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**Future Programs:**

**November 3**

Dottie King, SMWC President, SMWC Strategic Plan

**November 10th**

Mike Harding and Earl Elliott, Rea Park Club-house Restoration Project

**November 17th**

First meeting at Meadows Banquet Center – speaker TBD

**November 24th**

Annual Service Club Luncheon – Rose-Hulman

**December 1st**

Club Foundation Grants Awarded

**December 8th**

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

*Donate gifts to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program*



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## Board Approves Three New Members

The Board of Directors recently approved the nominations of the following individuals as new members. Mike Licari, provost at Indiana State University, was nominated for Rotary membership by Brien Smith. Brian Ross has nominated Thom Foster,

financial advisor with Morgan Stanley. Derri Lewellyn, financial advisor with CliftonLarsonAllen, will be rejoining our club. Derri was nominated by Dave Piker.

## President's Column: Service Projects, MCL, New Member Recruitment



Fall is my favorite time of year. With the leaves and temperatures falling, homecomings, the Covered Bridge festival and various other activities it seems as if the fall is the busiest time of year around the Wabash Valley. It is also the time I enjoy being a Rotarian the most. There are ample events you can volunteer for during the fall and, as a Rotarian, that is one of the most important things you can do. From Rotary Reads, delivering dictionaries, working the Goodwill Drive and signing up to ring the bell for Salvation Army. All of these opportunities are very worthy of our time and efforts. Not only are they great for someone with a red badge to help turn it blue, it is also a great time to help spread the word of Rotary. We have a great club and many people in the community don't know about us. Each of you has a story to tell about Rotary. Don't be afraid to tell it and help spread the word!

I hope you will join me in the short time we have remaining with them to say "THANKS" and wish each of them nothing but the best.

This temporary move to another location (MCL) has taken a lot of time and effort. I want to thank all of you who participated in the meetings, wrote me an email, or spoke to me personally about the move. Each potential location was properly vetted and I feel very confident we, as a club, will love our new location.

UPDATE: One idea that came from our recent "Networking Lunch" was to attempt to involve the Terre Haute Young Leaders Club. Bill Kauffman and I will be speaking to this club in early December. Our goal is to inform them about what Rotary is and, hopefully, we gain a few new members out of it. I will keep you updated on our progress.

As with anything, if you ever have an idea on how we can make our club better please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My home email is [troy.fears@gmail.com](mailto:troy.fears@gmail.com) or cell phone 812-249-2759.

I know many of you are looking forward to our upcoming move to the MCL Banquet Center for our lunch meetings beginning November 17th. Before we make the move, I want to thank all the great folks at the Holiday Inn for the countless hours of support they have put into our club over the years. From hanging the banners ahead of time, putting out the tables and badges, and setting up the AV equipment, the Holiday Inn staff has always been pro-

## Two Rotarians to Receive Top 12 Under 40 Award

They are not only leaders in Rotary, they are also providing leadership in their professions and in our community. Santhana Naidu and Josh Zuerner are among the 12 under 40 award winners who will be honored Nov. 10 as Terre Haute's top young professionals. The awards, sponsored by the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce and the Tribune-Star, will be presented during a program beginning at 8 a.m. at the ISU Sycamore Banquet Center. Tickets can be purchased through the Chamber for \$40 per person.



Santhana was selected for his expertise in creating internet-based programs to support communications and marketing efforts for ISU and in a previous job with Williams/Randall Marketing where he helped business clients expand their use of online services. As associate vice president, Santhana has utilized the latest in computer technologies to improve and expand online and social media programs to help the university recruit a record number of new students. He is also being honored for his volunteerism as a member of the Wabash Valley Goodwill Industries Board of Directors and executive committee, former board chairman of the Terre Haute Human Relations Committee, and United Way of the Wabash Valley Board of Directors and allocations commit-

## Celebrate Christmas and Donate Toys to Local Children

Do some Christmas shopping by Dec. 8 so you can bring several toys to the club's annual Christmas Party. For the second year, Rotarians are asked to donate toys to support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Sally Stewart is again planning our Christmas celebration which will occur

## Schomer Honored for Becoming Third Tier Paul Harris Fellow

While accepting his third tier Paul Harris pin for sustained support to the Rotary International Foundation, Gary Schomer reminded us of Rotary's incredible impact to help the less fortunate worldwide. He encouraged other members to become Paul Harris Fellows by making a financial

tee chairman. Santhana is a past president of our Rotary Club, assistant district governor, current club secretary, member of the board of directors and district youth exchange chairman.



Maybe Bill Gates was among the first to notice Josh's technical talents. As a middle-school student, Josh was recognized by Gates for achievements in the Windows World Open competition. Josh started his first business while in high school and won first and second place national entrepreneurship awards from DECA. Twelve years ago, he received the Indiana Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders. Josh is President & CEO of Joink, a leading provider of wireless internet services in rural markets in Indiana and Illinois that has recently expanded to also provide fiber optic services in Terre Haute. Joink has experienced double digit growth in recent years. Josh has managed the acquisition and integration of a number of other connectivity providers. The company also provides IT consulting to healthcare, banking and K-12 education.

