



# Rotary Club of Terre Haute

District 6580, Club 84

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**Future Programs:**

**December 1st**

Club Foundation Grants  
Awarded

**December 8th**

Christmas Party – Country  
Club of Terre Haute – no  
noon meeting

Donate gifts to the Ma-  
rine Corps Toys for Tots  
program

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## Eight Non-Profits Receive Rotary Grants Totaling \$6,928

Donations to support aid to neglected children, to expand computer-aided education at Ryves Hall, create a literacy program and teach healthier ways to live were among eight grants awarded Dec. 1 for a total of \$6,928 through our club's foundation.

The Family Services Association received the largest grant of \$1,100 to purchase items in support of children's therapy services. The funds will enable FSA to buy a sensory table, floor easel, sound screens, playhouse furniture and books. A \$1,000 grant was awarded to Vigo County CASA to help abused and neglected children assisted by CASA. The funds can be used for memberships at the Boys/Girls Club, provide a gift at time of adoption, help fund day care, beds and eyeglasses. The Mental Health America received \$1,000 to purchase supplies for Too Good For Drugs program. The program is provided to fourth graders in the Vigo County School Corporation and is a science-based, five-day program.

A \$985 donation was given to the Vigo County YMCA to purchase equipment and curriculum to enhance its existing STEM and FIT programs. The activities are designed to educate elementary-aged students about how to live healthier lives through knowledge of science and math. The funds will purchase hardware such as a wall pulley, big gears demonstrator, soft wedge, wheel and axle demonstrator, and

teaching manual and video. The Ryves Youth Center is the recipient of an \$808 grant. The center recently received thirteen Dell computers. The grant will allow updating, mouse, keyboard, memory and Microsoft Office programs for all the computers. The computers are used by children for homework and other educational services at the center.

A \$750 gift to the Terre Haute Children's Museum will create special, educational programming at the museum next year. A program at Sugar Grove Consolidated Elementary School titled, "Creating Opportunities for Community Involvement Through Early Literacy" will be supported by a \$712 grant given to the Vigo County Education Foundation. The funds will purchase books from Mike Thaler's "Black Lagoon" series for use in a fourth grade class. The program will culminate with various community speakers who will visit the class to discuss the subject matter of each book. The 14th and Chestnut Community Center will use its \$572 grant to fund the replacement of carpet on the front stoop of its building. Donations from members to the Rotary Club of Terre Haute Foundation make it possible to award these grants on an annual basis. Thanks to David Bolk for again serving as chair of the committee that reviewed grant requests. It is important to note that foundation funds were not available to fund seven other grant requests that were submitted.

## Rotary Club Endowment at Community Foundation Supports Grants

The Terre Haute Rotary Club Endowment Fund at the Wabash Valley Community Foundation was created in 2003 as a designated endowment fund by our club. Each year, the Wabash Valley Community Foundation distributes an annual grant from this fund back to the Terre Haute Rotary Foundation to award as part of our annual

community grants. Since 2005, the fund has distributed over \$17,000 into the Rotary Foundation which it in turns funds a portion of the annual grants.



## Rotary Day of Service Worth Thousands to Goodwill

It took a brief, two hours of a Rotarians' Saturday, but the positive impact for Goodwill Industries is worth thousands of dollars. Thirty-one Rotarians collected 24,500 pounds of clothes, furniture, household items and toys during the 68th annual Rotary/Goodwill Drive Nov. 2. "My guess is the financial impact of the donations that were generated during the drive, and the associated publicity, will be in excess of \$10,000," stated Bill Tennis, Goodwill Executive Director. "Our budget for 2015 is \$5,080,199 and we need all the help we can get to accomplish our mission. Last year we employed 288 people during the year. The Rotarians that worked the drive saved Goodwill over \$500 in labor cost. The fact that the city's premier service club has supported Goodwill for 68 years is so important to Goodwill Industries," Tennis said.



Filling the truck at Baeslers - Derri Llewellyn and Rob Coons

Thanks to Bill Aubin and Tennis for coordinating the six-hour event at four county locations. The following club members worked as Goodwill volunteers:

- Bill Aubin
- Jennifer Butler
- Mike Collins
- Rob Coons
- Ron Danielson
- Holden Davis
- Earl Elliott
- Rod Heefner
- Troy Helman
- Brian Hewitt
- Aimee Jacobs
- Polly Jeffers
- Tom Jukes
- Roland Kohr
- Derri Llewellyn
- Ken Menefee
- Dave Myers
- Lisa Pepperworth
- Dave Piker
- Barry Powell
- Ray Rickert
- Scotty Scott
- Bill Tennis
- Stephanie Welsh
- Scott Williams



Goodwill volunteers - Brian Hewitt and Ron Danielson

## Introducing New Members Davis and Llewellyn

New Rotarians Holden Davis and Derri Llewellyn bring our club's membership total to 134. Davis is a CPA with the Larsson, Woodyard and Henson public accounting firm with offices in Terre Haute and Paris, Ill. Holden is a native of West Palm Beach, FL, where her father and grandfather were past presidents of the city's noon Rotary Club. She earned her accounting degree from the University of Georgia. Holden has taught accounting at Indiana State University and worked as an internal auditor at First Financial Bank. Holden and her husband, Tom, are the parents of two daughters: Archer, who is a chemical engineer employed by the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C.; and Betsy, a CPA, who also lives in the nation's capital. Holden was proposed for membership and inducted by business colleague Susi Willis.

Derri returns to Rotary where she previously served as the club's treasurer and member of its board of directors. Derri was proposed and introduced by Dave Piker. In addition to her volunteerism for Rotary, Derri has been a long-time member and treasurer of the board of directors of the Vigo County Education Foundation and has served on the board of directors of Hospice, the Boy Scouts and the American Cancer Society.

