A New Sister in the Family

At the June 18th meeting, Tom Herr and Otto Chang reported on Taizhou, China, Fort Wayne’s fourth and most recent sister city.

Representatives from both communities formalized the relationship last month during a ceremony in Fort Wayne. Other sister cities include Gera, Germany, Plock, Poland, and Takaoka, Japan.

Herr pointed out that when ties were established with the other three cities—the most recent more than 20 years ago—the emphasis was on education and cultural exchange. The relationship with Taizhou, he said, was the first to be founded with an eye to economic development.

Chang observed that Taizhou’s economy has some similarities to Indiana’s, with automobiles, pharmaceuticals, and medical products playing significant roles. Coincidentally, while Herr and Chang presented at Rotary in Fort Wayne, Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman was on a trade mission to China, including Zhejiang Province, where Taizhou is located.
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
Next Meeting: June 25, 2012

“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”

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Mark Your Calendar

June 28
Celebration Dinner—Tailgate Party at IPFW Alumni Center
$30 per person
RSVP ASAP to Linda Skaggs

July 6
Farewell Party for RYE Student Ana Cris
6:00 PM
Home of Denny Williamson
10904 Eagle River Run

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
All in the Family

John Kowalczyk presided over a double Paul Harris recognition ceremony. David Waterman received his first such award. David is a native of the English town of Bishop’s Stortford (why can’t the British have normal town names, like “Poughkeepsie” or “Albuquerque”?), but moved to the States in the ‘80s, no doubt drawn by his wife Lisa.

Lisa was also recognized at last week’s meeting, receiving her Paul Harris +5 pin. Paul Harris Fellow designation is assigned when a $1,000 contribution is made in the recipient’s name to the Rotary International Foundation. Our thanks to this couple, who truly demonstrate Service above Self.

Hail to the Victor!

Many thanks to President Mike for a year of great leadership! You can be proud of your accomplishments and service. On the downside, we will miss the positive energy and passion that you bring to each meeting. On the upside, we won’t have to begin each meeting with the University of Michigan fight song…. Thank you, Mike!