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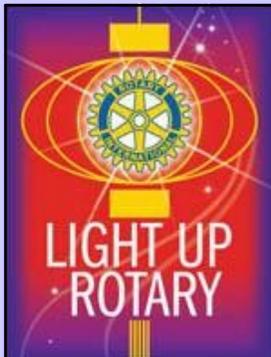
Bernard Ridens  
SCORE Wabash Valley  
Terre Haute Business  
Climate

May 5

Shelley Klingerman  
Launch Terre Haute

May 12

Dr. Dan Waxman  
Indiana Blood Center



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## Board Approves New Members

Ron Danielson and Eric Cook were approved for membership by the club's Board of Directors at its April 6 meeting. Danielson is the interim director at the Swope Art Gallery. He is retired from a career at Old National Bank. Danielson was nominated for membership by Paul Stanley. Cook is a project manager at Garmong Construction Services. He was nominated by President Richard Shagley.

In other board action, the resignation of Rachel Leslie was accepted. Attendance for March was 58 percent. Members are encouraged to add their photo to the club's database.

## Two Exchange Students to be Hosted by Local Rotarians

During the next high-school academic year, our club will host Laura, an exchange student from Denmark, according to Santhana Naidu, district youth exchange chairman and assistant district governor. The Terre Haute South Rotary Club

will be the host for Fernando from Argentina. Santhana will coordinate activities for Rotary exchange students during the district conference April 24-25 in Evansville. His duties will include coordinating a program, panel discussion and lunch for the exchange students. Our club is also donating items for the silent auction at the conference. Thanks to Sally Stewart for gathering auction items.

## North Interact Committed to Service; Rotary Donates \$325

Twenty-five. That's the number of service projects the Terre Haute North Vigo High School Interact Club will participate in during the current academic year. Three hundred twenty five dollars is the amount we gave Interact during its annual luncheon April 14 for our club. At the meeting, we met Interact members, learned about the organization's commitment to volunteerism, and found out where the senior members will be attending college. Interact service activities range from helping at the Relay For Life to activities at 14th and Chestnut Community Center, volunteering at elementary school spring and fall festivals, and working at the Stand Up for Can-

cer Benefit. Interact is the largest service organization at North Vigo High School. Interact members offered the following words of appreciation for our club's support:

*Many of the activities in which the Interact Club participates would not be possible without the help of the Rotary Club of Terre Haute. Rotarians have provided us with donations, motivation, encouragement and support in all of our endeavors.*

*We are exceptionally grateful for the weekly luncheon meetings, the senior scholarships, and the support for our community and school service activities. Your donations to support making food baskets, and collecting personal hygiene products for Hamilton Center have helped us reach activity goals.*

*This luncheon is an expression of our gratitude to you for all you do for the Terre Haute North Interact Club.*



## Reflecting on 60 Years in Rotary

David Mitchell's membership in Rotary did not start in Terre Haute or even in the United States. It began when he joined the Rotary Club of Oruro, Bolivia in April of 1955. David's first assignment from his employer, Canadian International Power Company, was manager of the power company in Oruro. The city is in west central Bolivia and known as a center for tin and silver mining. Before returning to his hometown of Terre Haute, David was a Rotarian at clubs in LaPaz, Bolivia (twice); San Salvador, El Salvador; Montreal, Quebec; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Even though, he attended Rotary clubs in four different countries, David said what occurred during the meetings and the activities of the clubs was nearly the same. "Language was the major difference. In Bolivia and El Salvador, Spanish was spoken and in

Montreal it was French, at times," he noted. "If you were in top management, Rotary was the club to be in. The Rotary Club of LaPaz was unique because it owned the building where the club met." The largest Rotary club he joined was in Cincinnati which had a membership of over 500. David served as treasurer of the El Salvador Rotary Club during a period when he managed the local power company. He oversaw the electrification of 125 villages and towns, city street lighting was relamped and a new office building was constructed.

While dues provided the funds to operate the clubs, David remembered a unique fund-raising event sponsored by the LaPaz club, "The members sponsored a dog show. One thing they learned was to never select a veterinarian to be a judge because he always picked his own dogs as the winners." Our club has benefited from David's Ro-

tary and life experiences in many ways. Through his efforts as international service chair our club partnered with Rotarians in Bolivia to bring water to different villages in that nation. David has introduced us to international students attending local colleges who were his guests at our meetings. And, his Rotary experiences have enabled him to provide valuable counsel at our Board of Directors meetings. Several times, David has made contributions to the Paul Harris Fund.

Often when a person is honored for long-time membership in Rotary, the Rotarian has been a member of one club. David's continued involvement in Rotary while moving to different countries makes his commitment to Rotary even more remarkable. Congratulations, David, for 60 years of service above self!



*David Mitchell receives a resolution passed by the Indiana Senate honoring David for his 60 years in Rotary. Pictured with David is his wife Jerry and President Shagley.*



*David even received a cake too!*

## Some Things Don't Change

The empty seats at the speaker's table each week is a phenomenon that is not uncommon in the history of our club. It dates to at least 60 years ago. Your editor found this plea in an issue of our club's newsletter dated April,

1955:

*It has been called to the attention of the editor that Rotarians have a tendency to take seats farthest from the speaker's table. We hope you will notice this in*

*future meetings and extend our speakers the courtesy of setting closer.*

This should also make President Richard feel better.

## Who Will Receive the Paul Harris Award?

The answer to the question in the headline will be determined by you. Submit a nomination for the 2015 Rotary Club of Terre Haute Paul Harris Community Award. The award is designed for non-Rotarians to recognize their work in carrying out the ideal of service above self. Last year's winner was Bill Felts, director of the 14th and Chestnut Community Center.

