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Future Programs:

June 14th

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Ivy Tech

"What is happening in Technology Education"

June 20th

Bobby Moore

New Developments at Terre Haute Boys and Girls Club

June 27th

Presentation of the Paul Harris Community Service Award and recognition of new Paul Harris Fellows

July 4th

No Meeting

July 5th

Donald Davidson Indianapolis 500 History

July 11th

Annual Changing of The Guard and Club Assembly.



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Three New Committees Created to Achieve Vision Action Plan

Membership, programs and fundraising will be the focus of new committees resulting from an action plan created from the recent club visioning process. Brian Ross will chair the membership development committee to focus on recruitment and improving member retention. A program committee



will again be used to identify and confirm speakers rather than burden the vice president with the responsibility for scheduling all speakers. The final new committee will focus on fundraising and will work in conjunction with the grants committee.

Club Sponsors German Rotary Exchange Student

Our club will host another Rotary Youth Exchange student during the next academic year, according to District Youth Exchange Chair Santhana Naidu. Luisa Schreiber, a 16-year-old student from Wolfsburg, Germa-

ny will arrive in Terre Haute in early August. She will be a student at South Vigo High School. Two years ago, the club's most recent Rotary Youth Exchange Students were from Italy and Denmark.

Two Approved for Membership

Kim Perkins and Kris Kraut were approved for Rotary membership at the June 5 board of directors meeting. Kim is a past member of our club and has returned to Terre Haute after living the past few years in Texas. Kim

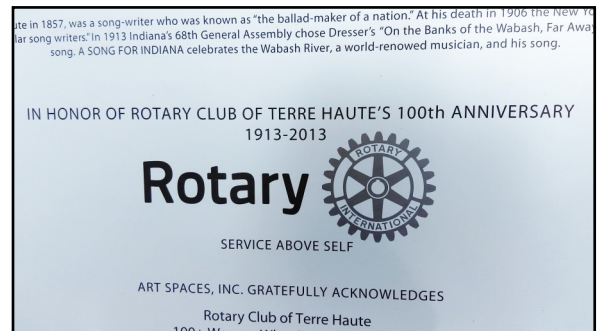
is working in the donor relations area for the Sisters of Providence. Kris is the chef and co-owner of the Butler's Pantry Food Co., and the Red Barn.

Club Centennial Project Plaque Now Part of Paul Dresser Memorial

Rotary has a new, visible presence at the Paul Dresser Memorial outdoor sculpture and home on the south side of Fairbanks Park. A silver plaque acknowledging major donors to the Dresser sculpture lists our club's centennial project gift at the top of the donor listing. Our club donated \$25,000 to Art Spaces to create the sculpture which honors Dresser's "On the Banks

of the Wabash" as the official state song and one of the most popular songs of the 19th century.

The plaque's text includes the following: In Honor of Rotary Club of Terre Haute's 100th Anniversary. The Rotary wheel logo and Service Above Self motto are also included on the plaque.



Close up of Dress Sculpture plaque thanking Rotary

Rotary cited on raised plaque near Dresser Sculpture

Q and A with New Club President Brien Smith

Why did you join Rotary?

My father was a Rotarian and through his service the organization made an impression on me at an early age. As I moved into adulthood I had no doubt that I would become a Rotarian at some point. I joined Rotary to be part of a larger community of service and to increase my network and friendships. I was previously a member of the Muncie club.

How do you think the recent Visioning process will help our club?

As business leaders we all understand the importance of setting goals and measuring progress toward those goals. We should practice that in our club. The visioning will help us focus on what our priorities are and how we can work together to achieve them. Our club is in great shape, but I think we can do more. For example, one complaint I hear is that we are not growing as a club. With a realistic membership goal and supporting strategies I feel we can achieve rapid growth. It is all about putting resources behind objectives.

What benefits have you received by participating in Rotary volunteer activities?

Rotary gives me a sense of satisfaction that I am part of a caring community that wants to improve the Wabash Valley and the world. Rotary is known for its impact. I am proud to

be a part of that. We all should have a burden to broaden Rotary's reach.

What are your career experiences, interests and current responsibilities?

