US Relations in the Middle East

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Next Meeting: June 20, 2011

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Upcoming Programs

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| June 27   | Tim Gibson & GSE Team
    “Group Study Exchange Trip to Bulgaria”                                  |
| June 28   | Annual Celebration Dinner
    Fort Wayne Women’s Club                                                   |
| July 4    | NO MEETING                                                                    |
| July 11   | Club Assembly—President Mike Kelly                                             |
| July 18   | Fen Li Chang, Associate Dean, IU School of Medicine,
    “Medical Education in Fort Wayne”                                          |
| July 25   | Mike Crabill, Rotary District Governor,
    “District 6540 Update”                                                     |

Don’t Forget!

June 28—Celebration Dinner, FW Women’s Club
Call Linda Skaggs if you haven’t reserved a seat

July 21—Rotary Night at the Tincaps
Rotary Singers performing the National Anthem
Sign up for tickets at the meeting
Congratulations to New Paul Harris Fellow Dave Borgen!
At our club’s June 13 meeting, Dick Conklin introduced Rotarian Dave Borgen as a Paul Harris honoree, a noteworthy tradition in the Borgen household! The Paul Harris Society is named after Paul P. Harris who formed the world’s first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905. Today, Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world. The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute $1,000 or more to Rotary International’s Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and PolioPlus Partners, or the Humanitarian Grants Program. Paul Harris Fellows receive a pin and a commemorating certificate. Congratulations Dave!!!

Calendar Update #1 – TinCaps Night, July 21
It’s Rotary Family Night at Parkview Field on Thursday, July 21, when the TinCaps host Cedar Rapids at 7:05 pm. Our own Rotary Singers will be singing the national anthem that night. For ticket information contact Lisa Waterman at lisarotarybiz@live.com.

Calendar Update #2 – 5K Rotary Challenge, August 20
Club member Bill Harris reminds us that applications are now available for the 5K Rotary Challenge, Saturday, August 20, at Shoaff Park. The event is sponsored by Anthony Wayne Rotary Club and the friendly rivalry of which club has the swifter runners is now heating up! Proceeds from the run benefit Polio Plus. For more information, contact Bill at BHarris@mossharris.com.

Reminder - Free Rotary Club Locator iPhone App Available!
Over your summer travels remember that you can now search for a Rotary club with RI’s free iPhone app. In the Apple app store it’s called the Rotary Club Locator from Rotary International. The app will soon be offered for Blackberry and Android phones. Click here for details from Rotary International.
Fort Wayne Rotaract Club Celebrates the “Terrible Two’s”

Our Fort Wayne Rotaract Club marked a milestone second anniversary on June 1st. Rotaract Club members – joined by a sizeable contingent from our club – celebrated the anniversary in style at Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the club’s accomplishments from this past year. Highlights include the “Christmas Crusade” project, where the Rotaract Club provided over 40 children from three local shelters with a holiday celebration of pizza, gifts and crafts! They have also adopted “Memorial Park”, where the club will be on an ongoing basis, ensuring that everything is looking bright and inviting. Rotaract provided their own version of the “boat people”, who navigated along Headwaters Park on the Great American Clean-Up Day. Rotaract was heavily involved with the planning and execution for the “Random Acts of Rotary” Day.
Rotary International Theme 2010-2011

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Fort Wayne Rotary Web Page
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www.clubrunner.ca/fortwayne

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www.rotary.org

Rotary District Web Page
www.rotary6540.org

On the international stage, this club was prominently represented in the “House of Friendship” and on the cover of the recent Rotary International Rotaract Convention brochure! In addition to all the above, the club has hosted a series of social events, ice skating, bowling and the like, as a compliment to the service activities! Congratulations to this outstanding group of “Next Gen” Rotarians! We can’t wait for you to “age out” and join with us! (Thanks to Jeremy Redding for the photos; story by Dave Borgen).

EarlyAct Club Closes Out Its First Year

Summer is here and the 2010-11 school year has come to a close. Congratulations to President Dee, EarlyAct Club Chair Sandy Schumacher, Washington School Committee Chair Lona Antil, School Principal J.R. Ankenbruck, Teacher/Sponsor Elizabeth Pennsinger and of course, all the students for making our Washington School EarlyAct project such a success this past year. (It’s quite obvious that this took a real team effort to pull off this year)! Our “EarlyAct-ors” closed out the year with two events.

Sandy Schumacher wrote the following summary of their recent project: EarlyAct’s community project was to put their time and effort into improving a neighborhood playground park that many Washington School families use. The EarlyAct group, some parents and teachers spent a hot Saturday morning cleaning the playground at Moody Park and at Washington School. They removed old leaves and weeds. Then they added plants to beautify the park sign and the school grounds. Principal Ankenbruck provided the large Hosta plants and the heavy digging. As they surveyed the results, everyone was pleased".
With the project complete, what better way could there be to close out the year than with awards! This past Friday was the annual end of the year celebration for Washington School. Sandy Schumacher, Lona Antil and President Dee were front and center to award the first ever, Washington School EarlyAct Club “Service Above Self” awards. One student was selected from each class to receive this honor. Certificates were also presented to each of the EarlyAct Club officers in recognition of their service and to Ms. Pennsinger, the club sponsor, for her hard work and support. An award of recognition was also presented to Washington School Principal J.R. Anchembruck.
I must add a personal observation at this point. One of the most noticeable changes that I have witnessed at Washington School over the years of our partnership with them is the constant increase in the number, visibility and involvement of the parents. This was very evident at this awards ceremony. Not only was I proud of our Rotarians, but I was so very proud of all the parents that took the time – in the middle of the day – to participate in the awards event with their children. They had to keep bringing out extra chairs to seat all the parents! It was a great sight to see! (Story and photos by Dave Borgen)