Folk wisdom was right! – “Mighty oaks grow from little acorns grow.”

Started in 1956 with a symbolic initial gift of $85, the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne is on track to reach $120 million by year-end, according to our luncheon speaker, Executive Director Dave Bennett. And surely, the CF’s impact on this community has to be substantial – with a total of $10.1 million in charitable grants and scholarships last year, and a like amount again in 2012.

The CF fosters philanthropy in general, through endowment-building and effective grant-making. And it also helps individuals achieve charitable goals, whether through an unrestricted gift; or by moving an existing family foundation under the CF umbrella; or through a charitable gift annuity.

But the CF is sometimes more that a mere charitable conduit. It can be a catalyst, too, as happened back in 2007 when the CF successfully crafted a $20 million grant-request to the Lilly Endowment to fund education and training in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math) throughout northeast Indiana.

Of course, the “fiscal cliff” lies on the near-horizon. And proposed solutions -- whether tax rate increases, or limits on charitable deductions, or cuts in government support of charitable and social service organizations -- may well require the CF to adapt and to innovate.

Doubtless, it will do so. And thereby live up to its motto: “For good. For ever.”
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: December 17, 2012

"OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE"

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Dues are Due!
You can now pay at the meeting with your credit card.

Holiday Blood Drive
Give the ultimate gift that costs you nothing.
Thursday January 3, 2012, 2pm to 7pm
At the American Red Cross
Family & Friends Welcome
Club Announcements

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Club Committee Calendar

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Local

District and International

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NEW MEMBER PROJECT

This year’s new member “Done in a Day” project is a book drive for Washington Elementary School. And the New Member Committee is asking for your support:

1) either a $5 donation (Please use the designated envelope on your luncheon table);
2) or an actual book donation, age-appropriate for elementary students (Please bring your books to Club meetings, or drop them off during normal business hours at Brain Balance Achievement Center, 7517 West Jefferson Blvd.)

All books will be delivered to the school during the second week in January. Club members are invited to attend. For further information, contact Ian McCormick.

STILL TIME TO SIGN-UP FOR OUR “PERFECT GIFT” BLOOD DRIVE

According to Jeremy Redding, 25 Club members have signed up for our “perfect gift” local service project blood drive, scheduled for January 3, 2013 from 3 PM to 7 PM. But there’s still time to add your name to that list. See the flyer that accompanies this week’s Spin for further information. And to learn more about donating blood, visit the American Red Cross website.

A CUP FOR A CAUSE

We have a great opportunity for you! It’s a super way to treat someone special (maybe even yourself) to some great blends of coffee and at the same time support Rotary’s humanitarian efforts to help the community and touch the world. We will be selling Green Mountain Coffee at the meetings for the next several weeks. A bag is only $10 and comes in four different blends. What better way to start your morning then sipping a great cup of coffee, knowing you are making a contribution at the same time. The bags make a great gift (personal or corporate). We will also have some gift baskets made up to make your Santa shopping a breeze. If you would like to purchase some coffee and can’t make it to the meetings or would like to order a quantity for
gifts, please call us! A good cup of coffee can change your day, and now it can help change the world. Happy Sipping! Contact Linda Skaggs 710.2098 and Carole Fuller 438.0564 with questions.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Year-end is fast approaching. If you have yet to contribute to the RI Foundation’s EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR program, please write that check now. Make it payable to the Rotary International Foundation. And either give it to Secretary Jane or send it to the Club’s mail box (P.O. Box 1141, Fort Wayne, IN 46856)

ELECTING CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Finally, after much campaigning – but no negative ads – Election day is here! See the proposed slate of officers and directors:

- Kenn Kunze ('14)
- Louise Jackson ('14)
- Holli Seabury ('14)
- Glenn Abels ('15)
- Ruth Corn ('15)
- John Hoffman ('15)
- Jim Huller ('15)
- Candace Schuler ('15)

**Officers for 2013 – 2014**

- President: Jeff Krull
- President-Elect: Barb Wachtman
- Vice President: Denny Williamson
- Secretary: Jane Wilks
- Treasurer: Mark Westerhausen
- Past President: Dave Borgen

**Board of Directors for 2013-16**

- Jason Daenens (second 3 year term)
- Fred Eckhart (first 3 year term)
- Carole Fuller (second 3 year term)
- Marc Levy (first 3 year term)
- Randy Rider (first 3 year term)
- Carolyn Sleet (first 3 year term)

Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Downtown Fort Wayne by Michael Kelly, Past President and Chair of Nominating Committee.
Rotary Club of Fort Wayne – Rotaract Club of Fort Wayne

“Perfect Gift” Blood Drive

Thursday January 3, 2012  2pm-7pm

American Red Cross Donation Center– 1212 E. California Rd.

- Enjoy FREE food and entertainment
- Donating takes just 45 minutes (15 for actual donation)
- Schedule your donation time in advance OR just show up!
- Invite friends, family members, and any other guests willing to donate!

**BONUS: All Donors receive FREE Regal Cinemas Movie Tickets!**

If you are unable to donate blood...there are **OTHER WAYS TO HELP!**

You can provide a monetary donation.
You can schedule a friend or colleague to donate on your behalf
You can help provide entertainment

HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL ROTARY –ROTARACT EVENT!!!!

In the time it took you to read this poster— at least 5 people have needed blood to save their life. Give the gift of **LIFE** this holiday season. It truly is the perfect gift.

Talk to your Rotarian or Rotaract representative to schedule a time!
Or contact us at RotaractFortWayne@gmail.com
Here at ClubRunner, we're beginning our week with some celebrations! We are proud to announce that the ClubRunner Mobile App is now available for Android devices!

Your key to connect to your ClubRunner website on the go, the ClubRunner Mobile App is password protected and features 3 main modules along with numerous features bringing you even closer to connect, collaborate and communicate. Already available for iPhones, this app gives you the ability to browse through your member directory, view the latest feed of home page stories and even locate the nearest clubs that are within a specified range of your current location, right from your Android device. To learn more about ClubRunner’s Mobile App, please click here.

To download the app from Google Play, simply type in 'ClubRunner' in the search bar. Best of all, it is all completely free!