I am the dean for the Scott College of Business at Indiana State University. I earned the PhD in industrial/organizational psychology in 1989 from Auburn University. My professional activities include over 25 years of administrative experience in higher education and I have actively participated in university governance. I previously worked at Ball State University where I served as associate dean, chair for the Department of Marketing and Management, and director of business graduate programs. The ISU College of Business has experienced marked growth in undergraduate and graduate enrollments. I'm proud that the college developed the Student Managed Investment Consortium with over 30 university affiliates. The college continues to be recognized as a thought leader in insurance and risk management, hosting the Insurance Public Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. each year.



Brien Smith

A Final Column from President Ross: Terre Haute Rotary: A Bright Future



Brian Ross

will take the ideas you came up with during our club's visioning session, and make them a reality.

Through a diverse and robust membership, the Rotary Club of Terre Haute will continue to serve the community through service projects, scholarships, mentoring opportunities, and support of local charities as well as Rotary International's clean water and polio projects. I want to thank each and every one of you for a fantastic year. We have accomplished many things. I have truly enjoyed my year as president of our club. I look forward to seeing where Brien Smith, our next president, leads the club. With your help, he

In 2017-18, we'll answer the question "What is Rotary?" with RI President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley's theme, Rotary: Making a Difference. "Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better," Riseley stressed.

Each one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort. I encourage you to support Brien Smith, support our club, and support our community by being an engaged, active member of Rotary. Together, through our actions, our club can be a part of the change we want to see locally and in the world.

- Yours in Rotary service, Brian Ross

Brian, thanks for your hard work and leadership as President!

Donations Support Interact Club

The North Vigo High School Interact Club received \$870 from our club during Interact's annual luncheon at the high school for Rotarians. Brian presented a \$400 check to Interact for its general fund. The gift resulted from the donation of food for lunch by Kris Kraut of the Red Barn and the \$10 paid by each Rotarian for lunch. A second check for

\$370 helped Interact support a food drive sponsored by the Vigo County School Corporation. The funds for the donation came from happy jar donations. Our club is again this year sponsoring two Interact students who will attend Hoosier Girls State.

Two Rotary Rentschler Scholarships Presented

North Vigo High School 2017 graduates Hannah Bunch and Ali Low have been awarded \$1,000 James Rentschler Scholarships. Mike Collins presented the scholarship checks to Bunch and Low during the recent academic honors program at the high school. Bunch will attend ISU, while Low will be a freshman at DePauw University. Both recipients were members of the North Vigo High School Interact Club.

The scholarships were created several years ago in honor of the late James Rentschler, who was a long-time leader of our club, past club president, board member, and former district governor. Rentschler had a highly successful career as an educator and administrator in the Vigo County School Corporation and at Indiana State University.

12 Rotarians Help Collect over 100,000 Pounds of Food

What a difference a day can make in efforts to help the hungry. Twelve Rotarians joined volunteers, including postal carriers, May 13 to collect a record 107,435 pounds of donated food to benefit the hungry in six counties served by the Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank and its member agencies. The food was donated during the national Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

"The 107,435 pounds of food collected this year is our best ever and demonstrates the tremendous level of care this area has for the more than 40,000 of our neighbors experiencing hunger," stated John Etling, agency director of Catholic Charities in Terre Haute. "Since this food drive was started in west central Indiana, more than 1,152,000

pounds of food or the equivalent of 960,360 meals, have been donated and distributed to those in need. To all the hard working men and women who deliver our mail and all those companies and organizations that participated to help make this food drive so meaningful, I want to thank you for this tremendous effort to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors," Etling said.

Etling's expression of appreciation extends to the following Rotarians who volunteered to collect and/or sort donated food items: David Myers, Bill and P.J. Aubin, Brian Ross, Dave Piker, Becky Miller, Rick Kohr, Thom Foster, Judy Buckalew, Ron Danielson, Paul Stanley and Nick Mahurin.



P.J. and Bill Aubin were among Rotary volunteers

Naidu Elected DGE, Zuerner and Ross Volunteer at District Conference

It's official. Santhana Naidu is District Governor Elect for the 2017-18 Rotary. His election occurred at the District 6580 Conference April 20-22 in Columbus. Santhana, who will also continue as Youth Exchange Chair for the district, introduced each Youth Exchange participant at the conference. Josh Zuerner along with Ed Futa, Past Rotary International General Secretary and Kaz Fukuda, Rotary Ex-

change student sponsored by District 2590, were featured during a panel discussion about global grants. Josh will be District Global Grants Chair for the next Rotary year. In addition, Brian Ross served as sergeant-at-arms during the district conference. Club-of-the-Year Awards were presented to Brown County, Columbus Sunrise and Bloomington.

