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Future Programs:

February 23rd

Update about New Vigo County History Center

March 1st

TBA

March 8th

Presentation of Four Avenues of Service Award, Fellowship Meeting

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Club to Sponsor Rotaract at ISU

Students at Indiana State University are interested in forming a new Rotaract Club, and we will sponsor the group's membership application to Rotary International. ISU student Meryein Sqalli Housaini is the leader behind the initiative. She met with club Board members earlier this month and told them at least 25 students want to join Rotaract. Housaini discussed the group's plan to make the new club sustainable, and she outlined ideas for service projects to involve new Rotaract members. Club Vice President Brien Smith agreed to be the Rotaract adviser. Santhana Naidu serves as the District 6580 Rotaract Chair.

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan volunteer activities, develop leadership and networking skills. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out. Rotary International sponsors World Rotaract Week, and Rotaract multidistrict events.



Fears, Naidu Volunteer for Rotary Strategic Plan Training

Rotary District 6580 is initiating a program to encourage clubs to create strategic plans for sustainability and growth. Troy and Santhana have volunteered to attend a program March 19 to receive instruction to become trainers to assist clubs in developing strategic plans and a vision for the future. They will facilitate future visioning sessions at clubs assigned by the district visioning chair. The strategic planning

aims to increase the opportunity for club members to express their opinions about the future of their club. This increased participation will provide club leaders with a larger group of members working to achieve club goals and increase member retention through increased involvement in future plans for their club.

Jim Tanoos: Vocational Service Chair, Professor, Father of Three

After being away from Terre Haute for 10 years, Jim returned in 2007 with an interest in becoming involved in his hometown. "Rotary was the first club I felt would be worthwhile to join. Rotary has a great reputation around the world and our club has a great reputation locally, so the opportunity to be a part of that was alluring," he recalled. During his online search for information about our club, he came in contact with Josh Zuerner, who invited Jim to a few Tuesday meetings which quickly led to Jim's induction into Rotary. "Our club has so many interesting characters, and I'm of the opinion that Rotarians themselves are always the strength of the club," Jim said. "Beyond the individual members, our club has a great brand image in the community that has been built up by past leaders such as Bob Steinbaugh and David Mitchell."

In his role as our club vocational service chair, Jim said he has learned a great deal about the leaders in our club and community. "During the process of putting together biographies for introductions of our award winners, I learn so much about the accomplishments of these folks. Many people try their best to contribute in positive ways to our community with their available time, but like most, we really aren't fully aware of someone else's efforts" Jim noted. "Receiving a list of accomplishments from someone nominating a fellow Rotarian is gratify-



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ing because you truly learn the full gamut of accomplishments for someone, which often provides me with a “wow” moment. Simply put, I’m grateful to be able to showcase two Rotarians a year, via the Vocational Service and Four Avenues of Service awards, along with one person in the community who receives the annual Paul Harris Community Service Award,” he stated.

In addition to those duties, Jim says volunteering for the dictionary distribution project is his favorite Rotary volunteer project. “Not only is it a worthwhile endeavor that provides dictionaries on behalf of the Wabash Valley Community Foundation to local children for many years, but my kids get to see me in their environment in front of their friends, and the person with the dictionaries is sort of a big

Exchange Students Living a Dream in Netherlands, Slovakia

Grace Bertsch describes the first six months of her Rotary student exchange, that our club is sponsoring, in the Netherlands as, “the opportunity of a lifetime and I am so blessed to be here.” In Slovakia, our other exchange student, Hannah Mace, experienced the country’s holiday traditions with her host family and host grandparents. Despite missing her family back home in Brazil, she commented, “Christmas will never be the same because now I have two families I will always want to celebrate Christmas with.” She said Christmas traditions in Slovakia are similar to those in the United States. Hannah has finally found the time to begin ski lessons due to having a bit longer vacation from school last month due to a brief teacher’s strike. On April 15, she was to begin a Euro Tour that will include France, Spain and Italy.

Grace reports that the first six months of her exchange program has gone quickly and her Dutch language skills con-

shot for a few minutes in the classroom,” the father of three children said.

Jim and Tricia, his wife of 12 years, are the parents of Michael, 11; Lucia, 7; and J.J., 2. He has worked in higher education for the past 15 years. Jim received the bachelor’s degree from Purdue University, his master’s from Indiana University and the Ph.D. from Purdue. He has authored articles in more than 15 global journals and has presented academic work at seven international academic conferences on subjects including international economics, supply chain management and industrial technology. Jim’s other interests include athletics, politics and live music.

tinue to get better. She has already visited Poland, Germany, England, Spain and Dubai. “I hope that all is well with Rotary, I can’t wait to share part of my journey when I return,” she said.



Mannah Mace (second from the right) met other Rotary exchange students during a ski trip recently.

