Dobre Doshal!

Greetings to the Group Study Exchange team from District 2482, Bulgaria! The team arrived May 19 and will depart June 16.

The team members are:
- Ivan Hadjiiev, team leader, holds an MBA and is a business owner. He has been a Rotarian for 11 years and was president of the Sofia-Vitosha Rotaract club.
- Daniela Gradinarska holds two bachelor’s degrees and a master’s degree in globalistics. She is a project coordinator at Europroject Consulting House Ltd.
- Polina Marinova, M.D., is a surgeon at Medical University hospital, Pleven.
- Nikolay Yordanov is an assistant professor at Tsenov Academy of Economics. He has a bachelor’s degree in international economics and a master's in international business and management.

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 worthwhileness 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.

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.
“Service Above Self”

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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

**THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB**

**Next Meeting: June 4, 2012**

**“OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE”**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**June 1-2**
District Conference in Michigan City IN
Experience Rotary at the District Level

**June 28**
Celebration Dinner at IPFW Alumni Center
Show Appreciation to President Mike for a Great Year
Bulgaria e Welikolepna Strana
Known for its beautiful beaches and mountains, Bulgaria is a lovely country located in southeastern Europe. With a population of 7.4 million, its capital is Sofia, one of the oldest cities in all of Europe. The country has 2,300 Rotarians in 86 clubs, 38 Rotaract clubs and 40 Interact clubs.

Gold Standard Award
Candace Schuler was honored for opening the doors to her home for the Group Study Exchange team’s welcome to Fort Wayne party.

Bylaws Amendments Approved
Club members approved, via voice vote, a corporate membership amendment to the bylaws. The change will allow several people from the same organization to join as full members, giving the club a new membership recruitment tool.
Service Award Nominations Sought
Submit nominations for this year’s Opening Doors through Service Award, which honors someone who has gone above and beyond the typical membership requirements this year. Information and the application are on the front page of our club website, www.clubrunner.ca/fortwayne. Hurry! Applications are due by June 1.

Sneaker Throw-down
Barrie Peterson of the Anthony Wayne Club has challenged us to a rematch of the 5K Run or Walk to Help Eradicate Polio, set for Aug. 18. “We just drilled you guys last year,” Peterson joked, reminding downtown club members to come out in force for a good cause and to defend the club’s honor. Sign-up forms for men’s and women’s teams are available from Bill Harris or by going to Fort Wayne Track Club at http://www.fwtc.org/race-list.html and clicking on the Aug. 18 race. Please write “Downtown Rotary Club” at top of the form so that club registrations can be logged. Cost is $12.

A Note from Niewyks
“Thanks so very much to all of the Fort Wayne Rotarians for the card. You are great friends. It is very healing to get cards. Ruth smiles when she thinks about her Rotary friends.

Ruth and I visited the oncologist and radiologist last week. It is going to be a long journey of treatments. But Ruth is healing well. The treatments will start after she heals up a bit more, probably about early June.

God bless.
Ruth and Tony Niewyk
6804 Gulf Dr.
Holmes Beach, FL 34217
Ride On

New mountain bikes will be purchased for use at Boy Scouts camp, thanks to a $1,040 donation from the club. John Gliot and Chuck Walker accepted the gift from John Kowalcyzk.

Youthful Service

Justine Griffin, student Rotarian for May, outlined how she and her school represent service above self, including how North Side High School was named a Miracle School for raising funds for Riley Hospital. In addition, her dance squad mentors young students, she participates in the school’s Kids Surviving Cancer program at Christmastime and she is active with her church’s vacation Bible school.

Proficient Readers, All

Among the five schools Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett recognized for their extraordinary IREAD-3 results was our own Washington Elementary School. Ninety percent of Washington’s third-graders passed the IREAD-3 assessment in March. The school has an English Language Learner population of 10 percent and a Free and Reduced Price Lunch population of 93 percent.

“We are proud of our students and all the hard work that they have put in,” said Principal J. R. Ankenbruck. “We are
also thankful to all of our community partners who have helped us achieve these scores.”

This was the first administration of Indiana's third-grade reading assessment, called the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination for grade 3 (IREAD-3).

Statewide, 84 percent of students assessed during the March 19-21 testing window demonstrated foundational third grade reading skills.

“Our goal is to make sure all students in Indiana gain the reading skills they need to be successful in school and life,” Bennett said. “We know students who do not have these skills by the end of grade 3 rarely catch up to their peers. The IREAD-3 assessment helps educators and parents ensure all children receive the support they need before moving forward with more challenging reading instruction.”

The IREAD-3 assessment is part of a series of exams created to support early reading instruction in grades K-3. These tests were developed as part of the implementation of legislation (P.L. 109) passed in the 2010 legislative session that puts a strong focus on early reading development by requiring third graders to demonstrate grade level reading proficiency before moving on to grade 4 reading instruction. This law also requires elementary schools to submit reading plans to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) to outline comprehensive plans for reading instruction and assessment for all students.

Further, schools are required to implement scientifically based reading instruction—unless 90 percent of a school’s third graders pass the IREAD-3 assessment in the initial March testing window. Around the state, 36 percent or 103 school corporations met or exceeded the 90 percent benchmark. Thirty-three percent of schools (347 schools) hit the 90 percent goal, with 21 schools achieving a 100 percent pass rate.
Students who did not pass IREAD-3 during the March testing window will have another chance to do so this summer (June 13 through July 28). IDOE shared student-level scores with schools in early April so they could begin intensive remediation for those students who did not pass. Students who do not pass IREAD-3 (in two administrations) this year will take the third grade ISTEP+ and IREAD-3 next year—to ensure they are adequately prepared for fourth-grade reading instruction. (article provided by John Peirce)