January 16, 2012

Washington Elementary

JR Ankenbruck, principal of Washington Elementary, was our speaker this past Monday.

He brought with him two very special assistants, Solamen and Trentin. Both students are officers of the Early Act Club at Washington Elementary. JR emphasized how Early Act helps strengthen character and leadership qualities in the youth and has incorporated these characteristics in how teaching is approached at Washington Elementary through “Constructive Response” (Critical Thinking to all Students). JR also announced that Washington Elementary will host a new pilot project for Fort Wayne Community Schools: “Positive Behavior Intervention Support”. JR thanked and acknowledged how our club in particular, has been helpful in filling social behavior needs to Washington Elementary’s students. He did cite some statistics that since our involvement with Washington Elementary as our club’s Signature Project the test scores in English went from 52% to 71% passing and 58% to 66% passing in Math. JR also did announce a school improvement project of painting the lockers bright cheery colors and is more than eager to accept any volunteers who would like to help in this project.

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.
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: January 16, 2012

"OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE"

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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

Clinton Street Bridge Detours
Construction of the new gateway Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Bridge enters a new phase next week as crews begin placing the signature overhead steel arches. To accommodate the construction, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the City of Fort Wayne will close US 27/Clinton Street at the bridge beginning Monday, January 16. The closure is scheduled for two weeks.

The City of Fort Wayne’s local detour begins at Clinton Street and 4th Street and follows 4th Street west to Harrison Street, then south on Harrison to Superior Street and east on Superior back to Clinton. Harrison and 4th Streets will be temporarily redirected as One-Way Streets during this construction period.

"Service Above Self"

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Neighboring Club Meetings

Tuesday
Angola: 12pm, Sunset Grill, Orland Road
Aurora: 12pm, Italian Grill
Bluffton: 12pm, River Terrace Estates Chapel
Churubusco: 12pm, St. John Busco Church
Columbia City: 12pm, Parkview Memorial Hospital
Garrett: 12pm, Railroad Inn
Huntington: 12pm, LaFontaine Center
Kendallville: 6:15pm, Four County Vocational Co-op Building
Ligonier: 7am, UMC Church, Townline

Wednesday
Anthony Wayne: 12pm, Hall’s Guesthouse

Thursday
Albion: 12pm, Albion Public Library
Berne: 12pm, Parkway Chalet
Butler: 12pm, American Legion
Decatur: 12pm, Back Forty
North Manchester: 12pm, Manchester College

Friday
Warsaw: 12pm, Ramada Plaza Hotel

Complete list at www.rotary6540.org
Welcome Our Newest Members!
Two new Rotarians were introduced to our club January 9, 2012, Will Murphy and Lori Stinson.

Will Murphy holds a PhD in English and is NIPR’s president and general manager.

Lori Stinson is currently involved in residential real estate with her family, The Stinson Team, at North Eastern Group Realty in LaCabreah and in 1997, won the NAIA National Women’s Golf Team Championship.

Be sure to say hello and welcome both Will and Lori!!

Open Doors through Service Recognition
President Mike Kelly recognized Dave Borgen as this week’s Open Doors through Service recipient. Dave donated some books to a worthwhile cause and that was very much appreciated. Thanks Dave!!

January 16th Committee Meetings
Membership Committee — Before Monday’s Club Meeting
Excellence In Education – After Monday’s Club Meeting
January 9, 2012

Dear Rotary Club Member,

The Downtown Fort Wayne Rotary Club is interested in community leadership, not only for today, but for tomorrow as well. The students in our schools will, in a very few years, be assuming leadership roles in your community and beyond. **We know schools are training them for the task, and our Rotary club wants to help!**

For this reason, the 55 Rotary Clubs in District 6540 will conduct the 26th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center, Brookston, Indiana from **April 20-22, 2012. It will be staffed by carefully selected counselors.** Our objective it to offer **outstanding high school sophomores and juniors** an opportunity to live, work, and play together in an atmosphere of friendly competition which will offer a challenge to accept the responsibilities of leadership.

Much of each student’s time will be structured with programs such as group discussions, guest speakers, career guidance, and group sports. Perhaps the greatest benefit will come from sharing this experience with 120 other outstanding young men and women from high schools in northern Indiana.