Greg Gibson Receives Honorary Degree

Congratulations to Dr. Greg Gibson. Greg was presented with an honorary doctor of engineering degree from his alma mater during Rose-Hulman's 139th commencement May 27.

Greg is president of ReTec Corporation, an environmental management consulting and engineering company based in Terre Haute. He has extensive experience in the development and operation of waste management, and has owned and operated landfill, hauling and transfer station operations in Indiana, Illinois, Wyoming, Idaho, Arizona and Texas. Gibson earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Rose-Hulman in 1984. He supports the institute by serving on several of the college's board of trustees committees and leading academic and athletic fundraising activities. Gibson was inducted into Rose-Hulman's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 for his performances as a four-year varsity student-athlete in cross country and track, which

also earned him Most Valuable Runner distinction in cross country in 1983.

Gibson is a former president of our club. He also serves his hometown as board chairman for the Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau, Hospice of the Wabash Valley and Visiting Nurse Association. He also is a member of the Methodist Health Foundation and Bird-Gibson Sports Center. And, he has impacted the community as a director for First Financial Bank and its holding company, First Financial Corporation; as secretary of the Rose-Hulman Board of Trustees and as a trustee for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.



Greg Gibson

Collins Wins District Speech Winner

No, not the Collins that takes your money every Tuesday. The winner was Kimmie Collins, who just completed her junior year at North Vigo High School, earned first place honors at the 2017 speech contest sponsored by District 6580. Her speech was based on the Rotary International

Four Way Test. Kimmie received a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the contest. She will become president of the North Vigo High School Interact Club in the fall. In case you didn't know, Gary Schomer is Kimmie's grandfather and Mike is her father.



Kimmie Collins honored at Interact luncheon

ISU Honors Rotaract Club

The Indiana State University Rotaract Club that we sponsor was recently honored with an Excellence in Global Education Award presented by the university. “The award was in recognition of our successful fund-raising event last fall,” stated Houyame Lkhider, Rotaract President. During the dinner and entertainment program, Rotaract raised \$5,000 to support the Zaatari Camp in Jordan that is providing services to Syrian refugees. The special event was attended by

more than 200 people including several members of our club. “The award was also an encouragement to us and the new members that even though we are a new club, we can do big things and make our community proud,” said Lkhider, who is pursuing an MBA degree. “Our power resides in our students’ diversity and their engagement toward big causes,” he noted.

From Terre Haute to Rotterdam, Hamburg and Munich

A small donation from our club helped 10 students attend Rotary meetings in Rotterdam, Netherlands and Hamburg, Germany in May during a study abroad experience hosted by Jim Tanoos. In addition to the two meetings the students and Jim attended, he also presented our club flag to Rotarians in Munich, Germany. The Munich Rotarians did-

n't have a club flag to give to Jim, instead they presented him with a bottle of champagne. Jim coordinated the Purdue Polytechnic's Central European Multinational Automobile Organization Supply Chain Experience. He is clinical associate professor at Purdue Polytechnic in Vincennes.



Jim's students at Hamburg Rotary meeting



Jim Tanoos presents our club flag to Rotterdam Rotary Club

2017—2018 Club Officers

The following members will assume their leadership duties July 11 during the annual Changing of the Guard program:

President-Brien Smith

Vice President – Nick Mahurin

President-Elect Becky Miller

Treasurer – Mike Collins

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Secretary – Jane Nichols

Club member monthly attendance in May – 72 percent

2017-18 Dues increase \$5 to \$250



Happy Birthday & Club Membership Anniversary!

Birthdays

Day	Member
3	Colwell, Bart
5	Zuerner, Josh
8	Newlin, Tom
9	LaGrange, Kim
10	Stanley, Paul
14	Gibson, Greg
15	Maurer, Lynn
23	Willis, Susi
24	Bush, Brad
24	Rourke, William
25	Grimes, David
25	Welker, Charles
30	Griffin, Robert

Anniversaries

Years	Member (Day)
3	King, Deanna (10 th)
3	Maurer, Lynn (10 th)
5	Whitney-Aubin, P J (5 th)
10	Tanoos, Jim (12 th)
22	Garrison, Neil (13 th)
32	Helman, Troy (4 th)
42	Shutt, Chuck (10 th)
43	Heefner, Rod (4 th)