The Status of Regional Business Development

Mick McCollum, Interim President of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Development Alliance presented at Rotary this week. He informed the membership on the role of the Alliance, their partners, and the current environment for economic development in the state of Indiana.

Read on for more details. With insightful programs like this, you will come to realize how the Rotary Club of Downtown Fort Wayne is the place to be on Mondays at noon!
**THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB**  
Next Meeting: July 23, 2012  

**“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”**

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**Where are Mike & Mandy McKay?**

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We have an extra bedroom and bathroom - if anyone finds themselves in Madison, WI, you are welcome to stay with us! ......anyone, but Jim Kratzat!

We're still unpacking and waiting on additional furniture to arrive, but we have settled into our new community and enjoying Madison. Even with the hot, dry summer, Madison is a beautiful place to live, work, and play.

I'm enjoying my new career with ERDMAN, working on healthcare projects in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Illinois. It is refreshing to work with an organization that is so dedicated to client service while promoting our work and our company - one for all and all for one! The team spirit here is overwhelming! I'm also recruiting - I need healthcare architects and architectural graduates here - not that I want to recruit more people away from Fort Wayne, but I just might be doing so!

My membership application is pending with the Rotary Club of Madison - Dr. Frank Byrne is my sponsor! I hope to settle into a routine with their Wednesday club meetings as my work schedule settles and I'm able to spend more time in Madison (still traveling a bit with my project work out of state!)

Mandy and I miss everyone at Rotary in Fort Wayne - but we look forward to future visits!

Best Regards, Mike McKay
Club Announcements

Resignations

The following Rotarians will be missed and will hopefully return to Rotary soon:
- Mike Carpenter — Time commitment
- Ann Helmke — Time commitment
- Bob Hudson — Time commitment
- Dick Mynatt — Retirement
- Kay Ostrum — Job Change

New Member

Welcome Rick Rhynard

Club Committee Calendar

August 8

Centennial Committee 9AM

Local

July 25

Rotary Outing at the Tin Caps
Call Lisa Waterman

August 3

Maria Paz — Our Exchange Student from Chile arrives

August 18

Walk/Run with Anthony Wayne Club
See Bill Harris to sign up

August 27

Annual Golf Outing at Cherry Hill
See Jim Kratzat for details, hole sponsorship opportunities, etc.

District and International

September 28

Annual District Foundation Dinner
Lerner Crystal Ball Room, Elkhart

October 13

Rotary Leadership Institute
Battle Creek, MI

April 26-27

District 6540 Annual Conference
2013
Radisson Star Plaza, Merriville

June 23-26

Rotary International Convention
2013
Lisbon, Portugal
So What is the Deal with Economic Development in Fort Wayne and Allen County?

Well, according to Mick McCollum, interim president of the Alliance and lead presenter at Rotary, economic development resources in Fort Wayne are top notch! Mick was named interim president in February 2011, after serving on the board and as a founding board member in 2000. The organization is responsible for sales and marketing for the city and county. Success is measured by the number of jobs created, retained, transferred here and the capital investment made. The Alliance is a nonprofit organization with a staff of 8.5 FTE and a $1.2 million budget. Currently, they are working on 60 projects.

The Alliance has three main responsibilities.

1. Attraction of new businesses: a recent example is Meijer Pharmacy, which just announced a new facility here that will provide 35 jobs and $10 million in capital investment.

2. Retention of current businesses: a recent example is SuperValu, which had excess capacity between its Fort Wayne and Ohio distribution centers. The company consolidated the operations here, saving 130 jobs locally and transferring 120 jobs from Ohio. Mick said we can help by sharing with the Alliance when we hear of businesses considering leaving the area, as the secrecy of such decisions is the biggest challenge they face.

3. Expansion of Current Businesses: a recent example here is Sweetwater Sound, which continues to grow locally and will be adding 315 jobs (average salary of 65,000) and $20 million in capital investment over three years.

The Alliance is able to do this important work by partnering with the city, county, and state governments. All of these entities are working together to achieve these objectives. Mick told us that the environment in Indiana is hot for business. With a lower corporate tax rate, low regulation, strong financial position of the state, and right to work (the only state in the Midwest), Indiana has a bright future!
Welcome Rick Rhynard!
Rick Rhynard, Regional Sales Manager-Northeast Indiana for Swan Lake Resort was officially inducted as a member at the July 9 meeting. Rick is looking forward to getting involved, so committee chairs should contact him and share details about their efforts and projects. Welcome, Rick!

The 5K Walk/Run Polio Plus Challenge
Bill Harris reminded us of our call as Rotarians to support the worldwide efforts to eradicate polio by stepping up to the challenge presented by our friends from the Anthony Wayne Rotary.

Contact Bill to sign up for the August 18 event at Shoaff Park.
A Remembrance... Patty Martone Lived a Life of Service Above Self.

Irene Walters honored our longtime friend, Patty Martone who passed suddenly last week. Patty was a community member committed to volunteerism and the idea of service above self, making her a true friend of Rotary.

She retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools where she finished a distinguished career as Assistant Superintendent, and went on to serve as a volunteer in many community projects. Examples of her volunteer career include co-chair of the Fort Wayne Bicentennial and coordinator of the Excellence in Education program. This program came to the Rotary Club of Downtown Fort Wayne in early 2000s and we continue to administer it today, now called Opening Doors Through Education. Patty’s drive and enthusiasm for education and service allowed this program to flourish, honoring teachers and educational programs throughout the city and county. Patty was named an honorary Paul Harris Fellow by our club. She will be missed.

The ‘No Dave’ Award

Barb Wachtman received President’s Dave newly installed award (which he hopes will not become a weekly presentation). The award goes to a recipient of President Dave’s “gaffes, blunders, faux pas, indiscretions, mental lapses, and miscellaneous bone-headed moves”. Barb was sent to Hall’s Guest House by President Dave for his first Executive Committee Meeting, which was actually held at Hall’s Gas House. President Dave presented Barb with a lovely bouquet for earning the award!
Participate in our annual golf outing and help raise funds for our Cleo Fox Music Scholarships. Sponsorships, golfing, the evening dinner, and raffles at club meetings until the event are ways to get involved. The Golf Outing Committee has stepped up its efforts to incorporate our mantra and is encouraging all members to Open Doors Through Golf!
2012 Wabash Rotary - United Fund Golf Outing

Another opportunity to golf and support Rotary...

For more information, contact DeAnne Clifton, Secretary of the Wabash Rotary Club.

Member Bill Raftree Awarded Paul Harris Fellow +6!

Dick Conklin, our Foundation Chair recognized Bill Raftree for his continued financial commitment to Rotary International. After last year’s program featuring Dr. Jonathon Walker (our honorary member) and his eye clinic in Nicaragua, Bill was inspired to give to the foundation again as a directed contributed to the clinic. Bill’s example is a reminder to us all that Rotary calls us to financially support the foundation’s program. Thanks, Bill and congratulations on this honor and achievement!
John Peirce Recognizes Dan Bickel, retired Fort Wayne Community Schools Area Administrator

Dan Bickel retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools just last week and was a featured guest at our Monday meeting. He was instrumental in our 2004-05 initiative to formally adopt Washington Elementary School, providing guidance and support from the school district for our club. Since then, the school has reached exemplary ISTEP status in multiple years, served as a model for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Lunch Buddy Program, inspired the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club to adopt Indian Village Elementary, and led to the Associated Churches adoption of 30+ schools in Fort Wayne and East Allen County. Shel Silverstein’s “The Giving Tree” was donated in Dan’s name to the Washington Elementary School library for his efforts. Thank you, Dan!
GSE 2013: Austria (District 1920) Team Leader
Applicants Now Being Accepted

Team Member applications are also being accepted. Team members must be professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 and receive employer approval to participate. Relatives of current Rotarians are not allowed to participate.

Complete information can be found on the district website at www.rotary6540.org. See our GSE Committee co-chairs Tim Gibson and Mike Kelly for additional details.
Opening Doors Through Service Award – Lona Antil, 2011-12 Recipient

Lona Antil displayed her recent and well-deserved award at the club meeting. Annually, the club gives the award to a member who greatly exceeded service above self and consistently demonstrates a commitment to the 4 Way Test. Lona received the award at the June 28 Annual Dinner. Congratulations, Lona!

The History Minute – A Brief Moment in the History of Rotary ~ Brought to you by President Dave Borgen

During World War II, many Rotary clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, an organized created to “building peace in the minds of men and women”.

In 1945, 49 Rotary club members served in 29 delegations to the UN Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and covering the United Nations in its publications. Rotary has had a great hand in leading the world to peace and understanding and continues to do so!
The Eradication of Polio: A Worldwide Update

Wild Poliovirus
Weekly Update
World Health Organization
Week Ending 11 July 2012
Total number of cases in 2011: 267
Total number of cases in 2012: 91 (All countries)

General Polio Headlines – Week Ending 11 July 2012
For the first time in Pakistan a well known celebrity (World Famous Pakistani Cricketer Shahid Afridi) has joined the fight against polio. Afridi’s statement: “I have faced many tough opponents in my cricketing career and have seen that through perseverance, one can surmount any challenge.”

The rainy season is beginning in many countries—a “high season” for polio transmission.

Polio Country Headlines – Week Ending 11 July 2012
Afghanistan
One new case—total for 2012 is eleven. Subnational Immunization days are ongoing.

Nigeria
Two new cases—total for 2012 is 54. The Presidential Task Force is meeting this week.

Pakistan
No new cases—total for 2012 is 22. Samples show that the wild poliovirus is still widespread in Pakistan.

Farewell, Ana Cris!
Our 2011-12 exchange student has left us. What a wonderful year, which concluded at a farewell party at Denny Williamson’s home on July 11! Adios, Ana! We miss you!