



Rotary Club of Terre Haute

District 6580, Club 84

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Future Programs:

July 26th

Fellowship Luncheon
Wabash Valley
Community Foundation
200 S 8th St
Prepare dictionaries

August 2nd

Ray Buechler & Fred
Strohm of Terre Haute
Humane Shelter
Animal Welfare in the
Wabash Valley

August 9th

Steve Witt, President of
EDC & Executive Director
of TH Department of Re-
development
Local Economic Update

August 16th

Dorothy Drummond
Author
Holy Land, Whose Land?
Modern Dilemma, Ancient
Roots

August 23rd

Fred Nation &
Brittany Michaels
Terre Haute at 200



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President Brian Ross Outlines Club Goals

One of the key actions that led Brian Ross to become our new club president was the decision to follow his father's advice to become a Rotarian. "When I moved to Terre Haute in 2003, I wanted to become active in the community. My father was a Rotarian in Marshall, Illinois and he told me there wasn't a better service organization in the world. I'm standing here today because he was right," Brian said in describing his new responsibilities. "It's obvious to me that our club's strongest asset is its people. We have people who genuinely care about others and their community. When they come together it's a win for Terre Haute," Brian emphasized.

Brian says his main goal for the new Rotary year is to build on the momentum that our club has created from the successes of this past year. "Under Troy's leadership, the club has a buzz that I haven't seen in many years. The combination of moving to a new venue, great service and fellowship events, and the success of the Hoosiers event in raising thousands of dollars for our local and international foundations have energized our membership," Brian said. He plans to work with Beth Tevlin to relaunch the dictionary project to encourage more Rotarians to help prepare and distribute the dictionaries to elementary schools. Brian will work with the grant's

committee to insure our club's donations make the most impact to help our community. "Lastly, I want Rotary to remain fun and I want our members to be proud of our club, so I am working with some key members to have another fundraising event at the Indiana Theater in November of this year.

Brian graduated from Marshall High School in 1995 and Millikin University four years later. In 2003, he graduated from the University of Missouri St. Louis School of Optometry and moved to Terre Haute to begin private practice optometry. He has been married to his wife, April, for 15 years. They have twin sons who will be in sixth grade at Woodrow Wilson and a daughter who will be in fifth grade at Lost Creek Elementary.



Troy Fears hands over the gavel to Brian Ross at the Changing of the Guard on July 5th, 2016.

Small Local and International Dues Increase

Club dues have been increased by \$5 beginning July 1 which includes a \$1 increase stipulated by Rotary International. Dues for the 2016-17 Rotary year are \$245 which includes \$67.50 as a tax deductible donation to the local foundation and \$56 for Rotary International dues. Starting in 2017-18 Rotary International dues will increase \$4 per year for three consecutive

years. Rotary's Council on Legislation which deals with the dues structure meets every three years, and each of the 532 districts sends a representative to the Council to review and vote on proposed legislation. Past District Governor Bettye Dunham of the Rotary Club of New Albany served as our District 6580 delegate to the Council.

If you would like to submit the name and topic of a prospective speaker, contact Becky Miller, vice president and program committee chair, at rmiller@ivytech.edu.

ISU Vice President Inducted as Newest Rotarian

A Rotary welcome to our newest member, Dr. Willie Banks, vice president for student affairs at Indiana State University. Willie was nominated and introduced by Nancy Rogers. He was appointed to his current position last year after serving as interim assistant vice president for student affairs at Cleveland State University. He has also served Cleveland State as associate dean of students for student life and as interim vice president for student affairs and dean of students. From 1993-2010, he held a variety of student affairs positions at the University of Georgia, including associate dean and director of intercultural affairs. Willie earned a Bachelor of Arts in public relations, with a minor in business, from Mercer University. He received two degrees from the University of Georgia: a master's in student personnel and a Ph.D. in student affairs administration. He is a three-time recipient of the University of Georgia

Student Affairs Outstanding Collaborative and Teamwork Award, has been named Southeast Region Outstanding



Campus Activities Professional by the National Association for Campus Activities and has served on the board of directors for the Association of College Unions International.

