The 122nd Fighter Wing’s Mission

Col. Craig Ash of the Indiana Air National Guard was the featured speaker at the Rotary Club of Downtown Fort Wayne. He talked about the history of the base here in Fort Wayne and the benefits it brings to the greater community. National defense, state disaster assistance, and local involvement make it a vital component in the fabric of our community. Read on to learn more and you will also see how the Rotary Club of Downtown Fort Wayne continues to Open Doors Through Service.

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: July 30, 2012

“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”

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Upcoming Programs

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<td>Chancellor Jerrilee Mosier, IVY Tech “IVY Tech Today and in the Future”</td>
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<td>Dan Ryan, District 6540 Foundation Committee Chair “The Rotary International Foundation and Its New Vision”</td>
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<td>Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry “Fort Wayne’s Future”</td>
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<td>NO REGULAR MEETING Annual Golf Outing Cherry Hill Plan to play golf or attend the dinner</td>
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<td>September 3</td>
<td>NO REGULAR MEETING Have a safe Labor Day Weekend!</td>
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<td>Judy Walker, District 6540 Governor District 6540, 2012-13</td>
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Member Info and Events

Nearby Club Meetings

Tuesday
Angola: 12pm, Elks Lodge
Auburn: 12pm, Bridgewater Golf Club
Bluffton: 12pm, Timer Ridge Golf Club
Churubusco: 12pm, St. John Busco Church
Columbia City: 12pm, Parkview Hospital
Garrett: 12pm, Railroad Inn
HuntingtonL 12pm, LaFontaine Center
Kendallville: 6:15pm, Pizza Hut
Ligonier: 7am, UMC Church, Townline

Wednesday
Anthony Wayne: 12pm, Hall’s Guesthouse

Thursday
Albion: 12pm, Asbury United Methodist
Berne: 12pm, 1005 S US 27
Butler: 12pm, American Legion
Decatur: 12pm, Back Forty
North Manchester: 12pm, Manchester College

Friday
Warsaw: 12pm, Shrine Building at Fairgrounds

Club Announcements

August 27
NO CLUB MEETING. Don’t play golf? Attend the dinner OR make a donation to Cleo Fox Scholarship Fund.

Club Committee Calendar

August 8
Centennial Committee 9AM

Local

August 3
Lisa Obata, our Rotary Exchange Student from Japan, arrives

August 18
5K Walk/Run for Polio Plus w/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.
NO CLUB MEETING

September 26
RAH! (Rotary after Hours)
JK O’Donnell’s on Wayne Street

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 2013
District 6540 Annual Conference
Radisson Star Plaza, Merriville

June 23-26 2013
Rotary International Convention
Lisbon, Portugal
Why do we have the 122nd Fighter’s Wing Stationed Here in Fort Wayne?

The 200-acre base serves two missions. First, it is a resource of the federal government, part of the armed forces that defends us and responds to acts of war against the nation. The base also serves a state mission, providing assistance to Hoosiers during natural disasters. Unlike most bases, ours has been manned 100% of the time since 9/11.

The base here is a joint venture between the Army National Guard and the Air Force. The 810 Warthog is currently being flown from the base by the Air Force. Our base has a strong record in terms of inspections, which Col. Ash is very proud of. Never has the base received a rating less than “excellent” and next April, the base will undergo 7 inspections simultaneously. The base has been active since WWII and Col. Ash talked proudly of its presence and history.
Col. Ash highlighted the 4 year scholarships that are available through the National Guard. 100% of tuition will be paid for a 6 year commitment to serve. This commitment includes 1 weekend per month and 2 weeks each year. His son signed up as a high school senior and has just graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Food Science. Not only has his son doubled his expertise (having received excellent skill training in the guard while pursuing his bachelor’s degree), he graduated with no college debt.

Col. Ash also reported on the strong sense of community volunteerism that is part of the culture of the base. The base supports an orphanage in Woodburn, several community food drives, and parades throughout the region. They recently established a Base Community Council that allows the greater community an opportunity to get involved. Through the council, the community can support base staff, personnel, and soldiers by making donations that meet their needs. More details on the council can be found at http://www.fortwaynebcc.org/. The base is also developing Heritage Park, a historical community park on the River Greenway system that will commemorate and celebrate all of the aircraft that have flown from the base over the years. The park is scheduled to open later this year. He also reminded us that the Air Show will be held over the upcoming Labor Day Weekend and will feature the F22 Raptor.
Finally, Col. Ash talked about their Star Base Program, part of the regional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) educational focus that teaches young students about practical applications of these disciplines. The program currently offers 5th graders in the region hands-on learning at the base and is set to expand to middle school students next year. Clearly, our base is involved throughout the greater community.

Condolences to Stan Abramowski
Stan attended the meeting on Monday and took the podium to introduce his wife, who was taken from us much too early in a tragic car accident last week. She was a mental health professional in Fort Wayne, a devoted member of her church, and married to Stan for over 49 years. She always had a smile, never knew a stranger, loved golf, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Stan requested that we never leave home - or let a loved one leave home - no matter for how short a time, without kissing them twice. Our deepest sympathies go to Stan and his family.

