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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.

Last Monday, Rotarians had the pleasure to meet and hear from Elmer Heinley, who, at 96 years of age, is the longest continuous resident of Whitley County. The county connection began when Elmer’s grandfather purchased farmland for $1.50 per acre outside Columbia City during President Chester Arthur’s administration. Elmer and his wife Helen continued to farm and enjoyed 72 years of marriage. Elmer shared stories of farm life and the changes he experienced before and after his area was wired for electrical service. He started the Columbia Township Fire Department in 1949 and was its chief for 20 years. He was honored as the area’s best pork producer in 1961 and received the first Whitley County “Solid Citizen Award” in 1961. He also was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Mitch Daniels. Elmer joined the Columbia City Rotary Club 59 years ago and has had 23 years of perfect attendance. He recalled that the spouses of Rotarians were called “Rotary-Anns” in the club’s earlier all-male days. At that time it first felt that local businessmen thought the farmers were “hayseeds,” but soon everyone found that through Rotary there was much that each club member had in common. Rotary used to represent business and now it represents the whole community. Elmer’s philosophy on life is simple: “If I can make you laugh you can’t be mad at me at the same time!”
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: December 12, 2011

“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”

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Upcoming Programs

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Mark Your Calendars
February 20, 2012
Joint Meeting with Anthony Wayne Club
Speaker: Dr Tony Bennett, State Superintendent of Schools

Proposed New Member
Please call President Mike with any comments

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Sponsors
Mike Kelly, Linda Skaggs, Louise Jackson

Complete list at www.rotary6540.org
Gold Standard Recognition for Sandy Shumaker

President Mike honored Sandy Shumaker during our December 5 meeting for her work with Washington Elementary School. Her efforts help provide the club with artwork from the students that is shared with our speakers each week!

Student Rotarian Introduced

Club members met Rob Dukarski who is the student Rotarian for this month from Anthis Career Center. Rob comes to Anthis from Southside High School.

Club Hears from Its Inbound Rotary Exchange Student

Our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student Ana Cris Martinez offered greetings to club members during the December 5 meeting. She is from Mexico and will be in Fort Wayne through next spring. During her remarks she offered President Mike a Rotary Club flag from her host club and will take one of our club flags back with her! Welcome Anna!

Eliminate Lost Guests

OK, so you’ve done your part and invited a guest to Rotary – how can you make sure that he or she knows where to park and can find the right entrance? Thanks to John Peirce, we now have a handy one-page guide! You can find it at the end of this newsletter, and we will also be posting it to our website.
Rotary Honors Armed Forces

Rotarians Beth Sherr and Tim Gibson reported that $708 was raised by our club in November as a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. The organization serves wounded men and women serving in our armed forces as they have answered the call to duty in the highest tradition of the United States military. On the recommendation of Tim’s son, a United States Marine who recently returned from his seven month deployment in Afghanistan, the dollars will be given in the name of his unit – Erie Company, Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center, located in Twentynine Palms, California. Thanks to all who contributed!

Early Act Update!

Early Act at Washington School is up and running under new teacher leadership. Jennifer Davis has taken the helm with great success. The group has voted to lead the school in the following projects:

School project: To provide elevated school spirit and reward hard work the students, staff, parents and Rotary members will be invited to help paint the lockers on January 21, 2012. The school atmosphere will be brightened and updated with colors chosen by EarlyAct.

Community project: With assistance from the Tin Caps, the school will conduct an aluminum recycling project. The students, staff parents and the community will be inspired to participate.

International project: Students from EarlyAct will have an opportunity to learn about, exchange communications with and lend support to the students in Togo, Africa.
Dues Statements Status
Dues statements for the 1st half of 2012 were due on December 1. Please check to see that your records are up to date! We know that this dues notice is a month earlier than in the past. The reason for this is that we are required to update our records with Rotary International on January 1, and we cannot do that until we verify who has paid their dues for the spring! Thanks for your help!

Thanks!

Special thanks to Bruce Haines who covered this meeting in your December editor’s absence!

Rotary International Theme
2011-2012

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Kalyan Banerjee
Vapi, India

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Yashio, Japan

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The best place to park when you attend our Rotary Club meeting is the lot marked by an “S” in the very bottom left-hand corner of this map (the “Silver Lot”), right across from the ballpark entrance on the corner of Ewing and Brackenridge streets. At the top of the steps and to the left are the stairs and elevator that will take you to the second floor. Both doors open to our greeting table and friendly Rotarians.
1. President will call the meeting to order

2. The Vice President will lead us in reading the Four Way Test:

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3. The Recording Secretary will read the minutes from the last meeting and the President will ask for any corrections to the minutes.

4. The Corresponding Secretary will read any letters sent or received (none).

5. The Treasurer will read his report

6. Special Committees will read their reports:

7. Unfinished Business and New Business:
   A. Community Service Project: Lockers Painted (1/21)
   B. International Project: Toga, Africa
   C. Follow up with Jamaica pen pals???

8. Announcements

9. Adjourn