



Rotary News

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Upcoming

Sept 19 Speaker: Jerry Burns on the topic of historic buildings.

Sept 26 Speaker: Pat Board - AP & S health clinic.

Oct 3 Speaker: Dr. Joann Gora, President of Ball State University

Oct 10 Speaker: John Munchner speaking about the River Project.

Susi Willis - not your typical farmer's wife!

Indiana CPA Society Chairman of the Board, creative artist and cook, fashionista and weight lifter are just a few descriptions for Susi Willis who is a lifelong resident of Paris, IL. Recently celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary, Susi says that “(husband) Bruce owns farmland and since it would be tough to move his topsoil, we live in Paris!”

Susi became a CPA in 1988 and before she joined the regional public accounting firm of Larsson, Woodyard & Henson where she is a partner-in-charge of the Terre Haute office, she had another career in Medical Technology. Susi says,

“I always loved chemistry and biology in high school. I had never heard of medical technology when I registered for college - in fact, I was thinking about becoming a physician - a pathologist to be exact. I was flipping through course curriculum and discovered the course work for Med Tech had all the things I loved - lots of biology, chemistry, genetics, and so forth. If I decided to go to med school, I'd have a perfect foundation - and if not, I had an immediate career in science.”

Susi graduated from ISU in 1977 after a year of internship at St. Francis Hospital Center in Indianapolis. She passed the national

certifying exam administered by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and still maintains that certification today. She worked at Regional Hospital in Terre Haute, eventually becoming a Chemistry Technical Supervisor. Although very successful in her field of study, Susi began to feel a disconnect. She says, “I loved the work I did, but there wasn't a lot of opportunity for advancement, and I had little interaction with the patients that my work affected. When I decided to leave, Medical Technology was also listed as the 3rd most stressful job in the U.S. (Continued on Page 2) - -

September Birthdays

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|----|------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 2 | Jan Harmening | 25 | Stephanie Welsh & Frank Crawford |
| 3 | Alfred Finch | 27 | Joyce Keenan |
| 6 | Sondra Cress & Neil Garrison | 28 | Bob Heaton, George Petit & Ron Rich |
| 7 | Shelly Shearer | | |
| 8 | Julius Loeser | | |
| 10 | Barry Powell | | |
| 11 | Bill Shriner | | |
| 12 | Howard Junker | | |
| 13 | Rick Kohr | | |
| 17 | Patricia Heaton | | |
| 22 | Steve Arnold | | |



Board Notes

New Member Approved: Laura J. Hemming, a civil engineer with American Consulting, Inc., was proposed by David Piker.

Attendance for the month of August was 76.9%. Year to Date attendance is 74.7%.

Treasurer's Report: Net Income for this year is \$18,654.30.

Total liabilities and equity equal \$38,484.07. Foundation fund balance equals \$59,027.46

A motion was approved to put \$20K into a 30 day CD at First Financial.

Plans are being made to begin a Roteract club at ISU which would eventually have other clubs at SMWC and RHIT.

Plans are continuing for a new member trip to Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, IL on Oct 25th

New members and board members will have the first opportunity to sign up for the trip. Following this, available seats on the bus will be open to the general membership.

October is Vocational Service month. Notice of this will be distributed via our club email list. Nominations are welcome.

A discussion was held concerning the amount of funds to disburse through the local foundation in the form of grants. A motion was made to take half of the dues contribution to the foundation for this purpose. It passed.

Susi Willis, continued

-right behind air traffic controllers and coal miners. Medical Technologists are called upon to do very precise, analytical work - often in a very short period of time. The results of a Med Tech's work can help save a patient's life - or if he or she makes a mistake, the results could be an improper course of treatment and even death. I decided I didn't want to be in this environment the rest of my life. I considered going on to medical school, law school, or becoming a CPA. I always enjoyed the business end of my responsibilities as chemistry supervisor, so I decided to return to school for an accounting degree".

Susi returned to ISU, graduated magna cum laude and received her Accounting degree. She is licensed to practice in both Illinois and Indiana.

She has diverse experience in auditing as well as estate, trust, individual and business tax planning and preparation. She has served in a variety of national, state and local professional organizations and authors a column called, "Fiscal Fitness," for the Wabash Valley Journal of Business.

Concerned with physical fitness as well as fiscal fitness, Susi finds time to visit the Paris YMCA three times a week to lift weights. Additionally she enjoys watercolor painting and creating stained glass art. She says, "I created an 8x2 ft stained glass sidelight panel for my brother that is installed at his front door. It is a Southwestern desert scene with blooming cactus and mountains. I've also created several pieces for charity auctions, including a Frank Lloyd Wright style lamp for the annual Paris YMCA auction that brought \$1,300."

Susi loves to cook and does everything from sweets to grilled foods to good old fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. She makes all the rolls and cinnamon bread for family gatherings, and her Christmas fudge and toffee are so popular with friends and clients that folks begin giving her tins in October with the hopes they will receive some of the 50+ lbs she makes each year.

Susi is what some would call a fashion plate. "I tell folks that I have an Olympic gold medal in shopping," kids Susi. For about 23 years she has traveled to Chicago with 3 friends for a 4-day shopping extravaganza hoping to find styles not usually found in the Midwest.

Active in the Wabash Valley community, Susi joined the Downtown Rotary Club in 1995 and served as the Club Treasurer for three years.

Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....Joyce Keenan
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer, Joyce Keenan
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart
 Program..... Bill Tromble
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Bart Colwell
 Membership.....Charlie Williams
 Classifications.....Mike Hopper
 Orientation.....Mark Kester
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
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Dave Mitchell
Vocational Service.....Neil Garrison

2005-2006 Officers and Board Members

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

2005-2007
 Mike Collins
 Bart Colwell
 Kim Ingalsbe
 Chuck Shutt
 Sally Stewart
 Charlie Williams

2006-2008
 David Bolk
 Dan DeBar
 Santhana Naidu
 Pat O'Leary, Jr.
 Mary Caye Pfister
 Bryan Sponsler

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 Gibson
 General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family

Casey Noon Richards Farm
 Indianapolis Noon Athletic Club
 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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