Our Rotary Club is asking school administration to nominate students who have already displayed leadership abilities and who will profit most from this experience. We suggest they be selected **first** for leadership potential, **second** for good citizenship, **third** for desire to attend the camp, and **fourth** for scholarship. Rotarians are also encouraged to distribute the nomination form to youth who exhibit these same characteristics. **Please give the included information sheet and application to students who you think will be good candidates.**

Nominations should be made and the names given to Jeremy Redding, 1115 Crooked Creek Pkwy, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845 **no later than February 10, 2011.** Our Rotary Committee will then select the delegates and alternates.

Thanks for your assistance in this project for the advancement of youth.

Sincerely,

Jeremy D. Redding
2011-2012 RYLA Committee Chair
Rotary Club of Fort Wayne
December 30, 2011

Fort Wayne Rotary Foundation, Inc.
Chamber Of Commerce Building
826 Ewing St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802-2116

Dear caring friend,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of $582.00 on 12/12/2011 to Wounded Warrior Project. I cannot thank you enough for your support of the truly deserving thousands of men and women who have been wounded in our current military conflicts.

Our work begins at the bedside of our severely injured servicemen and women as they undergo treatment and rehabilitation. It is hard to anticipate or imagine what challenges these returning brave men and women will have to face in 2012.

Only with your continuous support is WWP able to reach the thousands of wounded servicemen and women and provide comfort items, counseling, and rehabilitation to aid in the transition from a hospital bed to an independent and productive life.

WWP is dedicated to assisting this new generation of severely injured heroes. These men and women who have served with honor deserve our support. Again, I cannot thank you enough for your support.

Sincerely,

Steven Nardizzi
Executive Director
Wounded Warrior Project™

For more information on Wounded Warrior Project's programs, please visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

The full amount of your gift is tax-deductible under the Internal Revenue Code since the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3), provided no goods or services of value to you in consideration of your contribution. We recommend you retain this letter as a receipt for your gift.
What is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award?

Information for students...

To become a RYLA delegate you must show leadership potential in your school, church, extracurricular activities or your community. You must be recommended by your principal, guidance counselor, or a Rotarian for an interview by your local Rotary Club RYLA Committee who will select the delegates and alternates.

If you are selected, you will attend your local Rotary Club to become acquainted with the local Rotarians and get a better understanding about Rotary.

Your transportation to and from the camp, and all expenses, will be provided by your local Rotary Club.

You must (and will want to) attend the ENTIRE camp. April 20-22, 2012. You will experience three exciting days making new friends, learning, competing, and having fun while working to increase your leadership abilities. You will hear from outstanding humorists and speakers.

All participants are also asked to attend a Rotary meeting on any Monday, at noon at Parkview Field prior to the camp, and participate in a planning session after camp to prepare a presentation to the club, also a Monday at noon, at Parkview Field. Date TBD.

You will compete in the SUPER CHALLENGE and group initiative problem solving courses. This series of mentally and physically challenging situations build group cohesiveness and character, and will give you the opportunity to use your humor, intellect, and problem solving skills. You will attend and participate in a campfire and be in group skits, among other things.

You will not, however, get much sleep!

Get an application from your principal, guidance counselor, or a Rotarian.

You, too, can experience the adventure!

Really, this is serious fun!
Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary club members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary’s main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.
RYLA programs are designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. Whether you are a secondary school student, university student, or young professional, RYLA will help you discover your potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in your community, career, and everyday life.

Interested?
RYLA participants are usually nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses associated with the program. If you’d like to learn more about the RYLA program, contact your local Rotary club or ryla@rotary.org for details.

Through RYLA, you can
- Develop your leadership skills and character
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues and people
- Meet active community leaders
- Learn valuable information and career skills

All the while, you’ll also have fun, build friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime.
RYLA Committee Decision: □ Delegate    □ 1st Alternate    □ 2nd Alternate

1. Why do you want to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)?

2. Please list current or recent leadership positions you have held.

3. How do you feel the RYLA experience will benefit you as an individual? As a leader?

4. Please list awards (school/civic) that you have received.

5. What extracurricular activities do you participate in?

6. What profession would you like to pursue following high school/college?