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SERVICE Above Self

Two Award Nomination Deadlines Near

*FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE
CITATION FOR INDIVIDUAL
ROTARIANS PAUL HARRIS
COMMUNITY AWARD*

If you would like to submit the name of an individual that you believe merits consideration for either of these two honorary awards, please submit a nomination form to Brian Miller by faxing to 235-2952 or emailing to miller@millerwhite.com. The Deadline for these award nominations is May 9, 2006.

The nominee for the Four Avenues of Service award must be an active Rotarian who consistently demonstrated support of the Object of Rotary through participation in service activities in each of the four Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, and International.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Community Award is to recognize an individual from the area who has brought noteworthy recognition to the community. The award is designed for non-Rotarians for their work in carrying out the ideal of service above self.

Criteria for the awards are available at the check-in table or by contacting Brian Miller by the email or fax listed above, or by calling 232-2875.

David C. Mitchell lived all over the Western Hemisphere

Editor's Note: I submit this largely unedited account from Dave Mitchell whose frank opinions (read about Montreal), unique brand of humor (his Terre Haute school memories), experiences (walking the floor of the Stock Exchange), and reflective observations (electrical linemen reading poems) make this a fascinating life story.

I was born in Appleton, Wisconsin where my father taught at Lawrence College. We moved to Greencastle, where he taught at DePauw and then on to Terre Haute where he became the head of the Social Studies Department of Indiana State Teachers College. An outstanding moment in grade school at Collette was an organized snowball fight between two different grades. By attacking both from the front and the back by circling around behind the building, we won. On to McLean Junior High School where an outstanding moment was playing in the school band, marching down Wabash Avenue playing a trumpet on a brick surface with street car tracks about where our line of march was. On to Garfield High School, where I found that girls are much better to know than I had thought.

The most outstanding moments next came from volunteering for the United States Army Air Force to become a navigator who is never lost, but at times, uncertain of his position. Riding in the Emerson nose turret at gunnery school is a never to be forgotten experience as was receiving my navigator's wings.

I married Jerry Penman, a graduate of ISU from Brazil, Indiana, and following this, in 1948, graduated from Rose-Hulman. Off we went into the big field of business at The Detroit Edison Company. From there to the Westinghouse Atomic Power Division to help design the engine for the submarine, Nautilus, which for an engineer is just plain hard work and lots of fun. Next, to Montreal, Quebec, Canada to join C.I.P., (Canadian International Power Company, Ltd.), owners of power companies in Venezuela (2), San Salvador, El Salvador, Monterrey, Mexico, Georgetown, British Guyana, Bolivia (2) and later Barbados. We moved 23 times for the company. Our first assignment was Oruro, Bolivia where the British ran the railways, the Germans owned the hardware stores, the eastern Europeans owned the grocery stores and the Americans, with the Dutch were mainly tin miners. Staffs of these companies were both nationals and Bolivians.

In Monterrey I helped with the sale of our company to the Government. While there I occasionally picked up a case of a new ice cream topping made by Kraft foods in Monterrey and gave out sample jars to friends for taste testing and color stability. While General Manager in El Salvador, I worked out a contract between the Company and the Government, and we electrified 125 villages and towns, relamped the city street lighting, started a pension plan, a housing scheme for the employees, a new office building and a new sports field. A memorable experience there was a hum dinger of an earthquake. And returning to Bolivia worked on efforts to turn around the public image of the company. We increased customers, built additional power plants, transmission lines, etc. I was impressed at Company parties by the great desire of the linemen of the company reading their poems. I still cannot quite get over that.

Board Meeting Notes

- Board passed a new resolution concerning the use of the Rotary email list: "The email communication system is for use by the President of the Club, Club Officers, Board of Directors, and Club Committee Chairs for the sole purpose of distributing information to club members regarding our programs, service opportunities, announcements, and any notices as mandated by our by-laws regarding elections or bylaw changes. It may also be sued to distribute information about our District or

Rotary International organization as it affects our membership. The Club email system should not be used as a forum for discussions, debates, or dissemination of personal or business information or opinion. Any member who has comments, questions, or concerns about programs, projects, or procedures should be directed to the appropriate committee chairman, club officer, or board member."

