May 14, 2012

Opening Doors through Education

Max Meyer, director of children’s education at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, applied marketing concepts to education and spurred Fort Wayne students into the U.S. Top Ten of award winners in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competitions for the past five years and the Top Five for the past two.

This consistently high level of achievement earned the Museum of Art the Rotary Club’s inaugural Opening Doors through Education award, formerly the Excellence in Education awards program.

The Scholastic Awards, which culminate in a ceremony at Carnegie Hall, provide scholarships to students who excel in art and writing. According to Meyer, Fort Wayne’s program was improved by increasing accessibility to the program: A 10-page application was reduced to three pages, a pick-up service was offered to collect the nominations from schools and more transparency was created with the judging process. In addition, the regional awards are highly publicized and the projects are exhibited in the museum’s main gallery. Meyer also conducts classroom presentations to tout the program and shares information at district board meetings.

“Our Top Five status means we have the best teachers in the country,” Meyer said. The museum’s educational programming continues to grow and now offers a video game design program.

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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?

Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor

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.
THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB  
Next Meeting: May 14, 2012  

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Mark Your Calendar

**May 19th**
Great American Clean Up at Headwaters Park  
Help Beautify our Riverbanks  

**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  

Complete list at www.rotary6540.org
Review Proposed Bylaws Changes
The Rotary board is proposing some changes to club bylaws. The changes, which include a new process to allow for corporate members, are available for review on the club website at www.clubrunner.ca/fortwayne Members will vote on the proposed amendments at the May 21 meeting.

Sync These Dates
May 19: This is River Greenway (Headwaters Park) Cleanup Day, organized by our environmental committee. See sign-up info later in this issue of the Spin.

May 19-26: Group Study Exchange team from Bulgaria visits the Fort. One host family is needed; contact Tim Gibson or Noel Knox for more information.

June 1-2: Attend the district conference in Michigan City. Sign-up forms are posted at end of this newsletter. Volunteer to be a sergeant-at-arms by contacting Pres. Mike.

June 28: Celebrate the year at the club’s annual meeting at IPFW’s new Alumni Center.

Gold Standard Honoree
Washington Elementary School art teacher Liz Gatton was awarded this week’s Gold Standard. Liz oversees the student artwork that is presented to Rotary Club speakers each week.

May Anniversary Members
Happy Join Date to:
Brent Berger 1 year
Win Rood 43 years
Kim Wagner 4 years
Stan Abramowski 26 years
Mark Shambaugh 29 years
Jonathan Walker 2 years
Doug Hiatt 7 years
Scott Wray 1 year
Irene Walters 19 years
Robert Olson II 22 years
David Platt 33 years
Student Rotarian Introduction

Justine Griffin is May’s Student Rotarian. She is a senior at North Side High School and will attend Ball State University in the fall, with interests in pharmacy or chemistry. She is in the Top 10 academically and volunteers for Kids Surviving Cancer program. She is a member of the school’s dance program and was the 2012 Homecoming Queen.

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

Did It in a Day

New club members participated in a Done in a Day program by volunteering at Hope House. Members organized Martha’s Closet for the organization, which provides shelter and training for homeless chemically dependent women. The closet offers everyday as well as career clothing for the clients. Rotary
members bought storage units, donated time and equipment and sorted and organized many bags of clothing.

**Celebrate with Washington School**
End-of-year activities at Washington Elementary School are:

- May 11: School Carnival, 5-7 p.m.
- May 14: Study Connection and Early Act students attend Rotary meeting
- May 18: Doughnuts with Dads & Mentors, 7:45 a.m.
- May 19: Spring Cleanup at School, 10 a.m. to noon
- June 4-5: Grade graduation

**Sign Up Now for Clean Up Day**
May 19, 10 a.m., is the annual Clean Up Day for the Rotary Circle of Hope – River Greenway section. Fort Wayne Rotary has Headwaters Park East, the portion of the downtown park east of Clinton Street and the section that contains both the Rotary Circle of Hope and the Rotary Avenue of Trees.

There is parking off Clinton Street at the south end of Headwaters Park East.

Club members will meet at the two block houses near the Lincoln Pavilion in the parking lot at 10 a.m. on May 19. The Parks Department has asked Rotary to particularly work the river bank, picking up litter and debris. We will circle the park perimeter, the Circle of Hope section, the Avenue of Trees and then check the center section. After clean-up work, please assemble for lunch at Coney Island where the first hot dog is “on the house.”

Sign up to work at Clean Up Day by contacting Bill Gabbard at wdgabbard@aol.com or filling out a sign-up at Rotary meeting.
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Rotary Club of Fort Wayne

RYLA is an intensive 3-day leadership camp that is designed to improve the teamwork, communication, and leadership skills of our future generation of leaders! Over 120 students have been chosen from the 55 Rotary clubs in our Northern Indiana district 6540. Our RYLA committee received applications from the top students identified by their guidance counselors in several area high schools, and we selected 10 students who we felt would benefit most from the program. The students will be departing for the YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN on April 20th and will return on Sunday the 22nd. They’ll be giving a presentation of their experience at the Rotary meeting on May 14th. Stay tuned!

Meet our students

Amy Arthur
Northside HS

Ben Gibson
Hereitage HS

Catherine Bleddoe
Homestead

Wilisha Graham
Anthis Career Center

Mark Hellinger
Bishop Luers

Laura Macias
Northside HS

Mariah Kiefer
Northside HS

Mark Marin
Anthis Career Center

Emma Walker
Southside HS

Ana Martinez
Leo HS
RYE student
Announcing the 2012
DISTRICT 6540 GOLF OUTING
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012
2:30 CST
(or 30 min. following the end of the District Conference)

**Michigan City Municipal SOUTH Course**
An exciting 18 hole, par 72 layout that plays to a total yardage of 6,169 yards.
(Additional course information available at www.michigancityparks.com)

The format will be an **individual Peoria Handicap tournament** with prizes for the top
four (4) men and top two (2) women. Prizes will also be awarded for
**Closest to the Pin on all four par 3’s** and **Longest Putt on Hole #8**.

**REGISTRATION FORM**
Registration Deadline is Monday, May 28th, 2012

Name: ___________________________   Phone: _______________________

Rotary Club: _______________________   E-mail: _______________________

I want to Golf With: ____________________________

Cost: $45 per person includes golf, cart, prizes, and a snack.

**Make checks payable to:**
Jim Jeselnick       (219) 926-4891 (home)
180 Primrose Circle  (219) 928-5585 (cell)
Chesterton, IN  46304  jljeselnick@yahoo.com