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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?

The Object of Rotary
is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
Second: high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
Third: the application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal business and community life;
Fourth: the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

As Song Leader Kay Ostrum stated in her introduction, “It’s a new year, a new regime!” July 11th was Mike Kelly’s opening meeting as Downtown Fort Wayne Rotary Club President – though this was not his first official act as President! That took place two days before on Saturday morning, as President Mike was chauffeured, in royal style, through downtown Fort Wayne! (See the following 3 Rivers Festival Parade story!) President Mike used this meeting to set the tone, tempo and direction for our club for the Rotary year to come. Oh! Speaking of direction - if you were not in attendance for this meeting, please don’t be surprised the next time you’re here. No, everyone is not facing backwards! President Mike, as all Presidents are allowed to do, has performed a bit of “reorientation”! In his opening “State of the Club” address, President Mike delivered an outstanding summation of the successes of the past year, the current strengths and weaknesses of our club, and the direction for Rotary International, not only here for our own club, but expectations for the district and international levels too.

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Neighboring Club Meetings

Tuesday
Angola: 12pm, Sunset Grill, Orland Road
Auburn: 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 New Member
Sharon Pohly
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Birthday: May 7
… From our new ‘Guest Lunch Program”, realigning our club committee structure, revving up the membership committee, directing a clear and strong focus toward international opportunities, and all the while, maintaining our strengths and assets. Mike reviewed the 15 goals of our Club Strategic Plan (available on our website) and introduced a color-keyed 201-2012 Club Calendar (way too cool!), which includes the new “Rotary Fellowship Events”. These are quarterly nights where members open up their homes for an evening of fun and friendship! President Mike summed up his expectations of the upcoming year with the promise that “We will become a bigger, better and bolder club”.

I must add a personal observation on President Mike. I have been a member of Rotary – in a couple different clubs – for over 30 years. I do not believe I have ever seen an incoming President put in as much forethought, preparation and hard work in the ramp-up to their term as leader of a Rotary Club. Mike has taken the expression “due diligence” to a new level, rarely seen before! President Mike expects no more or no less from any member as he does of...
himself! As he stated in his presentation, “Reach Within To Embrace Humanity”, “The world needs us!” and “Wear your Rotary pin!” We are off and running with a great leader at the helm!

**Member Spotlight – “Gold Standard” Award Winner Fred Eckart**

At this past meeting President Mike Kelly introduced an exciting new internal club member recognition – the “Gold Standard Award”. This award will be presented weekly and will be a compatriot to our prestigious annual “Opening Doors Through Service” Award! The “Gold Standard” celebrates the myriad “little things that our members do that oftentimes go unnoticed”. The first “Gold Standard” Award recipient is Fred Eckart, for his outstanding support of the “House Committee”!

**Rotary Night at the Tin Caps!**

Please! Don’t make her beg! It’s not in keeping with the “Four Way Test”! Lisa Waterman has been working so very hard to fill the bleachers at Parkview Field with a special Rotary cheering section. Thursday – “Thirsty Thursday” to be exact – July 21st, when we will
have our very own Rotary Singers kicking off the game with an unforgettable rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner”. You may be past the official deadline for tickets – there was a prepay requirement? Check with Lisa, she may surprise you with what she can do to get you in with the right crowd for this special game!

Get Some “Rotary Blood in His Bloodstream”

We were very honored to have a short presentation from Marine Corps Lance Corporal Peter Gibson. Yes, Peter is the son of club member Tim Gibson. Peter Gibson has recently returned home from a deployment to southern Afghanistan. Peter walked through what life is like as a Marine on the front lines! After listening to him, all I can say is “Thank you for your service to our country” and “God bless you and keep you safe”! It sounds like a lot of dirt, drug smugglers and being very careful where you walk!

Rotary and Rotaract Dominates 3 Rivers Festival Parade!

I believe it was Hillary Clinton who coined the phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child”! In our case, it takes a
whole bunch of devoted, generous and hard working people to get a “Unit” in the 3 Rivers Festival Parade! But we did it! The Fort Wayne Rotary and Rotaract Clubs wowed the crowds on a beautiful, bright (I mean HOT) and cloudless day as we wound our way along the parade route through downtown Fort Wayne. And the question that was on everyone’s mind, was answered - “How long will 3,000 suckers last”? Answer… about half way!

The thank you list will go on and on! First, thank you to the ring leaders of this party- Carole Fuller and Jeremy Redding. Without their efforts, this never would have taken life! To the marchers from the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, Carole Fuller (of course!), Tom Hufford, Kay Ostrum, Jason Daenens, Kim Wagner, our “main man” Mike Kelly, Jane Wilks (driver extraordinaire and accompanied by Anthony and James, her two Study Connection students from Washington School), Mike McKay, Barb Watchman, Lisa
and David Waterman, Lona Antil, Dee Hoffman (and daughter) and me (Dave Borgen)!

From the Rotaract Club were, Jeremy Redding, Daniel Downend, Brad Buck, Lauren Kingseed, Jonathan Kratzer, John and Kelly Hudson and Fletcher Herman! Whew!

Special thanks to the following: Matt McKibben at Glenbrook Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep for the use of a brand new 2011 Chrysler 200 convertible! Kroger Food Stores for 3,000 Dum-Dum suckers! And last but not least, the towels
were donated by Jill Gutreuter and Carole Fuller! See? A real team effort!!

The ultra-rare original limited edition Jeremy Redding designed t-shirts are still available for only $10! Only while supplies last!

Kay, Barb and Dee performing cat shadows!