



The Rotary Big Wheel

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Robert Guillaume, co-founder of Anderson Preparatory Academy

The Anderson Preparatory Academy is a tuition-free charter school open to any student in Indiana. Co-founder, Robert Guillaume, shared information about Anderson's first charter school to Rotarians.

The mission of the Anderson Preparatory Academy is to provide a safe, disciplined, structured, and creative environment that prepares students for academic excellence while nurturing diverse individual student interests. We intend to foster the desire for learning and develop those cherished principles and values of leadership, character, patriotism, and respect for self, community and country." Quoted from school web-site.

Rotary News Update from Bob Shoemaker,

The Rotary Foundation has announced that following the \$100 million challenge grant recently made by the Gates Foundation to help complete the eradication of Polio another challenge grant has been received. This one is a \$3.5 million dollar grant from the Google Foundation. Now, if only the computer industry could administer the polio vaccine on the internet all would be fast and simple.

Upcoming Rotary Meetings

February 26	Speech Contest – Cynthia Granger
March 4	Special Olympics – Paul Gray
March 11	Paul Harris Fellows - DG

Proposed Rotarians

Linda Dawson, Executive Director of Anderson Economic Development, proposed by Mike Harris.

Richard Vale, Senior Pastor at Central Christian Church, proposed by Becky Stratton

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Happy Birthday!!

Encapera Mike 2/16
Floyd Lisa 2/16
Markle David 2/4
Padfield Mike 2/

Sager Dan 2/12
Surbaugh Bill 2/4
Wykoff Cooke Kathy 2/10

Important Dates

May 16 School
Carnival

April 29 Faux Run

George Hughes Contact Information

Rotarian George Hughes is currently undergoing chemotherapy and is staying with his family in Southern Indiana. Please take time to send a note.

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Our best wishes go to
George and his family

UFOs Give Texas Club Chance to Help Community

The four Avenues of Service just grew by one for the Rotary Club of Dublin, Texas, which can add *extraterrestrial* to the list now that it has gained international attention through UFO sightings in the area.

What some are calling the largest cluster of sightings in the United States since the mid-1990s provided the opportunity for club members to host 500 visitors. The Mutual UFO Network planned to host a meeting in a cow auction barn; The Dublin Rotarians' offered free use of the century old Dublin Rotary Building..

Rotarians expected about 50 attendees, but that number grew to more than 500, including representatives from major networks such as MSNBC and National Public Radio.

"This was the most unusual event we have ever hosted," said club president Amy McDonald. "We saw an opportunity to draw attention to our small town of 3,800, and it gave local businesses the chance for increased traffic and sales.

GUESS THE ROTARIAN

Four people to dine with: 1) My husband; 2) Paternal great-grandparents; 3) My parents when they were in high school; 4) Anyone who is buying!

First Job: Working at my family's video store

People would be surprised to find in my house: Dead Plants

I wish I could learn to: Say No!

Something I did in school that was unique to me: I was on the University's television news station - was an anchor, reporter and inaccurate weathercaster.

A lot of people do not know this: Dressed up as a Jedi knight at Star Wars Convention.

My favorite Christmas present: My Dog, a Maltese, so tiny we could hardly see her in all the paper and boxes!

And the Rotarian is....Katy Harrison Troxell!

**Katy is Community Relations and Marketing
Manager for Community Hospital**



Joke of the Week – Panda on the Loose!

A panda walks into a delicatessen, orders a sandwich and begins to eat quietly. When the waiter gave him his check, the panda pulled out a gun, shot out the windows, then began to leave the deli, the manager said "Hey! You have to pay for the damage AND the sandwich! "The panda said "Hey! I'm a panda! Look it up!" So the manager looked in the dictionary which said: "**Panda: a bear-like creature with black and white markings on its face. Lives in China. Eats shoots and leaves.**"