Nomination guidelines to consider are:

- Through work or volunteerism, the individual has made positive contributions to the Terre Haute economy.

- Through his/her accomplishments in the community, the individual has brought national or international recognition to the Terre Haute area.
- Through this individual's actions of goodwill, those underprivileged in the community have benefited or had their lives improved.

Nominations are due by Sunday, May 18. Please submit your nomination to Jim Tanoos via email to jimtanoos@yahoo.com. Nominations will be forwarded to the review committee. Your nomination should include a one to two-page summary explaining why the

nominee should receive the award. Other past winners have been Bob Baesler, David Doerr, Dr. Randy Stevens, Sr. Marie Kevin Tighesp, David Patterson, Dee Walters, Michael Kennedy, Don Smith, John Moore; and Bob Fischer.

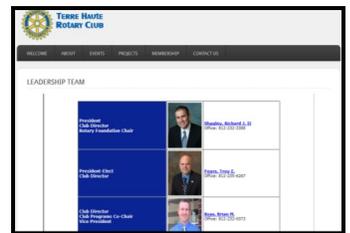
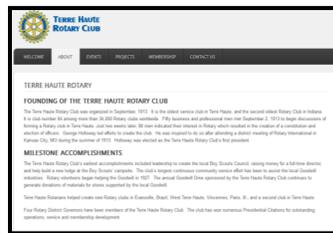
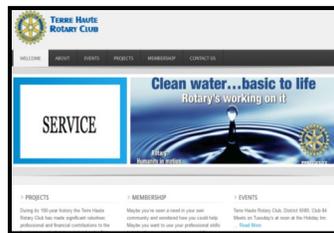
## Club Web Site Updated and Expanded

A new and improved club web site is now online at throtary.org thanks to the efforts of Club Service Chair Josh Zuerner and his colleagues, Jackie McDonald, Aaron King, and Chris N'dife, at Joink. The site's pages include a history of our club and Rotary International; information about joining our club or proposing a member. It also contains a list of current mem-

bers, Board of Directors, past club presidents, and activities we sponsor including service projects, North Interact and the club's foundation. Someone wanting to speak to our club can use the web site to forward information to our club's president.

Did you know that nearly 50 of our members are Paul Harris Fellows? Or

that our club helped create four other Rotary clubs in Evansville, Brazil, West Terre Haute and the Terre Haute South Rotary Club? Those facts and much more are contained in the new web site. The site is still being updated with additional information and photographs.



**Next Board of Directors meeting – Monday, May 4 – Goodwill Industries**

**Volunteers Needed – Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to benefit Catholic Charities Saturday, May 9**



## Woods' Book Project Raises Funds for Elementary School

Often during her visits to read to third-graders at Farrington Grove Elementary School, the students asked Rotarian Marty Woods when she was going to write a book. "I told them I would, but they had to give me an idea for the book. A book featuring a mermaid was chosen," Woods said.

The children's suggestion resulted in "A Mermaid's Tail." The 18-page, illustrated book is a story about Pearl the mermaid. Pearl doesn't know why her tail is different from the other merchildren until her new friend helps her understand that being different can sometimes be a good thing, Woods explains in summarizing the book.

As Woods began creating the book, she decided it would not only be a gift for the students, but it could also help the school's Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) project to raise funds for new playground equipment.

"Creating the book was more difficult than I expected," said Woods, who showed a draft to the students when

she thought the book was ready. "Their reaction was that it didn't have enough pictures. I painted more illustrations but



*Marty Woods reads to Farrington Grove elementary students*

needed help with the layout," said Woods, who lives in Farrington's Grove. Woods didn't have to look very far. Lay-

out design was provided by Ashley Mumma, a graphic artist with Big Picture Data Imaging in Terre Haute. "Ashley scanned all my illustrations and then did the layout on the computer. She is very talented," Woods said.

Woods hopes sales of the book will help the school's PTO achieve its \$30,000 goal. The PTO has already met a \$5,000 challenge from an anonymous donor who matched those funds dollar-for-dollar. The donor has also agreed to a second match if the PTO can raise another \$3,000 by the end of the school year. Woods said about 100 books have been sold thus far. The sale price is \$9.99 including tax, and \$5.00 per book is being donated to the PTO fund drive.

You can purchase a book by contacting Woods at 812-236-0427, or via e-mail at [bridgeswoods@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeswoods@gmail.com).

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### Birthdays

| Day | Member                 |
|-----|------------------------|
| 3   | Ingalsbe, Kim          |
| 6   | Stanley, Linda         |
| 7   | Lukens, John           |
| 8   | Taube, Robert          |
| 13  | McLaughlin, Robert     |
| 15  | Rogers, Nancy Brattain |
| 16  | Cox, Cynthia Z.        |
| 17  | McKee, Craig M.        |
| 19  | Smith, Brien N         |
| 21  | Mahurin, Nicholas      |
| 24  | Helman, Troy           |

### Anniversaries

| Years | Member (Day)                  |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | Menefee, Kenneth I (14th)     |
| 1     | Martin, James R (22nd)        |
| 2     | Smith, Brien N (9th)          |
| 11    | Ross, Brian M. (6th)          |
| 11    | Cox, Cynthia Z. (20th)        |
| 17    | Mahurin, Nicholas (28th)      |
| 19    | Newman, Jack R. (9th)         |
| 20    | Willis, Susi (11th)           |
| 24    | Schomer, Gary W. (9th)        |
| 27    | Tevlin, Beth Ahlemeyer (19th) |
| 28    | Scott, Donald T. (9th)        |



*Congratulations Neil for receiving the 2015 Four Avenues of Service Award.*

**Don't keep Rotary a secret! Who do you know who would be an excellent new Rotarian?**