Dr. Willie Banks

Rentschler Rotary Scholarships Awarded

This year's recipients of the James Rentschler Memorial Scholarships from our club are recent Terre Haute North Vigo High School graduates and Interact Club members Margaret Mary McMurtry and Meghan Large. President Troy Fears presented the \$1,500 scholarships during last month's awards program at the high school. McMurtry will attend St. Joseph's College in Rennslaer, IN. Large will continue her studies at Indiana University. The annual scholarships are named in honor of James Rentschler, a long-time officer of our club and distinguished educator in our com-

munity. Jim served as district governor (1978-79) as well as president of our club (1965-66). His repeated election to our Board of Directors as club secretary illustrated how fellow Rotarians valued his knowledge of Rotary rules and obligations. Rentschler served as principal of Woodrow Wilson Middle School, the former Garfield High School and the University School. He was also a professor of education at Indiana State University.

2016 Rotary Grants Deadline – September 1

2016-17 Club Leadership

In addition to our officers, the following members have agreed to continue in these leadership positions: Club Service-Josh Zuerner, Vocational Service and Awards Committee-Jim Tanoos, Youth Service-Santhana Naidu, Public Relations-Dave Piker, Invocations-Bryan Sponsler, Attendance-

Sally Stewart and Kim Ingalsbe. Richard Shagley has agreed to become the new chair of the grants committee. Brian Ross is still seeking volunteers to serve as either membership chair or chair of international service.

Three Serve on District Leadership Council

How much do you know about our Rotary District 6580? The district consists of 36 clubs in southern Indiana which comprises a geographic range of Greenwood, Bloomington, Evansville, Columbus, Jasper, New Albany and Greensburg with a combined membership of 1,646 Rotarians. Our club is the second largest in the district with 130 members. The Evansville Rotary Club is the largest with 228 members. The Terre Haute South Rotary Club has 37 members and Brazil has 47. The new district governor is Laura Carie, a

member of the Vincennes Rotary Club.

Three of our members serve on the District Leadership Council: Santhana Naidu, Rotary Youth Exchange Chair/assistant district governor; Josh Zuerner, global grants chair; and Paul Stanley, district communications and Rotary Leadership Institute Chair.

Congratulations to Nancy Rogers for becoming our newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Exchange Students Return Aug. 30 to Discuss International Experiences

Our speakers Aug. 30 will be the two students who our club sponsored the past year in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Grace Bertsch and Mannah Mace will discuss their 10 months in Europe. Bertsch lived with a host family and

went to school in the Netherlands. Mace will reflect on her experiences living and going to school in Slovakia. Bertsch will be a senior at North Vigo High School while Mace will be attending Saint Mary of-the-Woods College.



Know a Candidate for a Rotary Youth Exchange?

Youth Services Chair Santhana Naidu announces that it is not too early to inform high-school students about the life changing opportunities of being selected for the Rotary Youth Exchange program for the 2017-18 academic year. Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for youth aged 15 to 19 who spend a full year as an international student hosted by local Rotary clubs. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership in their school and community, are open to learning cultural differences, willing to serve as

an ambassador for the United States, and are interested in learning a new language and living with a host family in a country other than the U.S. Costs vary depending on the country where the student will live. Local Rotary clubs host students and provide room and board with a host family, and provide a small, monthly stipend. Participants are responsible for their round-trip airfare, insurance, and funds for additional travel and spending money.

Club attendance for 2015-16 Rotary year – 70 percent
Total club membership – 130 members



Thanks to Vern Fellows for providing weekly transportation for our exchange students to join us for lunch.



Please attend the July 26 Fellowship Luncheon at the Wabash Valley Community Foundation and help prepare dictionaries for distribution to elementary students.



Happy Birthday & Club Membership Anniversary!

Birthdays

Day	Member
1	Jones, Gayland
1	Shaw, Michael
2	Bertoli, Jim
4	Behan, Gary
7	Hughes, Lynn
14	Craig, Kristin
16	King, Deanna
17	Jones, Jennifer
23	McQueen, Norman
24	Bolk, David
24	McCullough, Melissa

Anniversaries

Years	Member (Day)
8	Shagley, Richard (8 th)
14	Colwell, Bart (2 nd)
19	Pepperworth, Lisa (29 th)
19	Zaun, David (29 th)
23	Stanley, Linda (20 th)
27	Van Reed, Milt (11 th)
28	Petit, George (12 th)
28	Stanley, Paul (19 th)
40	Harmening, Louis (6 th)

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