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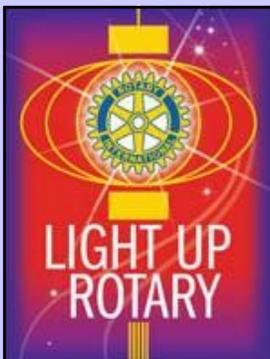
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Kara Kish
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Vigo County Parks

June 30
Gene Griffin
Development of Griffin
Bike Park

July 7
Changing of the Guard

July 14
Bruce Rosselli
General Manager
Terre Haute Rex

July 21
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Classified Robotics Team
Selected to compete in
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Reflecting on a Year as President – Richard’s Final Column

Well, that went fast. My year as President is about to come to an end. I will admit, I am going to miss being the President. I appreciate everyone’s support and assistance through this last year. That includes the sympathetic chuckles some gave at my weekly attempts at humor. When I was asked three years ago if I would have an interest in being President of Rotary, I would never have imagined how much I enjoyed the experience. I can truly say, not only did I enjoy it, but I am going to miss it. It is an honor and privilege to be the President and I am for-

ever grateful for the opportunity.

I know my enjoyment was not due to the work of me alone. The President of our Rotary Club is very lucky. We have a working board of directors and support staff that are there to assist you all along the way. Along with the Board and Staff, we have a great group of members.



Richard Shagley

Caring, to me, is very important. I have always believed our club was full of people who care. That is one of the features of our club that I discuss the most often with people. We care. In today’s society, that is not as prevalent as it should be unfortunately. We are lucky our Rotary Club is full of people who care. Our community is lucky, as well as our country and the world. Rotary is a great organization, filled with great people. I am lucky to be a part of it. Thank you.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest Rotarian, Ron Danielson, who was inducted June 9. Ron is retired from the Old National Bank Wealth Man-

agement Group. Also joining Rotary recently was Eric Cook, project manager at Garmong Construction Services. Two members have

resigned due to relocations. Sarah Archer has moved to Cincinnati, and Eric Motycka will transfer his Rotary membership to Lafayette.

Small Dues Increase Approved by Board

The board of directors at its June 1 meeting approved a five dollar increase in annual club dues. Half the increase will be allocated to

grow our local Rotary Foundation, while the remainder of the increase will be used for club operating expenses. Annual dues beginning July

1 will be \$240 of which \$65 is distributed to the local foundation and is considered a charitable deduction.

Member Profile – Incoming President Troy Fears

Do you know how a Rotarian becomes president of our club? If you don’t know, then beware if the nominating committee asks you to be a candidate for vice president of the club. Why? Accepting the position will put you on the track to be-

come president in two years – after serving as vice president and then president-elect. A Rotarian is chosen for that leadership position, in large part, because they have been a very involved Rotarian. That’s a key reason why Troy Fears be-

comes the new president of the Rotary Club of Terre Haute July 1.

Pick a club service project and Troy has volunteered. From Rotary Reads to being a Salvation Army bell ringer,

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Member Profile – Incoming President Troy Fears (continued)

collecting food for the Stamp Out Hunger project or loading donations into a Goodwill truck, Troy has been there when Rotary helps the community. Troy's election as vice president also meant membership on the club's board of directors. His involvement has also included serving as Sargent-at-Arms, a position that did not fulfill all his expectations. "When he was club president, Santhana Naidu promised me a sword that I could bear each week. It never materialized," he noted.

While growing up in Terre Haute, Troy learned about Rotary's reputation for its service to the community and the quality of its membership. "When I was in the field of education for 12 years my schedule didn't permit me to become a member. Once I became executive director of the United Way of



Troy Fears

the Wabash Valley, seven years ago, Bob Quatroche brought me as a guest to a couple of Rotary meetings and I was hooked," he recalled.

Troy earned his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and the master's in education from Indiana State University. He was employed in the Vigo County School Corporation as a teacher and administrator for 12 years. His last position in the school corporation was principal at his alma mater, South Vigo High School. Troy and his wife, Sara, are the parents of two sons, Ty (age 9) and Easton (age

6). He enjoys running, photography and watching sporting events. His favorite professional teams include the Indianapolis Colts and St. Louis Cardinals.

"Like any Rotary club, our strongest asset is our members. There is so much knowledge and wisdom sitting in the room during our weekly meetings," Fears stressed. "Our members truly care about our community and it shows throughout the year. As this year's Rotary International President, Ravi Ravindran, says, "Every one of us has something to give. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort. Through Rotary we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world."

Breakfast with Bill: Learn More About Your Rotary Club

Who was Jim Rentschler? What does RYLA stand for? When did Rotarians deliver and collect Goodwill bags? Who was our club's first female president? If you want to know more about your Rotary club, attend Breakfast with Bill. The next session is Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Clabber Girl Bake Shop. Often, Bill Aubin heard club members who were new or still had a red Rotary badge express interest in knowing more about our club's history and service. So, the first Breakfast with Bill was conducted last month.

"If our new members are to become involved, long-time Rotarians, it is vital that they know about our club's history, service and reputation in the community," he emphasized. As a 37-year member, Bill knows Rotary. He is a past club president, has served for several years on our board of directors, coordinated the annual Goodwill Drive, directed our past volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity, successfully motivated club members recently to increase their donations to the Rotary International Foundation, and Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

"The discussions are open to any Rotarian who wants to attend, but the information would be of special interest to new or recently inducted members," he said. Bill noted that during the first breakfast, the feedback from new members was especially helpful to him and other club officers who attended. Mark your calendars, Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 a.m. Clabber Girl Bake Shop.

