to stuff a bus? A lot. And that's just what Jackson County's Toys for Tots volunteers learned Saturday as families stopped by Timber Lanes to fill a bus with toys. 3 Guys & A Bus donated use of a bus for the event, which collected an estimated \$2,000 worth of toys for children in need.

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