Derri is a native of Montezuma. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana State University and has been a CPA for more than 30 years. She is currently a certified financial planner at Clifton Larsen Allen where she specializes in retirement and tax planning. Derri and her husband Bill are the parents of five children and have ten grandchildren.

## Board Approves Two for Membership; One Resignation

Kristen Craig and Chad Clark have been approved by the board of directors as new Rotarians. Kristen is director of operations and communications for the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. She was proposed for membership by

Sally Stewart. Chad, nominated by Santhana Naidu, is digital media manager at Indiana State University.

The Board accepted the resignation of Eric Newkirk.

## President's Column: Support Rotary Foundation and Toys for Tots



It is probably no coincidence that Rotary Foundation month and Thanksgiving both occur in November! In our Rotary family, we use this month to remind ourselves what the Foundation is and how it helps Rotarians do important projects in their communities and around the world. I am happy to tell you that our club has already surpassed our Rotary International Giving for the year!

However, we have plenty of room to grow. We currently rank 23rd out of 36th Rotary Clubs in our district in giving to the foundation. In this Rotary year theme of "Being A Gift To The World," our gifts to the Rotary Foundation are transformed into sustainable projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. This charitable arm of Rotary taps into the global network of Rotarians who, like you, invest their time, wisdom, compassion and expertise into projects that make a real and lasting difference. Please consider a donation to the foundation as you reflect on what you are thankful for this year.

The next few weeks will fly by and then, if you are like me, you will be trying to remember to write "2016" instead of "2015". Before we end the year 2015 I hope you will consider attending the Rotary Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 8th from 5-7 p.m. at the Terre Haute Country Club. It will be a great evening of socializing with fellow Rotarians and their spouses. Please remember to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toy's for Tots.

As we look ahead to the year 2016 I hope you will consider supporting our new fundraising event - 'Hoosiers' turns 30 - on Friday, March 11th at the Historic Indiana Theater. This event will be a lot of fun! It will also raise clubs profile in the community. We will need everyone's support in order to make this night a huge success. All the money raised will go towards our clubs foundation (grants like those given at our December 1st mtg.) and the Rotary International Foundation. Please mark your calendars now for this event and prepare for a great 2016!

## Benefits of Donating to the Happy Jar

Ever wonder how the club uses the money donated each week in the Happy Jay? In July, six local organizations received a total of \$1,850 from the Happy Jar donations. The Wabash Valley Community Foundation received \$600 and

the following non-profits received \$250 each as a result of the generosity of Rotarians: Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute Children's Museum, United Way, Catholic Charities and Salvation Army.

**December 8th: 5 to 7 PM**  
**Rotary Holiday Party**

*Please bring toys to the party for donation to "Toys for Tots"*

## Planning Begins for “Hoosiers Turns 30” Fundraiser

Several club members have volunteered to help plan the Hoosiers Turns 30 event March 11 to raise funds for the local Rotary Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation.



*Hoosiers Turns 30 Tickets Now on Sale*  
Ross, Mike Collins and Sally Stewart. “Not only will the movie be shown at the historic Indiana Theatre, the event will hopefully include a discussion with Brad Long who played Buddy in the move; David Alabaugh, the movie’s director;

Angelo Pizzo, screenwriter; and Strats, basketball coordinator for the film. All are tentatively confirmed to attend and we are hopeful they can come for a great Q&A before the film. This discussion will be led by Craig McKee.” Fears stated.

This event has the ability to raise our club's profile in the community and raise important funds, according to Fears. All the money raised from this event will be split between our local Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. Many volunteers will be needed to insure the success of the event. Please plan to volunteer that evening selling concessions, taking tickets, selling 50/50 tickets, set-up, clean-up, etc. It will take all of us to pull off this event and celebrate “the best sports movie ever made”. Mark your calendars now!

## Matching Funds Available for Paul Harris Fellows Donations

Become a Paul Harris Fellow quicker with matching points for your donation.

District Governor Jim Bright and others are making a special offer. They will match your donation from \$100 to \$5,000 to the Annual Fund of the Rotary International Foundation with their recognition points. This can help Rotarians achieve the \$1,000 giving goal to earn your first Paul Harris Fellowship or attain the next multiple Paul Harris Fellowship level.

This offer expires Dec. 31, 2015. Rotarians need to make their checks payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail to

Tim Lee, 1072 Meriman Drive, Greenwood, IN 46143. If you have questions call 317-502-9634. When you send your donation, include:

- Your name and a note asking for a match of your Annual Fund donation.
- Your Rotary Club name
- Include the name of a non-Rotarian who you want to honor as a Paul Harris Fellow
- Include your daytime phone number & email

Forty-seven members of our club are Paul Harris Fellows.



Giving Hope Today

*Volunteer Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to be a Salvation Army Bell Ringer.*

## Happy Birthday & Club Membership Anniversary!

### Birthdays

Day	Member	Years	Member (Day)
10	Schomer, Gary	1	Nichols, Jane (3rd)
17	Miller, Brian	5	Hewitt, Brian (16th)
18	Kunkler, Arnold	6	Reynolds, Erma (3rd)
23	Koszewski, Chris	24	Pfister, Mary Caye (12th)
27	Gmelich, Daniel	30	McKee, Craig (26th)
27	Reynolds, Erma	30	Siefert, Thomas (12th)
28	Pittelkow, Richard	32	Jones, Gayland (8th)
		50	McKee, Dale (30th)

### Anniversaries



*Our first meeting at Meadows Banquet Center - Nov. 17*