

Rotary News

Serving Vigo County

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Meet New Member—Tom Tucker

Tom was raised in Oklahoma City, attended Will Rogers High School in Tulsa and graduated from Oklahoma State University.

After a stint in the Army, he went to work for Raytheon Company, a leader in the new field of anti-aircraft guided missiles. During 35 years with Raytheon, he managed one of their largest missile programs and was President of their subsidiary in France where he lived for five years. In 1986 he met Dr. Sheron Dailey, a Professor at ISU, when they were assigned same

seat on a flight from Denver to Tucson. He married Dr. Sheron in 1990 and retired two years later to move to Terre Haute. They live with their two Scotties on a private lake near Blackhawk.

Since moving to Terre Haute, Tom has consulted for two high-tech companies, been Finance Chairman and National Delegate for the local Republicans, served on the Board of the Country Club of Terre Haute, advised his fraternity (Sigma Chi) at ISU and plays a lot of golf and tennis. Please wel-



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come Tom Tucker as one of the Downtown Rotary Club's newest members.

Member Profile—Steve Songer

Steve Songer was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana and came to Terre Haute to attend ISU on a baseball athletic scholarship in August of 1967. He earned a Bachelor and Master Degrees from ISU.

Steve, who is a Registered Investment Advisor, Certified Senior Advisor and an Certified Estate Planner, is in the financial services business since 1980, having his own practice since 1988. His focus has been on retirement and estate planning for retirees and small businesses.

He hasn't left his baseball roots and is proud to say that he

managed four state champion youth baseball teams. He met his wife Diane who was a cheerleader at ISU, while working on her Bachelor and Master degrees. Steve says, "I am proud to tell people I married my college sweetheart and sleep with my best friend every night. We have three intelligent and, athletic sons who are succeeding in spite of their father. They have either graduated from, or are attending, Purdue University. I think Diane and I are living the all-American dream."

Beside Rotary, Steve has been involved in Leadership Terre Haute, The Chamber of Commerce, ISU "I" Club, Jr. Achieve-

ment, Theta Chi Fraternity, Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club and youth baseball at all levels.

Professionally, he is in The Financial Planning Association, The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, The Estate Planning Council of Central Illiana and The Society of Certified Senior Advisors.

Steve is looking forward to what should be the best professional years of his life and seeing his sons graduate from Purdue.

Rebuilding Together—By John O'Day

Rebuilding Together work day will be held on **May 1, 2004**. We will meet at Chauncey Rose Middle School in the morning and go to our assigned house from there.

The purpose of Rebuilding Together is for community organizations, business, and clubs to help elderly, handicapped, and low income individuals fix and repair their homes no cost to them.

The South Rotary has chosen not to participate in Rebuilding Together this year, so we will partner with Union Hospital on this project.

Sally Stewart has graciously volunteered to be the House Captain and will be coordinating volunteers and the work done on the house. Work will consist of replacing the front and rear outdoor steps and finishing remodeling work inside the home. The landowner started many of

these repairs and upgrades, but was unable to finish due to illness.

Sign up sheets will be available in April. A limited number of volunteers will be needed so if you have a red badge you'll need to sign up early.

Those Rotarians who are especially skilled at woodwork and remodeling, please contact Sally now to see if you can assist in the planning.

Pediatricians to Award Rotary International for Polio Project

(Washington, D.C., USA — February 20, 2004) The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will present its Excellence in Public Service Award (EPSA) tomorrow to Rotary International for its work to eradicate polio worldwide. Each year, the AAP honors national officials and organizations for distinguished service on behalf of children and adolescents and their health care. "Rotarians are child advocates in action. They have raised \$500 million, and delivered vaccine around the globe to prevent children from contracting a crippling and life-threatening disease," said AAP President Carden Johnston, M.D., FAAP "Rotarians, like pediatricians, know prevention is much better than treatment."

Rotary is an organization of 1.2 million business and professional leaders from more than 160 countries united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's community-based leadership, volunteer support and ini-

tial funding for vaccine in 1985 were the catalyst for the World Health Assembly's resolution in 1988 to eradicate polio. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded in part by Rotary, has helped reduce the cases of polio from approximately 350,000 cases in 1988 to fewer than 1,000 cases in 2003. Polio is a virus that attacks the brain and spinal cord, and can cause paralysis and death.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Rotary members worldwide whom have volunteered their time and personal resources toward a polio-free world," said Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe. "Though almost forgotten in the United States, polio is still crippling and killing children in six countries in Africa and Southeast Asia. As Rotary was the first to have the vision of a polio-free world, we are more committed than ever to ensuring that every child is safe from this age-old scourge."