Two outstanding Rotarians receiving community recognition they deserve.

at the Country Club of Terre Haute on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The time for the event is still being finalized. There will not be a regular club luncheon meeting Dec. 8.

commitment that supports Rotary projects around the world. Currently, 47 members of our club are Paul Harris Fellows as a result of their donation of at least \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

**Win a free Rotary one-year membership – Propose and induct a new member before July 1, 2016 and you may not have to pay dues for a year.**

## Introducing Laura and Matteo



*Matteo and Laura  
Rotary exchange students*

Laura's hometown near Copenhagen where bicycles are as popular as cars.

The 16-year-old is attending South Vigo High School where in addition to her classroom work she is continuing to hone her skills in the pole vault an event which she is among the best in her region of Denmark. Laura's interest in partici-

They are teenagers from Denmark and Italy who dreamed of experiencing the language and culture of America. They're living that dream thanks to our club and the Rotary International Student Exchange Program. Terre Haute is much different than

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pating in the exchange program was developed after talking to the son of a family friend who was an exchange student in Costa Rica.

Matteo's family resides in Ravenna about 90 minutes from Bologna. The town's architecture is similar to Venice and it is the site of a commercial harbor, he explained. The 17-year-old plays guard for his city's best basketball team and he is interested in trying out for the South team. Matteo and Laura noted that their high schools do not have athletic teams.

Both students have had at least six years of English classes in school. Each expressed appreciation to their host families and emphasized how thankful they are to be participating in the exchange program. Thanks to Santhana and Tom Dever for the time they give to help coordinate our exchange student program.

## 68 Years of Supporting Goodwill Industries

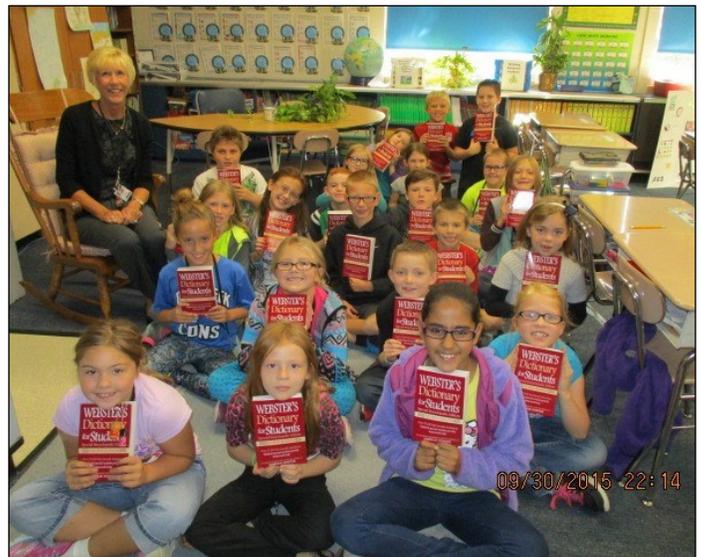


Our club has a long history of supporting an important social service agency in our community that requires only two hours of a Rotarian's Saturday morning or afternoon once each year. Even if you aren't volunteering to help during the 68th annual Rotary/Goodwill Drive, take a few minutes to find items around your house that you can donate on Saturday, Nov. 7. Goodwill Industries employs nearly 290

people many of whom have challenges that would prevent them from being employed elsewhere. Thousands of customers use the Goodwill stores for needed clothing, household items, and other personal goods that they could not afford to buy at regular retail stores. Support Rotary's commitment to helping Goodwill.

## Getting the Words Out to Students

More than a thousand elementary students in Vigo County have a new resource for improving their reading and writing skills. Thirty-four members of our club distributed 1,218 dictionaries to 22 local elementary schools. Eleven home-schooled students also received new dictionaries. Seven Rotarians also helped put labels on the dictionaries informing students that the dictionaries were provided by Rotary and the Wabash Valley Community Foundation. The Foundation-funded program also provided 338 students in Clay County and 212 Sullivan County students with new dictionaries.



*Chuck Shutt distributed dictionaries to Mrs. Sitariski's class at Lost Creek Elementary.*

## A Look Back to 2008

Seven years ago, our club was partnering with Rotarians in Paraguay to provide funds to bring a water line to 20 remote homes and farms in that country. Our club donated \$1,000 to the project. Funds in our club's local foundation totaled \$52,425. Today our foundation value is just over \$94,000. Terre Haute's two Rotary clubs met for an even-

ing program to hear from Rotary International leaders of the Polio Plus program.

## Rotary Membership Increases Worldwide

Membership in Rotary worldwide has increased to 1.2 million in over 35,000 Rotary clubs. The figure represents an increase of more than 20,000 members during the past 12 months. While the membership growth is significant, Rotary International's membership goal for the current fiscal year is to add 35,000 new members. More than 8,900 pro-

jects have been posted by Rotary clubs on the Rotary Showcase since it was launched three years ago, representing more than 6.8 million volunteer hours.

## Happy Birthday & Club Membership Anniversary!

### Birthdays

Day	Member
2	Marshall, David
8	Heefner, Rod
10	Cates, Chad
14	Shagley, Alice
22	Tucker, Thomas
30	Perry, John
31	Rickert, Raymond

### Anniversaries

Years	Member (Day)
1	Nikirk, Eric Lee (15th)
2	Jones, Jennifer (7th)
2	Shagley, Alice (14th)
2	Roman, Mark (14th)
12	Quatroche, Bob (7th)
12	Cohen, Matt (21st)
14	Sponsler, Bryan (30th)
15	Coons, Rob (3rd)
29	Kohr, Rick (1st)
35	McQueen, Norman (28th)
33	Shriner, Bill (5th)

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