April 4, 2011

From Humble Nature Preserve to a National Top Ten Children’s Zoo!

It’s another sign of spring - the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo opens April 23 for its 47th season! Jim Anderson has been involved with 35 of those years, the last ten in his position as zoo director. Since 1965, more than 18-million people have visited this outstanding community asset and nationally-recognized organization. Of the more than 600,000 visitors to the zoo last year, 40% were local to Allen County and 60% came from communities within a 50-mile radius of Fort Wayne. The economic impact of the zoo to the city exceeds $18-million. The Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo pays all its bills through its operations. There are 14-thousand families in the zoo’s society. The zoo’s history testifies to its mission to “connect kids and animals, strengthen families, and inspire people to care.” In 1952, 54 acres were added to Fort Wayne’s Franke Park to establish a nature preserve. The popularity of the nature preserve encouraged local officials to consider building a full-fledged children’s zoo. On July 3, 1965, the $500,000 Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, comprising five and one-half acres and 18 exhibits, opened to the public. Attendance that first day was 6,000. Since then, the additions of the African Veldt (now the African Journey), the Indonesian Rain Forest, the Indiana Farm Exhibit, plus children’s education and community outreach events have brought the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo well-deserved national recognition and accolades. Learn more and plan your 2011 trip to the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo by visiting kidszoo.org.

The Four-Way Test
of the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor

Mission Statement for the Fort Wayne Rotary Club
To maintain its preeminent position as a fellowship of business and professional leaders dedicated to service above self, and committed to provide direction and resources in the four areas of service.

Meeting
Mondays, 12 noon
Next Meeting: April 4, 2011
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A YOUNG GUEST TO THIS PROGRAM
RSVP TO JANE: fwrotarysecretary@gmail.com

“Service Above Self”

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Neighboring Club Meetings

Tuesday
Angola: 12pm, Sunset Inn
Auburn: 12pm, Italian Grill
Bluffton: 12pm, Timber Ridge Golf Club
Churubusco: 12pm, St. John Busco Church
Columbia City: 12pm, Parkview Memorial Hospital
Garrett: 12pm, Railroad Inn
Huntington: 12pm, LaFontaine Center
Kendallville: 6:15pm, Pizza Hut
Ligonier: 7pm, UMC Church, Townline

Wednesday
Anthony Wayne: 12pm, Hall’s Guesthouse

Thursday
Albion: 12pm, Asbury United Methodist Church
Berm: 12pm, Parkway Chalet
Butler: 12pm, American Legion
Decatur: 12pm, Back Forty
North Manchester: 12pm, Manchester College

Friday
Warsaw: 12pm, Ramada Inn

Greeters | Mark Westerhausen & Jim Witmer
Cashier | Holli Seabury
Invocation | Amy Kelly
House | Fred Eckart, Tim Schenkel & Kay Ostrum
Song Leader | Jeremy Redding
Sergeant | TBA
Spin Editor | Bruce Haines

Program

2011-2012 Theme: “What We’ve Done, What We’re Doing and What We’re Planning for the Future”

Upcoming Programs

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Proposed New Members

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Welcome New Members

Ann Helmke
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Bring A Potential Rotaractor to Our April 4 Meeting!
The Rotaract Club will be giving a presentation about the benefits of Rotaract for young people, the successes of our club, and our future plans and projects for 2011. Rotaract is interested in increasing its membership and expanding awareness. So, all Rotary members are encouraged to invite a young person age 18-30 as a guest who might be interested in getting involved in their community. Please let Jane Wilks know that you’re bringing a guest April 4 so we have an accurate food count for lunch!

Thanks to the EarlyAct Club at Washington Elementary!

Members of Washington Elementary School’s EarlyAct Club helped our March 28 meeting by leading club members in the Four Way Test, assisting our song leader, and ringing the closing bell! The students are raising funds ($685 to date) to see that everyone at Washington Elementary owns a book of their own so each person can “fall in love with reading”! EarlyAct is a service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13 that prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects that benefit their school, local and global communities.

