January 23, 2012

Wind Capital Group

Dan Venard of Wind Capital Group, was our speaker this past Monday. This group is currently constructing a “Wind Farm” in Bluffton, Indiana. He spoke about the Wind Energy Industry in general and some of the issues it faces. Dan told us about how the Industry maps out potential areas of the country that are viable sites to produce wind energy. Dan told us that even though wind energy is considered “clean energy” there are still environmental concerns on how the wind tower turbines could have a potentially negative effect on the local environment, his example of having to place “bat meters” within the towers to determine if they are impacting migratory bat patterns was one. Dan also spoke of how the local economies are also studied prior to wind farm placement to determine if that location is not only logistically feasible, mainly temporary housing and food for construction crews, but also can the use of private owners land be monetarily competitive with other existing avenues for those same land owners. Another benefit Dan spoke of is that this particular project will create about 250 to 300 jobs at a time when news of job creation is always a welcomed benefit.

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?

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.

Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor

Meetings
Mondays, 12 noon
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: January 23, 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
Please RSVP to Secretary Jane
Welcome Our Newest Member

A new Rotarian was introduced to our club January 16, 2012, Dean Peter C Alexander.

Dean Alexander is the founding dean of Indiana Institute of Technology’s law school, which is slated to open in fall 2013 in Fort Wayne. Dean Alexander has more than 25 years of experience in teaching and practicing law. Prior to his position at Southern Illinois, he was on the faculty of The Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University for 11 years, where he served as associate dean for research and faculty development for two years. Dean Alexander taught in the areas of bankruptcy law, evidence, and trial practice. Dean Alexander is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bankruptcy Institute; he is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, the American Bar Foundation, and the Illinois Bar Foundation; and he is an elected member of the American Law Institute. Alexander earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and his Juris Doctor from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass.

Be sure to say hello and welcome Dean Peter Alexander!!

Open Doors through Service Recognition

President Mike Kelly recognized Barbara Wachtman as this week’s Open Doors through Service recipient.
February 20th Club Meeting
On February 20th, our club meeting will be a joint meeting with the Anthony Wayne Club at the Allen County Public Library in Meeting Rooms A/B/C. The program will be State Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Tony Bennet. Please RSVP to Secretary Jane Wilks Club Secretary, fwrotarysecretary@gmail.com, by January 31, if you are going to attend and if you are bringing guests so we can have an accurate count for the caterer. See you all there.

Locker Painting
Washington Elementary School will be painting their lockers on Saturday, January 21st, details are attached at the end of this Spin. Please help in any way you can.

ASL – Margaret Katter
Margaret Katter and Jill Gutreuter gave passionate pleas for help in bringing awareness to a bill that is being introduced to the Indiana House Education Committee. ASL, American Sign Language, is usually taught first to children and is recognized as the standard mode of communication for people who are hearing impaired. The Indiana House Education Committee is currently being offered a bill that will change that for another form to be taught which relies on small children to be able to read lips and create speech on their own. Attached at the end of this Spin is Margaret’s letter, please take a moment to read it and familiarize yourself to the issue. Feel free to contact Margaret Katter if you would like to help.
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.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for young adults, ages 14-30. RYLAs come in many forms but are usually seminars, camps, or workshops held over 3-10 days. RYLAs are organized by Rotarians.
RYLA is 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.
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!
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
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Student Application
District #6540
PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY
Please print neatly.

Sponsoring Club:________________________________________________
Name of Local RYLA Chair:_______________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________

City State Zip
Email Address: __________________________________________________
Phone #: (________)_____________________

Name of Applicant:______________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________

City State Zip
Phone #: (______)______________________

Age:_____ Birth Date:_____/_____/________ □ Male □ Female

In Case of Emergency, Call:
Name (First & Last):________________________________________________Relationship to Applicant:_____________________
Phone #: (_____)_______________________

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?

RYLA Committee Decision: □ Delegate □ 1st Alternate □ 2nd Alternate

PLEASE ATTACH PHOTO HERE (for identification)
Washington Elementary School invites you to help with our

Locker Painting

The Washington Wolverines’ Staff and Students would like to invite you and your family to participate in an exciting service project for our school!

Saturday, January 21st

We have been given an opportunity to paint the lockers in the hallways. This has been a project in the making for a couple of years and it has finally been made a reality. Our Washington Early Act Club student representatives have chosen the colors, the paint has been donated, and now we need your help. Please join us, in partnership with the Fort Wayne Downtown Rotary on Saturday, January 21st!!! You can join us for a couple of hours or longer if you would like.
Dear Indiana House Education Committee,

As a grandparent (and retired educator), I have been directly involved with the high quality of education offered to students needing this specialized education. Our granddaughter and grandson have thrived at ISD. Their test scores are superior, and they will be accepted at any university of their choice. They have been given opportunities that would not have been possible in any other educational setting.

Because of their grounding in ASL - they are prepared to succeed in both the Hearing World as well as the Deaf Culture. ASL is universal and makes it possible for these students to communicate in any and all situations.

I strongly request that this Bill be (at least) tabled until there is REAL, and SUBSTANTIAL, and COMPARATIVE DATA that proves that the AVT method is superior in any way - to the education already in place at the Indiana School for the Deaf.

I applaud the commitment of the ISD staff - in the face of drastic reductions in funding. The staff continues to "do what's in the best interest of the students", often at serious personal sacrifice. At the State Level - there seems to be a lack of understanding and appreciation of the gem - that our Indiana School for the Deaf is. Does anyone know (or care) that the ISD Academic Bowl came in 4th in the Nation - out of 80 other teams in 2011? or through Grant Writing, a group of ISD students were able to fly to California to study earth quakes?

Too often individuals, who do not speak clearly are thought to be less intelligent! Students armed with ASL along with speech, are better equipped to face the real world.

Please take the time to do adequate and careful research before making this LIFE CHANGING decision. I would appreciate an opportunity to read and understand any rationale for changing to an unknown - instead of
reinstating the funding reduced from what is already making a positive difference.

Unless you have been directly involved with the Indiana School for the Deaf, you have no idea just how important this institution is to the families and students throughout the State of Indiana

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Katter