AAP Immediate Past President E.

Stephen Edwards, M.D. FAAP, will present the EPSA award to Mr. Majiyagbe tomorrow evening during the Rotary International Assembly in Anaheim, CA.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 57,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The Academy is a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary has recently established the Rotary Centers for International Studies at prestigious universities throughout the world.

Rotary Foundation News—By Craig McKee

The enormity of eradicating polio and Rotary's critical role in that ongoing effort is highlighted in a fascinating piece in the January 12th edition of *The New Yorker*. Entitled "The Mop-Up," author Atul Gawande, a physician and superb essayist, recounts his experience with a World Health Organization team in India responding to a reported case of polio.

Unlike smallpox, polio presents unique challenges to the eradication, from its detection to the immunization process. Regrettably, polio victims are far more difficult to identify, and this makes effective immunization difficult. As Dr. Gawande describes it:

"For every person who is paralyzed, between 200 and 1,000 infected people come down with little more than a stomach flu—and they remain silently contagious for several weeks after symptoms abate. Nor is every case of childhood paralysis polio; and it usually takes a couple of weeks of stool specimens to be

obtained, delivered to a laboratory, and properly tested. By the time one case has been identified, scores more people have been infected. As a result, the area targeted for polio immunization must be far larger than that for smallpox. And, whereas people needed to be vaccinated against smallpox only once a single dose of polio vaccine does not always take In logistical terms, it's the difference between extinguishing a candle flame and putting out a forest fire."

Despite these daunting circumstances, Rotary and WHO have made an enormous difference for more than a decade. During one week in 1997, 250 million children were vaccinated simultaneously in China, India, Bhutan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, and Burma. Dr. Gawande notes that "in each of the past three years, national immunization days have reached more than half a billion children—almost a tenth of the world's population."

His article focuses on a three-day "mop up" of an area called Karnataka in India fol-

lowing a reported case of polio. The WHO team was working in a region with an estimated population of just less than three million persons in which 52% of males and 74% of females were illiterate, and the entire region was served by only 99 physicians in the public health system. The Rotary Club of India instantly arranged for the printing and distribution of banners announcing the immunization efforts.

While Rotary has not yet received the enormous credit it deserves for providing more than a half a billion dollars to support this effort, this article is an astonishing account of the efforts taken to eradicate polio and the daunting challenges of public health in many places around the world.

(For those interested in Dr. Gawande's superb essays about medical issues in the United States, his recent book, "Complications," a National Book Award Nominee in 2002, is recommended.)

District 6580 News

Local Student Named Rotary "Ambassador"

Bloomington, IN – Matthew James Konieczny, sponsored by the Bloomington Rotary Club in Southern Indiana's Rotary District 6580, was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. Konieczny plans to study at the Institute Polonistyki in Krakow, Poland.

Originally from Michigan, Konieczny received a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Michigan State University and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Michigan. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in East European History at Indiana University, Bloomington. As an Ambassadorial Scholar, he intends to study Polish history, which will help

him gain a deeper understanding of the cultural and social context of Eastern Europe.

Konieczny will receive funding to cover round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and necessary educational supplies for one academic year, up to a maximum amount of US\$25,000.

Board Meeting Notes

A recommendation was made from the investment committee to move \$10,000 from savings bearing 0.6% interest and move it to a 3 year Money Market CD bearing 2.7%. This recommendation was approved.

Two new members were approved:

Brian Ross an optometrist and Curt Pennington from Saturn.

Membership committee reminded the board that the member that brings in the most new members in 2003-2004 year will receive a dinner for two at the Apple Club.

May 1st is the date for "Rebuilding

Together"

April 15-17 is the District Rotary Conference.

\$166 was collected from the Happy Jar in February. The Holliday in charges us \$123 every time we use the projector, this is an unbudgeted expense.

Upcoming Programs

March 2, 2004—Marylyn Rolle, Supervisor of Adult Education Programs for the VCSC will discuss the educational programs available for adults, especially the GED.

March 9, 2004—Jordon Cundiff, US Army Military Intelligence is home on 30 day leave and will talk about his experience in Iraq.

March 16, 2004—Dr. William Giffin from the Indiana State

University History Department will address the topic of Irish immigration to the Wabash Valley and the building of the Erie Canal.

