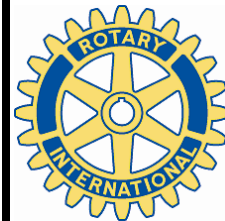




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

Jan. 16, 2007



Today's Program: Smoke Free Madison County with Karesa Knight

Karesa Knight began Health Tobacco Free Madison County in April of 2002. Indiana is one of a few states that use money that came from lawsuit settlements for tobacco control and education.

Secondhand smoke is more than an annoyance; it causes cancer, heart disease, asthma, chronic lung ailments and low birth weights.

A secondhand smoke ordinance is needed because over 50,000 people die every year from this toxic soup of more than 4,000 chemical compounds. This results in the

third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. In just 30 minutes, a non-smoker feels the same effects as smokers. Knight received a few laughs from her comical, yet, very true, example of a pool. (See comic on page three.)

Policy is important in tobacco control because it affects a broader range of people than, say, a smoking cessation class would. All three Madison County hospitals felt the importance of policy, and therefore have completely smoke-free campuses. School



grounds are also gradually going smoke-free.

Smokers hit their employers hard by smoking on the

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Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Jill O'Malia Rotary Moment No. 505, Rotary and Rotarians Were Very Busy in December: Jeanne Lee

Here is a sampling of the many activities of Rotary clubs all over the world as they served in their communities during the holiday season.

In early December at Nelson Mandela Bay in South Africa, the Rotary Club of Uitenhage (Oiten-haage) co hosted with municipal authorities the Uitenhage Carnival. Started by the club 18 years ago, the carnival and the switching on of Christmas lights signal the beginning of the local holiday season. With humble origins as a flea-market-type Saturday sale lasting a few hours, the event now takes about six months and several organizations to plan. This year, about 50,000 people attended the two-day festivities.

At Hucknall and Newstead, England, the Rotary Club of Hucknall sponsors Santa's sleigh that makes 19 runs during the first three weeks of December. These trips draw cheering

crowds while Rotarians and other volunteers raise funds to support various charitable projects.

The Rotary Club of San Juan, Trinidad and Tobago, throws a Christmas party for area schools before the holidays. Here, Santa Claus rides a motorcycle to the event, entertaining and distributing gifts, snacks and refreshments to the children.

Members of the Rotary Club of Mentor, Ohio, become Santa's elves on Dec. 14. Continuing a tradition started in 1985, the Rotarians visited 50 special-needs students at Lake Metroparks Farmpark, helping the children assemble toys and cuddle real live pets.

In Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, 145 attended a Christmas party at the local children's Hospital where children receive treatment dur-

ing the year for various heart conditions, with help from local and international Rotary clubs and other cosponsors.

In Fiji, the Rotary Club of Suva Peninsula distributed large food hampers to poor families at a Christmas lunch.

On another island far across the world, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus delivered presents to 11 children with disabilities at a pre-Christmas luncheon of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Bermuda.

So sometimes with the help of Rotary, Santa is a very busy fellow every December, but Rotarians serve and deliver the best of gifts all the year round.

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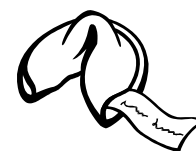
Tammy Ihnat

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Good Fortune

The eyes believe themselves; the ears believe other people.



Upcoming programs

Confronting Global Warming, Dr. John Vann—BSU Council on the Environment Jan. 23

Vocational Talks Jan. 30

INDOT—Indiana Commerce Connector Feb. 6

Rotary Guests

Don Young
Guest of Jan Herr Lukens

Students

Abby Beard, *Interact*
Tony Hinz, *AHS*
Whitney Hoffman, *HHS*

Visiting Rotarians

Gail Chesterfield
Muncie Rotary Club

New Member Proposal

Don D. Young
District Manager, Kings Title

Announcements

If you have an announcement you'd like to have made during a Rotary meeting, kindly call President Pam at 631-0844 or e-mail your announcement to pamcoletti@aol.com by Monday evening preceding the Tuesday meeting.

- Congratulations to Cindy Davis for her promotion to downtown banking center manager for STAR Financial Bank.
- Congratulations to Katy Harrison Troxell, only the second Anderson Rotarian to be expecting a baby at the time of her membership. The baby is due July 20.
- The Board will meet Jan. 29 instead of Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Chamber Office.



- 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

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.

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Jim Ault
Total collected: \$65

If you win, feel free to keep your winnings. There is no expectation that the winner should give back to the club. If you do wish to give back to either our club or Rotary International, you must write a check and give it to John Kane. This is the only way to use it as a charitable gift tax deduction and the only way to give it to RI.



