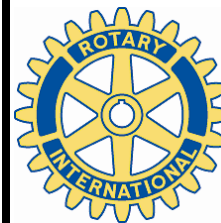




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

Jan. 9, 2007



Today's Program: Liberty Christian School Invocation, Pledge and 4-way Test: Sally DeVoe

Brian Dougherty, Superintendent of Liberty Christian School, hosted and addressed fellow Rotary Club members in the recently renovated "Den" - home of the Liberty Lions. The attractive gym was outfitted with hand-me-downs that were amazingly going to be tossed. The floor was only five years old, donated from Fishers High School, resulting in a \$35,000 savings. The bleachers were also donated, saving the school \$25,000.

The school hosts 300 pre-kindergarten to sixth grade students. The system has 515 students total. The alumni base is growing, with 240 names. Ninety percent of Liberty Christian graduates go on to a 4-year college.

Liberty Christian was born from parents' concerns in the mid-60s after prayer and biblical readings were removed from public schools. Founded in 1976, the school originated in the McKinley Building, en-

rolling 24 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Grades 5-7 were added the following year. In 1979, pre-kindergarten and eighth grade were added. Anderson Community Schools put its Washington School up for sale in 1987, and Liberty Christian outbid GM by \$4000 in this purchase that allowed them to consolidate four buildings into this new one.

In the fall of 1990, the high school program moved into the vacant McKinley Building. The Washington Building housed the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary and middle school.

In June of 2000, the former UAW 662 Union Hall was purchased and renovated. This 18-acre site on Hillcrest Drive houses the elementary and pre-kindergarten programs.

Sadly, superintendent Dougherty is moving to Elkhart Christian Acad-

emy. But he is proud to point out the strengths of his school:

- Christ-centered environment
- Biblically-based education
- Commitment to discipleship
- Caring, family atmosphere
- Academic excellence
- IHSAA membership (nine varsity level sports offered)
- Non-denominational (Liberty Christian is independent with over 60 churches represented in the student body)

As part of the enjoyable off-site Rotary Club meeting, we were entertained by the Musicians in Motion (M&Ms) and Hands for Jesus. (Pictures on Page 2)



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Superintendent Brian Dougherty addresses fellow Rotary Club members and guests.

Good Fortune

A cautious person leaves no stone unturned.



Upcoming programs

Smoke Free Indiana Jan. 16
Confronting Global Warming, Dr. John Vann—BSU Council on the Environment Jan. 23
Vocational talks Jan. 30

New Member Proposals

Scott Richards, *Christian Center*

Rotary Guests

Jason Chappell, *guest of Stan Horner*

Don Mason, *guest of Quinn Ricker*

Molly Eastbrook, *guest of Liberty Christian School and Brian Dougherty*

Thomas Mareno, *guest of George Vinson*

Students of the Month:
Whitney Hoffman, *Highland High School*

Tony Hinz, *Anderson High School*

Adam Freeman, *Liberty Christian High School*

Harold Phillips Literacy Fund



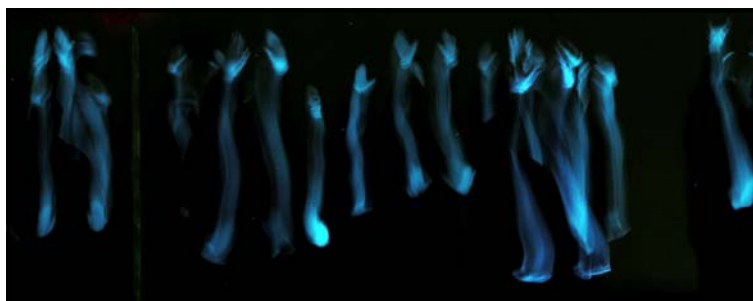
All members are encouraged to make a donation to the Harold Phillips literacy fund during the month of their birthday. The money is used to buy books for Madison County preschoolers in Head Start.



James Thompson, Jan. 3
Joseph Cook, Jan. 9
Katy Harrison Troxell, Jan. 9
Dave Dehart, Jan. 11
Tammy Ihnat, Jan. 12
George Vinson, Jan. 13
Erik Vohs, Jan. 16
Brenda Craig, Jan. 17
Travis Sparks, Jan. 20
Frank Wulf, Jan. 24



The *Musicians in Motion (M&Ms)*, are an audition choir at Liberty Christian School.



With the gym lights off, the *Hands for Jesus* group gave the audience a mesmerizing performance.