Rentschler Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to 2015 James Rentschler Rotary Scholarship winners Paxton Granda and Lucy Utterback recent graduates of Terre Haute North Vigo High School. Club President Richard Shagley recently presented Granda and Utterback with a \$1,000 scholarship during North Vigo's honors

program. Both recipients are members of the North Vigo 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 ca-

reer as an educator and administrator in the Vigo County School Corporation and at Indiana State University.

Lowery Receives Community Service Award

Norm Lowery gives back to his hometown in a variety of ways that have and are making a positive impact on our community. In recognition of his efforts, Lowery received the 2015 Rotary Club of Terre Haute Paul Harris Community Service Award at our meeting June 9. The award is presented annually to a non-Rotarian who has provided professional and volunteer leadership to the local community as an example of Rotary's motto of "service above self."

Whether it's volunteering for local, non-profit organizations or providing leadership to financially support projects to help Terre Haute prosper, Lowery is well-known for his unselfish support.

Lowery is the president and chief executive officer of First Financial Corporation. He is also the president and chief executive officer of First Financial Bank. During his leadership, First

Financial Bank has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of America's 50 most trustworthy companies, and has been ranked by Bauer Financial as a five-star financial institution, its highest rating. First Financial has grown to include 37 branches in Illinois and 36 in Indi-



Honored for Community Service - Norm Lowery (center) received the 2015 Paul Harris Community Service Award on June 9. Thanks to Jim Tanoos (left) for coordinating our awards program. Also pictured is President Shagley.

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Lowery has served on the board of directors and assumed other leadership roles for the United Way of the Wabash Valley, the Salvation Army, Wabash Valley Community Foundation, Indiana Bankers Association, Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, Indiana Department of Financial Institutions, Indiana State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute Economic Development Corporation, and the Indiana State University Foundation.

He also served as the chairman for a number of capital campaigns to raise funds to support the United Way, the Salvation Army, the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center, Ivy Tech, Covered Bridge Girl Scout Council, and St. Joseph's University Parish.

Next Rotary Board Meeting—July 6, 2015 @ WV Goodwill

Students Prepare for Rotary Exchange Year Abroad

Beginning in August, Grace Bertsch and Mannah Mace will begin a year-long European experience thanks to our Rotary Club and the Central States Rotary Student Exchange Program. Bertsch, just completed her sophomore year at Terre Haute North Vigo High School; and Mace, who graduated earlier this month from Northview High School were chosen in a competitive program to be exchange students in the Netherlands and Slovakia, respectively.

Our club is the sponsor for both students thanks to the work of Santhana Naidu, District Youth Exchange Chair; Tom Dever, Youth Exchange Officer; and Ray Rickert, who encouraged Mannah to apply.

Bertsch and Mace updated us during

our program June 9 about their host families, the city's where they will go to school, and their plans after returning from their exchange experience. They will depart the United States in August and return during the summer of 2016. Grace is the daughter of Paul and Roxanne Bertsch. She is an honor student, member of Interact, Student Council and was vice president of the sophomore class. A talented musician and singer; Grace has appeared in several musical theatre productions at the school. She has traveled to Mozambique and Malawi, Africa and to Haiti as part of her father's career as a campus minister.

Mannah is also an honor roll student. She was a member of the Northview soccer, track and field teams as well as Interact, DECA, Future Farmers of Amer-

ica and Student Council. She has been president of her 4-H Club and has won many awards while competing in numerous 4-H activities. Through her 13-year membership as a member of the Girl Scouts of America, Mannah has traveled to England, Switzerland and India. She is the daughter of John and Jane Mace.



Doing What Rotarians Do Best – Service to the Community

The Max Ehrmann Memorial grounds have never looked better. Thanks to the following Rotarians who shoveled mulch, pulled weeds and picked up trash around the Ehrmann Memorial at Seventh and Wabash: Polly Jeffers, John Moats, Jane Nichols, Paul Stanley, Richard Shagley, Brian Ross, Ken Menefee, Lynn Maurer, Neil Garri-

son, Aaron Loudermilk and Scott Williams. Thanks to Brian and Scott for coordinating this annual Rotary service project.



Rotarians at their best



Pictured with President Shagley are 2015 Rentschler Scholarship recipients Paxton Granda and Lucille Utterback

Birthdays

Day	Member
3	Colwell, Bart
5	Zuerner, Josh
8	Newlin, Thomas
10	Stanley, Paul
14	Gibson, Greg
15	Maurer, Lynn
20	Revesz, Kris
23	Willis, Susi
24	Anshutz, David
24	Bush, Brad
24	Rourke, William
25	Grimes, David
30	Griffin, Robert

Anniversaries

Years	Member (Day)
1	King, Deanna (10th)
1	Maurer, Lynn (10th)
3	Stadler, Henry (12th)
3	Whitney-Aubin, P. J. (5th)
6	Williams, Scott (9th)
8	Tanoos, Jim (12th)
20	Garrison, Neil (13th)
30	Helman, Troy (4th)
31	Olah, William (19th)
40	Shutt, Chuck (10th)
41	Heefner, Rodney (4th)

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