Enjoy After Hours Networking April 14
The club’s membership committee is hosting an “After Hours Networking” event Thursday, April 14, 4:30pm-6:30pm at Don Hall’s Gas House. Bring a potential member to join us for refreshments! This is an opportunity to meet Rotarians and learn more about the club! For more information or to RSVP, contact Holli Seabury, 760-4831.
Welcome New Members!

On March 28, Troy Kiefer, Associate City Attorney, City of Fort Wayne, was introduced to our club as a new member. He received his name badge from President Dee.

Remembering A Rotary Club-FW Children’s Zoo Story
Jim Anderson’s March 28 presentation on the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo brought this remembrance from club member Randy Roberts, who has been Rotary Historian since 1985. He recalls that “as a very young Rotarian, about 40 years ago, I was assigned the task of working with a sister Rotary Club in India to receive a gift they wanted to give us.... a baby elephant. This required coordinating with our Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, plus arranging transportation, permits and communication with the club in India. Rotarian Don Hall (of restaurant fame) made a generous donation to pay for the elephant's travel. We were finally all set to have the elephant shipped and it died. I was reminded of this as Jim Anderson spoke Monday and mentioned all of the expense and challenges of having an elephant at our zoo. Maybe the outcome of our Rotary effort worked out for the best as far as the zoo is concerned. It sure did not work out well for the poor elephant.” (Last year Randy gathered all the historic documents he had and turned them over to the Allen County Library. The library is now digitizing them for access by the general public and will also keep the original documents in file.)
Each year, our Rotary District 6540 brings together high school students for a day-long workshop where students are encouraged to learn and think critically about global issues affecting them, their parents and their peers. “Tackling tough issues facing the world today, student leaders are engaged with expert presenters through thought provoking panel presentations and interactive small breakout groups”. That description is taken straight from the District 6540 website and it sums up the event quite well!

This year’s World Affairs Conference was held at IPFW on March 8th. The topic chosen for the event was “Outsourcing”. The subject matter experts speaking this day were, Dave Miller, former Mayor of Elkhart, Indiana, John Southern a Senior Procurement Manager for Vista Lighting and Dr. Elizabeth Tuleja, from the University of Notre Dame.

The conference was attended by over 110 students sponsored by area Rotary Clubs. This conference was videotaped and was rebroadcast to conferences held in seven other cities across Indiana over the week that followed.
An event of this size – and quality - cannot take place without the hard work of a great number of devoted Rotarians! Special recognition must go out to Lynette Johnson (Anthony Wayne Rotary Club), who was the 2011 District 6540 World Affairs Conference Chair. Kudos to Lona Antil, committee chair from our club, and her merry band who hosted the small group breakout sessions and ensured that all in attendance were well fed – in addition to well educated! Sincere thanks to Nick Shah, Bob Hudson, Jeremy Redding, Dick Conklin and Rose Meldrum from the Huntington Club. And a very special “High Five” from Lona to John Hoffman and Tom Kus – “who worked diligently”! (Story and photos by Dave Borgen)
Happy Birthday to the Following Rotarians!

- Harris, William Apr 04
- Kelly, Michael Apr 06
- Albert-Grill, Bobbi Apr 07
- Bastress, Thomas Apr 08
- Alexander, John Apr 10
- Beaver, Thomas Apr 11
- McKay, Michael Apr 12
- Kus, Thomas Apr 14
- Milentis, John Apr 14
- Griffith, F. Lauren Apr 19
- Yoder, Thomas Apr 23
- Wooding, Thomas Apr 25
- Hoffman, John Apr 26
- Rider, Randall Apr 26
- Kiefer, Troy Apr 27
- Tucker, William Apr 27
- Smith, Christina Apr 28
- Matthews, James Apr 30

Rotary International Theme
2010-2011

Rotary Officers

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Web Information

Fort Wayne Rotary Web Page
www.fortwaynerotary.org
www.clubrunner.ca/fortwayne

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

Rotary District Web Page
www.rotary6540.org
Wishing the Following Rotarians a Happy Anniversary!

