Breaking Down All Barriers

“I don’t feel disabled when I’m here,” is a common refrain heard at the Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities, according to Nancy Louraine, executive director. That’s because Turnstone offers a welcoming environment that breaks down all barriers. “We want our clients to feel accepted at all times,” Louraine said.

Turnstone, which began operating in 1943 as the Allen County Society for Crippled Children, provides a full range of affordable services for all ages. More than 2,200 people are served annually in programs such as occupational, physical, aquatic and speech therapy; adult day services; preschool; child care; and sports and recreation.

All services are provided on a sliding fee scale, Louraine said, with more than 60 percent of the center’s $3.8 million budget raised from community donations.

Construction will begin this fall for a 10,000 sq ft pediatric therapy center and Turnstone currently is working to make its “big dream” – to become the home for a regional or even national Paralympics training center – a reality. Already the sponsor of the nation’s #1 power (powered-wheelchair) soccer team, Turnstone is “excited about what we can do for people with disabilities.”
THE DOWNTOWN CLUB
Next Meeting: September 26, 2011
"OPENING DOORS THROUGH SERVICE"

Greeters | John Alexander & Zach Higgins
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Cashier | Larry Stoppenhagen
Invocation | Win Rood
House | Tim Schenkel, Randy Rider, Dick Sievers
Song Leader
Sergeant
Spin Editor | Bruce Haines
Program

Dr Jonathan Walker, Amber Recker and Floyd Lancia from the Anthony Wayne Club—“Your RI Foundation Contribution at Work”
Paul Harris Fellows are asked to wear their pins or medallions

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See you Friday, Sept. 23, at the wine tasting fundraising event at Brookside on Saint Francis Campus!
Cannot Attend? Make a donation instead and send to FW Rotary, PO Box 11141, Fort Wayne IN, 46856

Complete list at www.rotary6540.org
Sept. 26 Meeting

Club members who are Paul Harris Fellows are asked to wear their medallions to the Sept. 26 meeting, where the meeting’s program is “Your RI Foundation Contribution at Work.”

Mark your calendar

Oct. 15 is the rescheduled membership & foundation seminar at Lindenwood Conference and Retreat Center in Donaldson, Ind. Go to www.rotary6540.org for details and contact Barb to make reservations.

Oct. 20 is a rescheduled fall fellowship date. Pres. Mike is hosting this fireside chat in his home at 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 is the foundation dinner in Elkhart. Cost is $110, with $45 counting toward your personal annual RI Foundation donation. Dr. Ken Johnson, Indianapolis Colts chaplain, is the keynote speaker. The club is setting up bus transportation to this event, with more info soon.

Gold Standard

Win Rood and Dick Sievers were honored with the weekly Gold Standard Award for their volunteer work at Washington Elementary School during the club’s recent Random Acts of Rotary project.

Perfect Attendance

Following are the Rotarians who had perfect attendance in 2010-11. This list does not include those who joined the club after July 2010.

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DEB BECKMAN
Rotary International Theme
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