Burpo to Participate in Rotary District Speech Competition

North Vigo High School Interact Club member Olivia Burpo will represent our club during the Rotary District Speech Competition March 5 in Bedford. Her involvement is just one of many activities the Interact Club recent volunteer activities recently. They include delivering Valentine’s Day cards, that they made, to the elderly at Signature Healthcare. Sponsoring a Valentine’s Day dance for Happi-

ness Bag. Interact members on Feb. 17 provided refreshments for a birthday party at the 14th and Chestnut Community Center. They will conduct a fundraiser for the March of Dimes on Feb. 27. They are collecting gently used blue jeans to donate to CODA, and they will serve as volunteers at the annual Deming Park Easter Egg Hunt on March 19.

**Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 1st at Noon, Goodwill Industries
Attendees receive a meeting make-up**

President's Column: Increasing Rotary's Profile



According to Punxsutawney Phil, winter is almost over. I have never put much weight into what an over-grown rodent has to say about the weather but this year I hope he is correct. Although our "winter" hasn't been bad at all this year, it is always nice to see Mother Nature come alive in the spring here in the Wabash Valley. For me, one of the first signs of spring is March Madness. College basketball is coming to a close in March and is fun to watch. Everyone tends to root for the small, underdog teams (remember Butler?) to go far into the NCAA tournament.

This spring "March Madness" will have a new meaning for our club. We will be undertaking our first fundraiser and, keeping with the theme of basketball, it's going to be a full-court press between now and March 11th. Our 'HOOSIERS' 30th Anniversary event set for Friday, March 11th is gaining a lot of momentum. Tables are sold out and general admission tickets are being sold both online and at our meetings at a nice rate for the event. None of this would

be happening if it were not for you. Many Rotarians are helping put on this event but all Rotarians should take pride in this event and help spread the word not just about this event but about Rotary in general. As past-president Richard Shagley always said, "Rotary is the best kept secret in town but let's not keep it that way."

Let's use this event as a springboard to let everyone know all the good things Rotary has to offer. Thanks to a donation to Rotary from the Vigo County School Corporation, all the boys and girls varsity basketball teams and their coaches from the three local high schools (TH North, TH South & West Vigo) will be invited to attend. Although some of these student-athletes may have never heard of the film chances are they will enjoy one of the best sports films ever made. Let's hope the groundhog was correct and spring will come sooner than later. Let's also hope for a great event come March 11th – one that will elevate Rotary's profile in Terre Haute and get people in the madness that is known as March.

"Hoosiers" Movie Trivia

The following trivia is from the web site IMDb.com:

- An actual member of the Milan team, guard Ray Craft, was in the movie. Craft was the person that greeted the Huskers when they got to the state finals, and he also was the one that told Coach Dale that it was time to take the court before the state final game.
- The movie was renamed "Best Shot" in Europe because most Europeans wouldn't know what a Hoosier was.
- Jack Nicholson wanted to play Coach Norman Dale but had a schedule conflict. He told the producers he knew they were on a tight schedule to shoot, and if they found another actor, to go ahead. If not, he could do it the next year. Gene Hackman then signed on for the part.
- The actor playing Ollie once left the set to watch his high school basketball team play. He was a junior on the team when he got the role and was feeling homesick, so he decided to go watch them. The crew had to contact his mother to get him to return.



International Affairs Speaker - Indiana University Professor Dan Preston discussed Cuba's past and the changes taking place in today's Cuba during our Feb. 19 meeting. District Governor Jim Bright was also a special guest at the meeting.

Rotary International's 111th Anniversary
February 23, 2016

2016-17 Club Officers

Members have approved the following slate of new officers as submitted by the Board of Directors: Brian Ross, presi-

dent; Brien Smith, president-elect; Becky Smith, vice president; Mike Collins, treasurer; and Santhana Naidu, secre-

First Community Service Project – A Horse Story

Community service is one of the four avenues of volunteerism initially established by Rotary International. The first community service by any Rotary Club took place in 1906, when Chicago Rotarians bought a horse for a country doctor who lived near Joliet, Illinois. The doctor's horse had died and because he was too poor to buy another horse, he

was unable to visit his country patients. Dr. Clark Wilder Hawley was the instigator of a hat passing collection effort which raised \$150 to enable the young physician to purchase a much needed horse for his home visitations.



Happy Birthday & Club Membership Anniversary!

Birthdays

Day	Member
7	DeBard, Dan
10	Cohen, Matt
10	Tennis, Bill
12	Callahan, David
12	Ross, Brian
13	Nichols, Jane
15	Hudson, Dale
19	Swan, Tom
23	Woods, Martha
27	Aubin, Bill

Anniversaries

Years	Member (Day)
1	Dinkel, Tyler (17th)
5	Marshall, David (28th)
10	Pittelkow, Richard (21st)
10	Wilkinson, Betsy (7th)
11	Myers, Dave (24th)
16	Brattain, George (15th)
19	Bolk, David (11th)
21	Koszewski, Chris (7th)
25	Adkins, John (5th)
31	Gibson, Gregory (5th)
31	Lukens, John (19th)
33	Tennis, Bill (8th)