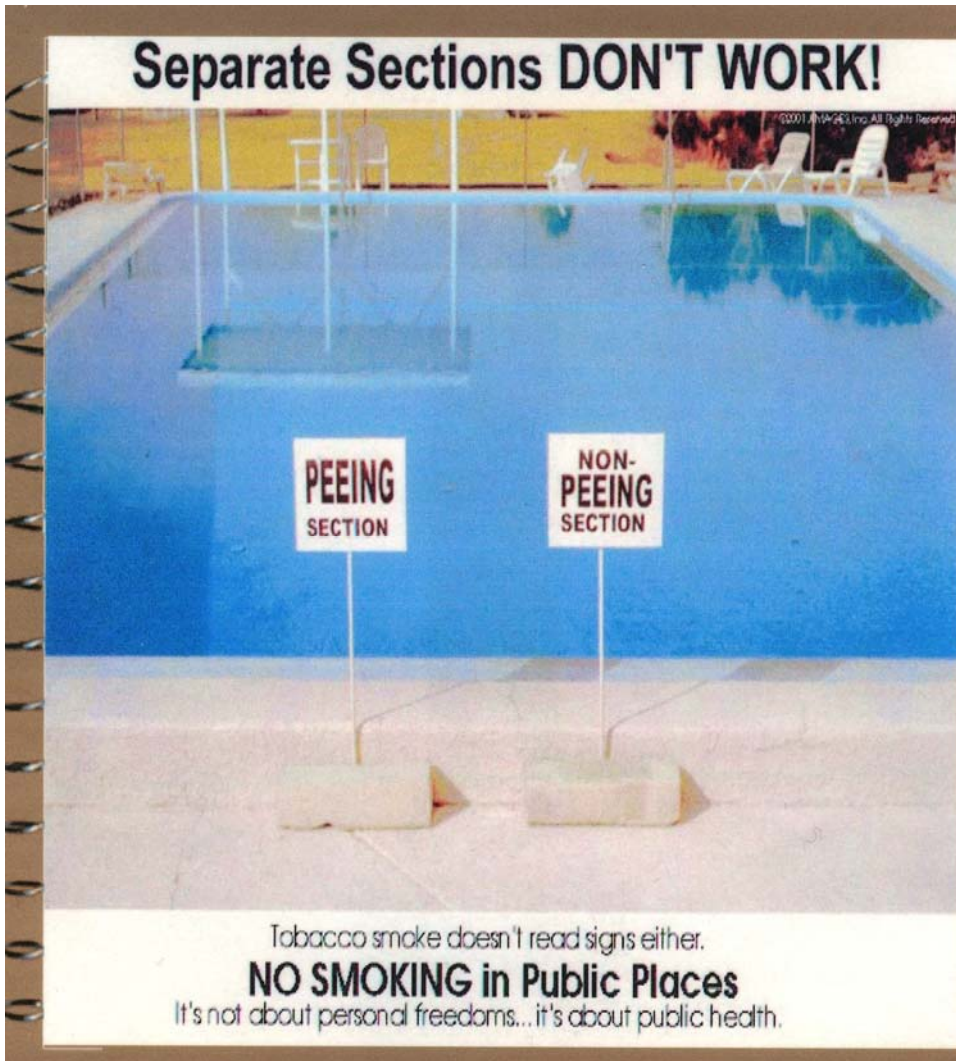
New Member

Randy Hammel was born in Huntington, Ind., and is a graduate of Anderson University. He served in the U.S. Army and has lived in Anderson and Alexandria since the mid-70s. He has a son, Kirby, and a daughter, Kasey.

Work experience includes R L Hammel Associates; SMC—Samick Music Corporation; Celebration Enterprises; Anderson University; PineBrook Recording Studios; the Helvering Agency; Rose Technologies; and Apex SkyPark.

Randy is currently the Madison County account executive for Burkhart Advertising. He stated that outdoor advertising is "The ultimate medium for a company to get their name in front of the public—especially when used in conjunction with radio (to a lesser degree)!" *Coincidentally, he was proposed by WQME's Jill O'Malia!*

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clock. A 10-15 minute smoke break, sometimes two or more times per day, really adds up in lost productivity. Male smokers incur \$15,800 more in lifetime medical expenses, and are absent from work four more days each year than their non-smoking co-workers. For females, \$17,500 more in lifetime medical expenses is spent, and the absenteeism is two more days per year.

Homeowners can sometimes see their insurance rates double. Knight pointed out that she had to have her mouth swabbed for nicotine before her home was insured.

Restaurant and bar employees are among the least protected in the work force. These workers are exposed to secondhand smoke three to five times more for the restaurant worker, and four to six times for the bar worker.

The US Surgeon Generals Report in 2006 states the following points:

- Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at an increased risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear problems and severe asthma.
- Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse affects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer.
- Scientific evidence indicates that there is NO RISK-FREE level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Smoking hits our economy, affecting everyone. One billion is spent annually treating medical consequences. The lost economic

output due to health-related early retirement is \$1.4 billion.

In October 2006, two city council members brought forth the issue of implementing a secondhand smoke policy in Anderson. A task force was formed and a public forum was held. City council members pulled the ordinance and want to work with county commissioners to implement a policy that involves the entire county.

Currently, the cigarette tax in Indiana is 55.5 cents per pack. In Michigan, the number increases to \$2 per pack. The Governor has asked for at least a 25 cent increase over our current tax, with funds to be used to initiate an aggressive smoking cessation and reduction campaign, an immunization program for children, and health insurance access to 100,000 or more low-income Hoosiers.

Knight urges each and every one of us to take pride in our community, and make Anderson and Madison County a better and healthier place to live and work. "Get out of your comfort zone and stand up, speak out and save lives."

To support secondhand smoke policies in Madison County, contact the County Commissioner's Office at 641-9474. To support cigarette taxes, contact State Representative Terri Austin and State Senator Tim Lanane.