Organization Helps Ex-Offenders

Our speaker this past Monday was Tony Hudson from Blue Jacket, Inc. Blue Jacket is a local non-profit whose mission is to provide the tools and opportunities to adult ex-offenders to be productive members of society.

The organization started in 2003 as an offshoot from Allen County’s re-entry court. The organization serves those who possess a felony or misdemeanor and a motivation to change life circumstances. They provide help with job training, interviewing skills, goal development, job placement and other areas to help those who have been incarcerated to successfully re-enter the job market as well as society in general. About 350 ex-offenders were served in 2009.

The success of the organization is clearly illustrated by looking at the recidivism rate for those participating in the program. In 2006 this rate was 36%, but by 2008 the rate was down to 18.1% and still going. For more information about the program or to see how you can help by hiring some of the program participants, go to www.bluejacketinc.org
Next Meeting: August 16, 2010
Would you signed up for the Golf Outing yet?

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Upcoming Programs

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Please Share Your Rotary Story

“Service Above Self”

When did you join Rotary? When did you become a Rotarian? Please share a special time, event or activity when you became aware you had the true spirit of being a Rotarian. Send your story to Jane Wilks and with your permission it will be printed in the Spin and added to the Club Runner site to inspire others.
LUNCH AND DUES COST REMINDER

Dues payments for the second half of 2010 are overdue! Depending on which option you pick, your lunch will cost either $10 or $13 – the cashier will be able to tell by the colored dot on your badge. If you do not have a “$10 dot” on your badge, you will be asked to pay $13. Therefore, if you haven’t yet paid your dues and intend to be on the $10 plan, please bring your dues check this Monday!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

As part of our Club’s strategic planning process, last Monday we had a very successful planning session to help focus our club’s efforts in accomplishing the four goals that President Dee has set out for us. We reviewed the priority actions identified by our Board’s planning meeting on July 28th and also gave you the opportunity to provide your input.

The Executive Board will be reviewing the input provided by those present and will publish the results in the Spin soon. Thanks to all for your great input!

FORE!

See the attached flyer with details on the Club golf outing on September 13. Also bring some extra cash in the coming weeks so that you can enter the raffle drawings for some great prizes, courtesy of Chops, Eddie Merlot, Hampton Inn Southwest, the Mad Ants and more! All funds raised will go toward the Cleo Fox scholarships.

DISTRICT PROJECT COMING UP

On October 2, the Rotary Districts of Indiana are requesting our participation in an “Indiana Rotarians at Work Day”. This would be a day where we select a project locally where we can make a difference and spend the day doing it. Sounds to me that the concept is like the local United Way Day of Caring project. Please be thinking of a project our club could do!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you log onto Club Runner, you can see your attendance record. Go to clubrunner.ca/fortwayne to log in. If you haven’t yet logged in or haven’t changed your username or password, here is what you use to get in (using your own first and last names):

login: firstnamelastname4164
password: 4164

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT?
Okay, in all your life have you ever known anyone who’s excited about the start of the new school year? Truth is yes, we all did! We knew them as the “geeks”, “dweebs”, “nerds”. (Or in my case, I called them “Mom” and “Dad”!) Well, may I introduce you to the “Fort Wayne Rotary Club Washington School Committee” and they’re bringing a whole new attitude to the start of the 2010 school year! (Yes, “dweeb” may still apply, but we’ll let that one slide!) Registration for the new school year was on and Fort Wayne Rotary was there to help! “Hitting the books” this week were Committee Chair Lona Antil with the able assistance of Chip Olson, Jill Gutreuter and Carole Fuller.

School Principal J.R. Ankenbruck spoke extremely positively on Washington Elementary School and the prospects for the upcoming 2010 year. Principal Ankenbruck said that enrollment has been much higher than expected and many parents are looking at Washington School as the school of choice for their children. “J.R.” said that chances are good that an additional 5th grade teacher will be needed to hold the class size down to a number of students he likes to see per class. What a truly amazing turnaround this school has made over the last several years! Fort Wayne Rotarians should be proud of how we have contributed to this success. Every little bit helps!

Feeling left out? No need to despair! Our club will be the sponsor of the “Back to School” night picnic on Thursday, September 2nd. Please check in with Lona Antil for more details and opportunities to help out with this event. Past “Back to School Night” picnics have been an absolute blast to volunteer for. The picnics are well attended by the students and their families! It’s all very casual and informal, but it is a
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www.clubrunner.ca/fortwayne

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Rotary District Web Page
www.rotary6540.org

wonderful chance to interact with the students, teachers and parents! Please consider volunteering to help out on September 2nd with this event. You won’t want to miss it!
ANNUAL FORT WAYNE ROTARY GOLF OUTING

The Fort Wayne Rotary Club invites you to join us September 13th, 2010 for our annual golf outing. Evening events include a dinner and awards ceremony. All proceeds go to the Cleo Fox Scholarship Fund. Prizes for 1st & 2nd Place, specialty awards and raffle drawing. Sign up today!

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

PLACE: CHERRY HILL GOLF CLUB
PACKAGE INCLUDES*: GREENS FEE, GOLF CART, DINNER (CASH BAR), REFRESHMENTS DURING GOLF.
TIME: 12:00 - REGISTRATION BEGINS - 1:00 pm - SHOTGUN START
       6:00 pm - (APPROX.) DINNER

*Additional Dinner Guests Welcome, $20.00 Per Person

Foursome-$320.00, Individual-$80.00 Please include registration fee with form (payable to Fort Wayne Downtown Rotary)
Name and Telephone Number

(Team Captain)

Mail Registration Form & Entry Fee to:
Jane Wilks-PO Box 11141, Fort Wayne IN 46856

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