Fort Wayne Community Schools:
An “A” District with Facility Needs

At Fort Wayne Community Schools it is a time of academic achievement. Superintendent Dr. Wendy Robinson told Rotarians FWCS earned an “A” or Exemplary status under Indiana’s accountability law this year – FWCS was the only urban district to merit this distinction. She also reported that the FWCS high school graduation rate increased for the fourth consecutive year, beating the state average in 2011. The graduation rate of 88.1% was higher than the state average of 85.7%. Amid tight budgets FWCS offers high quality programs like school choice, district-wide full-day kindergarten (at no cost to parents), magnet schools, and other educational opportunities for an increasing complex student body representing more than 80 different languages. It is also a time of infrastructure challenges for the school district’s buildings, 36 of them identified in a $119 million facility project that was described for club members by fellow Rotarian and FWCS board member John Peirce. The average age of FWCS buildings is 56 years and the capital needs include HVAC, energy efficient windows, masonry restoration, safety improvements to bring buildings up to code, and roof repairs. The project would cost $27 a year for the average homeowner in the district. Academics are supported by suitable buildings and being fiscally responsible requires these assets be maintained. Click here to learn more about FWCS' buildings and the plan to take care of them for future generations.
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: February 6, 2012
“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”

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**Upcoming Programs**

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<td>Catherine Carlton “My Summer of Enchantment: Interning at the American Museum of Magic” (Marshall MI)</td>
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**Mark Your Calendars**

February 20, 2012
Joint Meeting with Anthony Wayne Club at the downtown Library
Speaker: Dr Tony Bennett, State Superintendent of Schools
PLEASE RSVP to Secretary Jane via e-mail
Or register at the Cashier's Table

**Proposed New Members**

Please call President Mike with any comments

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Welcome Stephanie Veit, Our Newest Rotarian!

President Mike introduced Stephanie at our meeting last Monday. She has been in Fort Wayne for ten years with her husband and two boys. Stephanie works as a commercial lender at Three Rivers Federal Credit Union. Her volunteer work is extensive and includes the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana, and Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. Welcome Stephanie!

Fort Wayne Rotary Club Centennial Project Survey

In 2015 our club will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. A Centennial Project Steering Committee has been formed to explore ways in which we might recognize and celebrate this major milestone for our club. The committee would like to know your thoughts, and has developed a short online survey (less than 10 minutes) to get your input.

Please take a moment to respond to the following questions at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CentennialProject. Your responses will provide critical information as we assemble ideas for commemorating our centennial. To stimulate your thinking, here are some examples of centennial projects that other Rotary clubs have undertaken:

- Tulsa, OK Club – Built the downtown “Rotary Plaza” with five bronze sculptures that call attention to Tulsa’s volunteer spirit and Rotary’s role in the community and around the world.
- Lincoln, NE Club – Built a playground, walking trails, and community gathering place at Elliott Elementary School.
- Portland, OR Club – Made a major gift to New Avenues for Youth to create the Rotary Center for Career Training, a job training and career development program for homeless and at-risk youth.
- Dallas, TX Club – Built the children’s section of Woodall Rodgers Park downtown with a large Rotary emblem visible from the air.
- Milwaukee, WI Club – With its partners – the Urban Ecology Center, the River Revitalization Foundation, the Milwaukee Urban Rivers Foundation, the County and the City – will develop the Rotary Centennial Arboretum as the gateway to the Milwaukee Greenway on donated industrial land.

And here are a few examples of past projects our club has carried out: Washington Elementary School Sponsorship/Partnership; Headwaters Park Avenue of Trees; River Greenway Circle of Hope Trail.

Thank you for your input!
Valentine’s Day Shopping at Our February 13 Meeting!

Our club’s fundraising committee announced that wine and Yummie’s cupcakes will be for sale at our February 13 meeting – just in time for Valentine’s Day! Don’t miss this!

Happy Birthday Rotarians!

Barbara Wachtman  Feb 02
Timothy Shields   Feb 04
Will Murphy       Feb 07
Ruth Phillips     Feb 12
Lisa Waterman     Feb 13
Michael Carpenter Feb 20
Win Moses         Feb 20
Robert Chappuis   Feb 24
Mark Shambaugh    Feb 24
Robert Wearley    Feb 25
Janet Herman      Feb 28

Happy Anniversary Too!

Janet Herman       7 years  Feb 01
Alan Diefenbach    19 years Feb 08
James Huller       3 years  Feb 09
Kelly Updike       3 years  Feb 09
Nathan Fink        3 years  Feb 15
Milentis, John     12 years Feb 15
Doris Fogel        4 years  Feb 22
Barbara Wachtman   8 years  Feb 23
William Gabbard    24 years Feb 26
Margaret Katter    7 years  Feb 28