Goldstein, Leonard 45 years Apr 04
Roberts, John 42 years Apr 21
Moss, Lindy 31 years Apr 07
Cress, C. James 29 years Apr 05
Arnold, Mel 28 years Apr 11
Klocke, Edward 26 years Apr 21
Conklin, Richard 26 years Apr 29
Sipe, Roger 23 years Apr 18
Kratzat, James 18 years Apr 22
Kus, Thomas 13 years Apr 13
Gutreuter, Jill 11 years Apr 10
Jackson, Louise 11 years Apr 17
Ostrum, R. Kay 4 years Apr 16
Shoup, Allen 2 years Apr 01
Daenens, Jason 2 years Apr 20
Dillon, Jeanette 1 year Apr 12
Rotary International New Orleans Convention May 21-25, 2010
Online Registration Deadlines

March 31, 2011 is the deadline for the pre-registration rate of $340 per person. Price goes up April 1, 2011. This is also the deadline for online registrations for the one-day, May 21, $40 per person special. (Some one-day registrations will be available on site.)

All online registrations successfully completed, and all faxed or emailed registration forms received before Midnight C.D.T. 31 March will be processed at the pre-deadline rates. Registration forms received by post must be post-marked no later than "31 March 2011", to be accepted for processing.

"How do I register for the convention?" There are two ways to register for the 2011 RI Convention.

1) Rotarians can register online using a credit card through Member Access (this method is available to Rotarians only). If you have not used Member Access before, (or have not used it since July of 2008) you will need to create a user account (or re-create a user account) by clicking the "Register Now" button https://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/Login.aspx This typically takes one business day. However, sometimes this takes more than one day.** Once this has been completed, you will sign in to Member Access by clicking on the "Login" button after entering your password. Then select "Register for Meetings" and register for the convention. The final step of the online registration process is to enter your credit card details, and click "submit" to pay your registration fees.

If it is close to or on a deadline and you have not received instructions to complete the set up of your Member Access account, PLEASE SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM (see # 2 below).

2) You can also register by filling out a registration form. The form is "writeable". So you can type directly into the form, save it, and send it electronically by email. You can also submit the form by, fax, and post. You can download a registration form at: http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/ You can download a housing form or reserve a hotel room online at this location as well.

Confirmation packets are sent by email after the registrations have been processed. The confirmation packet will include your registration confirmation, preliminary program schedule, first time attendee information, Host Event ticket order form, travel reference guide, and letter of invitation (if required). Please allow 30 days from the date that we receive your registration form for processing.

Host Events - You can find information about the latest host events at the HOC website, www.rotarycon2011.com or contact the HOC by email at hostevent2011info@gmail.com

Deadlines:
March 31, 2011 - Final pre-registration deadline for submission of registration form

April 15, 2011 - Cancellations must be received by this date, either by e-mail at RI.Registration@rotary.org or by fax at +1-847-866-3064. Requests received after that date will not be processed.

May 6, 2011 - Final registration deadline for registering online using Member Access.
President Ray Klinginsmith

As a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club, his Missouri hometown, Ray has been a Rotarian for over 45 years. He was chosen to be an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1961 and attended the University of Cape Town. He served in General Council for 22 years at Truman State University and is now a retired attorney. He and his wife, Judy, were married in 1961 and have two children and three grandchildren.

Hear President Klinginsmith speak about Rotary's accomplishments with the Polio Plus Program his vision for the future.

All Clubs in the District have made a Polio pledge. Clubs will be asked to make your annual Polio Contribution by April 15th, checks payable to the Rotary Foundation and mailed to Dan Ryan, PO Box 400, DeMotte, IN 46310. Each club who makes or made their contribution by April 15th, contributing $1000 or more, will be recognized at this event. A representative from each of the contributing clubs will be asked to come to the front and tie a yellow ribbon on a set of crutches, signifying our effort to rid this world of Polio, once and for all.

Service Above Self Award for District 6540

Rotary’s highest honor will be give to a Rotarian in District 6540. This prestigious award will be presented by President Klinginsmith at this event.

Registration Information:
Join fellow Rotarians, and guests on April 27, Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner 7:00 pm EST at the Century Center, located at 120 S. Saint Joseph St., South Bend, IN 46601. (574).235.9711. The cost of the event will be $32.50 per person. Members, place your registration with your Presidents and/or your club. Presidents, send registration list of names and club check to your District Office by April 15.