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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.

“Money never starts an idea. It’s always the idea that starts the money.”

(Owen Laughlin)

So what’s the idea behind the “Talent Initiative” – hatched right here in northeast Indiana and funded by a $20 million grant from the Lilly Foundation? Leonard Helfrich, who heads that Initiative, provided the answer.

The vision is to build a home-grown 21st century workforce in this ten county region – a workforce trained and knowledgeable in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math). To make its slogan – “Talent Made Here” – a reality, the Talent Initiative is using the Lilly money in three ways.

First, to upgrade the skills of current adult workers, through on-the-job training and new degree/certification programs.

Second, to expand and improve STEM-type programs at IPFW and Ivy Tech, through technology grants.

And third, to launch six “new tech” high schools throughout northeast Indiana, and also to fund professional training grants for K-12 teachers and administrators (in public or private schools) in STEM-curriculum and project-based learning.

For more information, visit http://talentmadehere.com
Next Meeting: March 7, 2011

Greeters  Dan Carr & Todd Stephenson
Cashier   Noel Knox
Invocation Deanna Wilkirson
House     Fred Eckart, Tim Schenkel & Tom Kus
Song Leader  Dick Conklin
Sergeant  Chris Cage
Spin Editor  Tom Wooding
Program  Dr Doug Schwartzentruber
“Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer”
Goshen Center for Cancer Care

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Proposed Member

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Perfect Attendance Numeral Pins

If members have Perfect Attendance pins and numerals that they no longer want or need, please give them to Jane Wilks for recycling.
Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?
Study Connection Tutors—full time & substitute—are needed for Washington School!
The regular time is every Tuesday, 3:30 to 4:45. However, you can tutor on any afternoon that is more convenient for you. This is one of the most rewarding Rotary activities you can be part of as you make a major difference in the life of a child. See Lona Antil for more information.
A FRIEND SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Remember, you now have a friend “south of the border.” It’s Fletcher Herman, our outbound youth exchange student who is spending this school year in Peru, South America.

He’s encountering first-hand the culture, the cuisine, the customs, the music, the people, the landscape, and – yes – the sometime frustration of living abroad.


And be proud that, through Rotary, this fine young man is having the experience of a lifetime!

JOIN THE “CELEBRATION” TEAM

It’s not too early to start. Planning is now under way for our Club’s Annual Dinner – celebrating a year of accomplishments and paying tribute to President Dee’s leadership.

If you are interested in joining the Celebration Dinner Committee – a fun-filled, creative group – please attend our next meeting on March 7th, immediately following our Club’s regular meeting that day.

Or, if you cannot attend but would like to participate, contact Linda Skaggs, committee chair by phone (459-1999) or by e-mail at Lskaggs@thesummitgroup.com.

THINKING BIG

The Early Act Club at Washington School is having a fundraiser, ending March 16th, to support its service project idea – money to buy a book for each student to take home over the summer.

For further information, or to contribute, contact Sandy Schumaker by phone (625-1008) or at sandrak211@live.com.
Who knew that high school students would be so concerned about the slumping economy and soaring federal budget deficit; or helping the poor; or overlooking a missing puzzle piece to see the big picture; or taking good care of the planet?

This is just a sample of the topics examined at our annual high school speech contest, held February 28th.

The winners were:

Original oratory:

1st  Amelia Roebuck, South Side
2nd  Scott Zellner, Canterbury

Rotary Four-Way Test Oratory:

1st  Megan Grable, South Side
2nd  Priya Parikh, Homestead

Extemporaneous:

1st  Tyler Salway, South Side
2nd  AJ Alifimoff, Canterbury
Impromptu:

1st Joseph Adams, South Side
2nd AJ Alifimoff, Canterbury

First place winners got these handsome Lucite trophies, donated by Indiana Stamp.

Additionally – thanks to Donna Bolinger, who secured some of these gift cards directly from Best Buy, and purchased others herself as a personal donation -- first place winners got a $75 gift card; second place winners got a $50 gift card; and all other contestants got a $10 gift card.

Many of these same contestants will go on to represent our Club at the District Speech contest on April 16 at Chesterton High School.

Meanwhile, our Club will get to hear Amelia Roebuck and Megan Grable present their speeches at our meeting on April 18th. So mark you calendars and plan to attend. You’ll catch a preview of the eloquent leaders of tomorrow!

Chair, Barb Wachtman [who supplied the content for this story] thanks her Speech Committee members – Glen Abels, Donna Bolinger, Frances Ganaway, Roger Reece, Nick Shah, and Mark Westerhausen – for their help in making this event so successful. And she also thanks photographer, Dave Borgen, for these pictures.
UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

The District’s Polio Plus Program is honored to have RI President Ray Klinginsmith as the featured speaker. Join fellow Rotarians and guests on April 27th – with cocktails at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM – at the Century Center, 120 S. Saint Joseph Street, South Bend. The cost is $32.50 per person, and reservations must be received by the District Office by April 15th.

Additionally, the District Conference is scheduled for April 29-30 at the Shipshewana Town Center. Go to the District’s website at www.rotary6540.org for further information.
The chants from the masses reverberated from the rafters of the gymnasium! “Read, Dream, Succeed”! “Read, Dream, Succeed”! “Blue” - the Indianapolis Colts football team mascot-was whipping the students of Washington Center School into a frenzy! Would “Blue’s” magic trick make the principal’s money disappear? Only if the students repeated the magic words, “Read, Dream, Succeed”! Now, was it by chance or design that the magic words were also the theme of today’s presentation? Washington Elementary School was one of only two Fort Wayne area schools that were selected to host the “Read, Dream, Succeed” Initiative to promote literacy and the importance of reading for all ages! This program is a partnership between the Indianapolis
Colts, “Blue” and Baker & Daniels. The school presentations were promoting “Dr. Seuss’ Read Across America” and “Literacy Week”. Who were the keynote speakers? The “Cat-In-The-Hat” and “Blue” of course! It must be noted that “Blue” did take some editorial liberties with the writings of Dr. Seuss. The book that was read to the students was a variation on the venerable “Green Eggs & Ham”! Read to the students was “Green Eggs & SPAM”! There was audience participation galore – including the teachers and Principal J.R. Ankenbruk. (The Principal was the prize recipient of a beautiful pink women’s Colts jersey and told to wear it with pride!) The reading of the story was a choreographed performance (with multiple props) that would rival Broadway’s “Spiderman”! A wonderful way to encourage reading to the students – and so much fun too!!

A teacher receives a “kiss” from “BLUE”!
Rotary International Theme
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Those familiar with the story can figure out the props!