



# The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.  
March 20, 2007



## Today's Program: Nuclear Testing, Bob Shoemaker Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Brian Dougherty



In 1945, the United States exploded the first nuclear test weapon in New Mexico. We had developed missiles, as had the Soviets. Bob pointed out that it was a scary time—that the Soviets could have fired at us before we even had a chance to load our missiles.

Bob traveled with a group to Media Hill, Nevada, a 12-hour plane trip back then. In spring of 1955 there was a series of tests here. A lot of above-ground testing which caused some radioactive fallout.

Bob remembers standing in absolute darkness waiting for the testing, and then there was tremendous light. He remembers the eerie silence. To take pictures, the camera, as well as a person's own eyes, had to be shielded for safety.

Afterward, the groups would scope out the damage and evaluate the effects.

Bob pointed out that we are now in a situation again where we are vulnerable to a nuclear attack. Not from the Soviets, but from those who want to destroy us with no regard for their own lives.

Many thanks to Bob for sharing his fascinating experience, as well as the series of pictures on the slideshow.



## Update from District Governor Bing Pratt

- District conference: April 20-22 in French Lick — register by end of March
- Gift of Life surgical group in Jordan operated on nine kids—all survived and are doing fine. 93 lives have been saved to date.
- Proposes every club president send a summary of what our group gives other than what we send to Rotary International—i.e., donations to local charities and groups.



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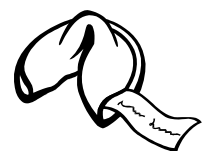
Tammy Ihnat

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## *Good Fortune*

*Second thoughts are often wiser than first impressions.*



**Upcoming programs**

Club Assembly	March 27
Green and Sustainable Building Design, Mike Montgomery	April 3
Vocational Talks	April 10

**Make-ups**

Charles Shumate	Rotary Club of Regina South, of Regina, Sas- katchewan, Canada
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**Visiting Rotarians**

Bing Pratt	District Governor
Patti Sveum	Anderson Suburban

**Guests**

Paula Monsalve Selby	Guest of Pam Coletti
Nicholas Blanco	Rotary exchange student from Chile hosted by Anderson Suburban Rotary
Kelsea Webb	Interact
Chris McCool	Highland High School

**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](mailto:pamcoletti@aol.com) by Monday evening preceding the Tuesday meeting.**

- April 10—Tips for Teachers. Interact members will be here to help us with lunch in exchange for tips they use to fund Paul Harris Awards for two Teachers of the Year.
- Suburban Rotary Club meets at Flashback Restaurant, Friday mornings at 7. The business part of the meeting begins at 7, then orders are placed.

**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. See Pam Coletti or John Kane to donate.

**50/50 Raffle**



**Won by: Brenda Allred**  
**Total collected: \$72**

**Happy Birthday**



- Robert Jackson, March 2
- James Freeman, Jr., March 5
- Lora Rich, March 5
- Kenneth Miller, March 7
- Robert McEadden, March 8
- Jane Ruff, March 12
- Donald Volk, March 16
- Marilyn DeJhaven, March 17
- Janet Brewer, March 23
- Thomas Seal, March 26
- James Edwards, March 27