Membership Corner: Where do new members come from?
Just exactly where can Fort Wayne Rotary Club members find new members? Randy Roberts, of the Membership Committee (and a past president), offers these insights and suggestions.

New members come from YOU. Someone gave you the opportunity to join Rotary. Now it is your turn.

Who should you ask to be a member?
A person who holds, or is retired from, a professional, proprietary, executive, or managerial position and shares the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self."

Where do I find these people?
- At your place of worship
- Co-workers
- Neighbors
- Relatives, especially younger relatives (of all genders)
- Customers or suppliers to your organization
- Potential customers
- Respected competitors
• Long-time friends or new friends (e.g., high school or college acquaintances)
• Fellow non-profit board members
• Top 100 businesses in Fort Wayne that are not yet represented in Rotary
• Rotary speakers
• Graduates of Leadership Fort Wayne (leadershipfortwayne.org --- Alumni Directory)
• Members of YLNI Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana (ylni.org)
• Business People Magazine, Fort Wayne Newspapers, other business periodicals

What’s next?
• Invite them to a meeting and use your Rotary Guest Lunch Pass.
• Introduce them to as many Rotarians as possible, including our friendly club officers.
• Give them a copy of our Club’s new-member brochure.
• Follow up within 48 hours to see how they liked their Rotary experience.
• Assist them in filling out their membership application and getting it to our secretary.

Now ask someone! Membership is your responsibility!

The Gold Standard

President Dave recognized two members this week. Denny Williamson was acknowledged for hosting a wonderful farewell party on July 11 for Ana Cris, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student from 2011-12.

Also, Secretary Jane Wilks was honored with the Gold Standard for “just being Jane!” She works hard for the entire club, including those late night, weekend emails from President Dave.

Thanks to these two outstanding members for showing us what true “service above self” is!
Opening Doors Through Golf!

Our sergeant, Jim Kratzat, reminded us of the upcoming golf outing on August 27. Starting next week, there will be raffles to raise additional funds. Please bring a few extra dollars to support our Cleo Fox Music Scholarships.
Rotary Group Study Exchange is now looking for a Rotarian Team Leader!

Apply today for a GSE Exchange to Austria
“A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE”

May 18th to June 15th, 2013 to Austria (Rotary District 61920)

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a Rotarian to lead and experience a unique cultural and vocational Rotary exchange. Return with new perspectives and fresh ideas and understandings of different cultures, commerce and governments, as well as reawakening skill-building opportunities and personal growth.

QUALIFICATIONS: THE TEAM LEADER MUST BE
- an experienced and knowledgeable ROTARIAN
- interviewed and endorsed by a Rotary Club in Rotary District 6540
- available for a District Committee interview on Saturday, Oct. 13th in Plymouth IN
- available for team selection interviews on Saturday, Oct. 27th in Plymouth IN
- be alert, energetic, flexible & physically & emotionally able to be the team leader
- able to assume complete charge of team’s orientation & preparations, including leader documents & Rotary program about Rotary district 6540 for presentation to the hosting Rotary Clubs in Austria.
- able to build and maintain a well-informed and cohesive GSE team before and during the exchange
- responsible for ensuring each team members final report and prepare the teams final report for Rotary International

TEAM MEMBER’S PERSONAL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
- secure a current passport, visa, and any required immunizations
- provide proof of required insurance: medical, hospitalization, emergency medical evacuation & accidental life and dismemberment.
- have sufficient funds to meet personal and incidental expenses while abroad
- cover any personal excess baggage charges

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROVIDES:
- the GSE Team’s transportation to and from Austria’s Rotary District Host District provides internal travel, room, and board during the team’s exchange.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applications can be obtained online at www.rotary6540.org/GSE Recruitment. Team leader applicants can return their completed applications to Linda Popovich with the Valparaiso Rotary Club by September 22nd, 2012. Contact phone number 219.806.7397. The Rotary District GSE Committee must receive the club endorsed applications by September 22nd, 2012.

Visit http://indianagse.blogspot.com/ www.gseturkey03.blogspot.com or www.australiagse.blogspot.com for previous blogs about our district’s past GSE teams.

Team Member applications are also being accepted. Team members must be non-Rotarian 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.
The History Minute

President Dave pulled the following from our club archives. In mid-1979, after months of inspired guidance by Club President Mac Parker and club member William Lee (who went on to become a U.S. Federal Judge), the IRS granted approval of the Fort Wayne Rotary Foundation, Inc. This enabled the club to receive funds for charitable purposes as tax deductible items. The initial corpus was $902.95. In addition to gifts, which pass through the fund for designated purposes, there has accumulated an unrestricted amount of approximately $90,000.00 and a restricted fund in memory of longtime Club Secretary Cleo Fox which supports our annual music scholarships. Our Foundation Committee continues to work on educating all members about our foundation and the need to continue funding it.