



# The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.  
April 10, 2007



## Vocational Talks



**Amy Sczesny** is a social worker and owner/president of Indiana Geriatric Resources, Inc. Amy shares her knowledge with others by traveling to conduct lectures and helps make nursing homes more compliant for state and federal codes and laws. Her business is located in downtown Anderson. Amy was a hairstylist for 17 years, but suddenly became allergic to chemicals and went back to college. She got into law school after a dare with some friends, but soon realized a social worker wouldn't make a good lawyer. Amy is the mother of four.

**Katy Harrison Troxell** is the marketing and community relations manager at Community Hospital Anderson. Her job entails advertising, media relations, special events and whatever else comes her way. Katy graduated from BSU in 2002, where she was a telecommunications news major, and could be seen on the student news station as a reporter, anchor and horrible weather person! Katy and her husband, Tanner, an assistant vice president with LaSalle Bank in Indianapolis, live in Noblesville. They're anxiously awaiting their first baby in July.



## Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Sarah Later Rotary Moment No. 515, Interact: John Dick

In the late 1950s a Rotary club in Florida organized a service club for high school age students. The first clubs were called "Ro" clubs. Much earlier than that there were a few clubs with a name that I will not try to pronounce. It was Rotary spelled backwards! Try saying that in your spare time. The immediate predecessors to Interact were "Wheel" clubs in the Miami area. Bill Robbins, who became president of Rotary International in 1974, was an early proponent of this idea. An international committee consisting of one Rotarian each from Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and the Southwest Pacific was formed to study the idea and make recommendations to the board of directors of RI. The board of directors, under the leadership

of President Nitish Laharry of India, accepted the recommendation of the committee and officially adopted Interact as a program of Rotary in 1962. Late in that year the first Interact club was chartered in Melbourne, Florida.

The name Interact was derived by combining portions of the words "international" and "action". The first club organized in our Rotary District was sponsored by the Anderson Rotary Club in 1964 and included students from the four high schools of the time; Anderson, Madison Heights, Highland and St. Mary's. In succeeding years the club successfully completed several significant international projects but sadly faded away at the end of the decade from lack of support by our Rotary

club. The Anderson Interact club was revived 10 years ago and once again became the only one in our district. Fortunately, there are now 12 others in Central Indiana including Fishers, Zionsville, Carmel, Brownsburg, and two in Kokomo.

From the beginning in 1962 Interact has continued to expand. Today there are approximately 246,000 Interactors in 10,700 clubs in 109 countries. We are proud that the Anderson Interact club is one of those. Interact has grown faster even than Rotary did in its early years.

Interact is doing well...AND...doing good.

Bob Shoemaker  
April 10, 2007



**President**  
Pam Coletti

**President-elect**  
David Porter

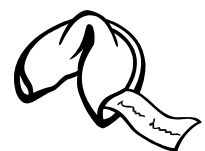
**Secretary**  
Dana Donahue

**Treasurer**  
John Kane

**Board members**  
Deanne Beard  
John Dick  
John Eddy  
Tammy Ihnat  
Debbie Webb  
David Welsheimer

## Good Fortune

*Including others in  
your life will bring you  
great happiness.*



\$378 in tips were given to Interactors to help them toward their goal of raising \$2000 to present Paul Harris Fellowships to a Teacher of the Year from Highland High School and also from Anderson High School.

Interact President Lynn Demos was presented a pin for the club's banner, and a letter from RI President Bill Boyd was read congratulating the Interactors on their participation in 2006 World Interact Week.

Debbie Webb was honored for her 10 years of leadership of the Interact Club. The club was organized in Oct. 1996, and Debbie took the leadership roll in November of that year. Current Interactors Lynn Demos and Abby Beard talked about what Debbie's leadership and guidance means to them and their fellow club members. Letters from former Interactors, Patrick Dykes and Meaghan Collins, were read by Tammy Ihnat and Lisa Floyd. Debbie was presented with an award inscribed with the Interact logo and the following message:

*Presented to Debbie Webb by Rotary Club of Anderson, Indiana  
In recognition of 10 years of exceptional leadership and outstanding service as  
Interact Leader 1997-2007*



Left to Right: Kevin Rhodes, Nicole Huntzinger, Donelle Burton, Abby Beard, Heather Hoover, Lynn Demos, Rachel Warner, Debbie Webb, Nathan Renz, Kelsea Webb, Erica Couch and Amamda LaFlamme.

### 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.*

- Non-profit organizations may apply for funds from our ARC fund. We have \$2,534 to award this year. Applications are due by May 18. See Sally DeVoe, Lisa Floyd or Pam Coletti for details.
- There is a possibility the GSE team from Mexico will visit Anderson between May 8 and May 26. The visit can take place if we share hosting with the Suburban Rotary Club. Between the two clubs, we would need five host families who would be willing to house one of the team members for a few days up to a week. We also need people who would be willing to plan places for the team to visit in Anderson. Please consider this opportunity and let Pam know if you would be willing to help in either aspect of hosting them.
- Relay for Life committee meeting with Katy Harrison Troxell and Quinn Ricker is next week right after the club meeting.

### Happy Birthday



David Happe, April 2  
Scott Wilkins, April 3  
Ron Duncan, April 8  
Maurice Caldwell, April 11  
Terrance Smith, April 13  
Dana Donahue, April 15  
Kathy Sumner, April 26  
Mike Zapolski, April 29

### Make-ups

Jack Cunningham  
Top of the Lake Rotary Club of Mooresville, NC; Peninsula Rotary Club of Statesville, NC; and Rotary Club of Statesville, NC

### Guests

Rick Dawson Guest of Lisa Floyd  
Georgeann Whitworth Guest of Mike Harris  
Nathan Miller Liberty Christian  
Jessica Rockhill Highland  
Erica Couch Interact

### Upcoming programs

Scholarships	April 17
Faux Run, 6 p.m.—no noon meeting	April 24
Elmo Funk Award	May 1