March 23, 2004—TBA

March 30, 2004—Bill Ramirez, General Manager from ThyssenKrupp. Also, the club will hear speech finalists from Terre Haute North and West Vigo High Schools. The finalist selected by the club will go on

to represent Terre Haute in the District Rotary Contest.

March Birthdays

George Brattain—March 10

Richard Burger—March 22

Veronica Daugherty—March 27

Dale Hendricks—March 31

Don Jordan—March 19

Jeffrey Lewellyn—March 7

Mary Caye Pfister—March 8

Dave Piker—March 8

Jeff Pittman—March 12

Dr. Robert Quatroche—March 15

Richard Schultz—March 18

Don Scott—March 25

Tom Siefert—March 19



Happy Birthday!!!

What are they saying about Rotary?

"[Rotary has] proven how much can be accomplished when a group selflessly uses every ounce of the political capital it has to help the world's most disenfranchised children."

- **William H. Gates Sr., Co-**

chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

"Rotary's PolioPlus Program is a shining example of the achievements made possible by cooperation between the United Na-

tions and non-governmental organizations."

- **Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....John O'Day
 Newsletter.....Joyce Keenan, Ray Brauer, Wendy McComick, Frances Campbell
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart, Sherri Mahurin
 Program.....Steve Songer, Bill Tromble
 Public Relations.....Brian Krawiec, Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Richard Schultz
Community Service.....Gary Wagner
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods
 Environmental Protection.....Todd Pepperworth
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Christmas in April.....John O'Day
 Habitat for Humanity.....John Adkins

Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
 Salvation Army.....JoEllen Orndorf
Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee
 Ten-for-one club.....Craig McKee
 Paul Harris Awards.....Stephanie Welsh
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Jean Williams
Membership.....Sally Stewart
 Membership Growth.....Lisa Pepperworth
 Classifications.....Tom Dever
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks
Vocational Service.....Jeff Pittman

2003-2004 Officers and Board Members

President.....Mike Hopper
 President-elect.....Lisa Pepperworth
 Vice-President.....John O'Day
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Gary Schomer
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins

2003-2005
 Tom Dever
 Pat O'Leary
 Craig McKee
 Sally Stewart
 Mike Eldred
 Barbara Passmore

2002-2004
 Bill Tennis
 Joyce Keenan
 Kim Ingalsbe
 Mike Collins
 Mary Caye Pfister
 Mel Krueger

Attendance Honor Roll (those above 95%)

Ray Brauer 106%	Mary Caye Pfister 100%	Sally Stewart 100%
Frances Campbell 106%	Gary Schomer 114%	Bill Tennis 131%
Michael Collins 103%	Tom Siefer 106%	Stephanie Welsh 106%
Mike Hopper 109%	Steve Songer 100%	Charlie Williams 107%
Joyce Keenan 100%	Linda Stanley 109%	David Mitchell 111%
Mark Kester 117%	Paul Stanley 103%	Charles Shutt 100%

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/throtary.htm](http://www.wvgoodwill.org/throtary.htm)

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris 12:00 p.m. Cafe` France
Princeton 12:00 p.m. Gibson General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 a.m. Marshall Family Restaurant
Casey 12:00 p.m. Richards Farm
Indianapolis 12:00 p.m. Athletic Club
Sullivan 12:00 p.m. Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 a.m. Terre Vin Winery
Brazil 12:00 p.m. Elks Club
Greencastle 12:00 p.m. Walden Inn
Linton 12:00 p.m. Elks Club
Plainfield 12:00 p.m. Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 a.m. Holiday Inn

Newsletter has a new look!

Based on a survey that was conducted in February, the March newsletter has a new look. As you may have noticed, the newsletter now has a mixture of club news, district news, national/international news, and fun items such as birthdays, member/new member profiles, and quotes from noteworthy individuals.

The purpose of the change was to make the newsletter more "newsworthy", update membership on upcoming events and activities and not just reporting on past activities, and expand the scope of how our member-

ship views Rotary beyond just our club into the district, national, and international levels.

Any member can, and is encouraged to, submit articles to the club newsletter. If you are in charge of a club activity, committee, or you are involved in a community organization and they have an event or activity you would like to publicize to the Rotary membership, please submit your articles/news stories to the newsletter editors by the last Thursday of each month.

The newsletter will be published

once/month and will be available on the table on the first meeting of each month. A copy will also be available on the club website. We will be working on a system to have the newsletter emailed in the coming months.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the club newsletter, please send them to:

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