- April attendance was 69.8% and YTD attendance was 74.4%.
- May 30 "Rotary 102" con-

ducted by Hugh Baker. Working on a June visit to Rotary International.

- Members who hosted the GSE teams will receive 1 makeup for every day they participated.
- Rotary picnic—June 6 at Fairbanks park.
- Happy Jar—\$286
- Foundation total—\$51,973.83
- Club total assets—operating—\$12,192.14

David C. Mitchell

lived all over the Western Hemisphere.....Continued

We also lived in Montreal three times. Things were fine until it went all Frenchie. Companies moved to Toronto by the dozens. I concluded that bilingualism for any country is a bad thing. The official language of a country is the glue that holds that country together. C.I.P. decided to liquidate and pass through to the shareholders the assets of the company. At that time I was asked to be President of the now independent Bolivian company, which was a Nova Scotia company. The Company went on the NASDAQ market and we were off to Bolivia again. We moved the head office from Montreal to New York just north of Grand Central Station on Park Avenue. Then we moved the head office to St. John's, Antigua in the Caribbean, then to La Paz, Bolivia and finally to Cincinnati, Ohio, where we lived for 20 years before decided to come home to roost in Terre Haute, our old stomping grounds.

Obviously, we had dozens and dozens of experiences. The one that stands out the most was going to New York when we left NASDAQ and switched over to the Wall Street market. When the market opened we checked to see how our company was doing and then we just roamed the floor, a great experience and great fun!

Some honors were given me along the way. I was president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce for Bolivia, President of the American Association in El Salvador, Honorary Consul of Bolivia for eastern Canada at one time and later for Ohio and Kentucky. In almost every city we lived, I was a member of Rotary International. Jerry participated in a wide variety of clubs and organizations. I will never forget when she volunteered to translate for the Russian ambassador's wife in one of the clubs. The Russian lady did not speak either English or Spanish, but the two of them got along somehow.

And, of course, there is much more. To stand on the main street in La Paz, Bolivia at 12,000 feet above sea level and to see the sun set on Mt. Illimani, a 21,000 mountain peak is an exquisite experience.

Today? Jerry is busy with the Woman's Department Club of Terre Haute, the Swope Alliance, the Friends of ISU-Cunningham Library and Arts Illiana. I enjoy SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), the Terre Haute Symphony Association and the Board of Trustees of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Rotary.

Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....Joyce Keenan
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer & Joyce Keenan
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart
 Program..... Bill Tromble & Todd Sullivan
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Bart Colwell
 Membership.....Charlie Williams
 Classifications.....Tom Dever, Mike Hopper
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks, Allen Varner
Community Service.....Paul Stanley
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods
 Environmental Protection.....Santhana Naidu & Brian Ross

Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
 Salvation Army.....Sally Stewart/
 Mike Morris
Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee
 Ten for one club.....Craig McKee
 Paul Harris Awards.....Stephanie Welsh
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Dave Mitchell
Vocational Service.....Brian Miller

2005-2006 Officers and Board Members

President.....Steve Songer
 President-elect.....Tom Dever
 Vice-President.....Paul Stanley
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Lisa Pepperworth
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins

<u>2004-2006</u>	<u>2005-2007</u>
Bill Aubin	Mike Collins
David Bolk	Bart Colwell
Lee Akers	Kim Ingalsbe
Joyce Keenan	Chuck Shutt
Brian Miller	Sally Stewart
Alice Shagley	Charlie Williams

MISSED MEETINGS are easy to make up by attending another club’s meeting; coming to a board meeting (first Monday of each month at the Goodwill Offices); doing a service project; attending a committee meeting; or going on-line, reading an interesting article about Rotary and answering a question or two.

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris Noon Cafe` France
 Princeton Noon General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family
 Restaurant

Casey Noon Richards Farm
 Indianapolis Noon
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 am Terre Vin Winery
 Brazil Noon Elks Club
 Greencastle Noon Walden Inn
 Linton Noon Elks Club

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

ON LINE MAKEUPS AT:

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