



# The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

May 1, 2007



## Elmo Funk Award

The Anderson Rotary Club has named Tom Bannon as recipient of the 2007 Elmo Funk "Ideal of Service" Award.

The annual award is given to a Rotarian who has demonstrated a dedication to many humanitarian and community enterprises. The ideals of Rotary are best exemplified through club, community, vocational and international service.

"What's great about Rotary is individuals can come together and make a difference," remarked Bannon. "Every little bit that we do just keeps growing."

A graduate of Pendleton Heights High School, Bannon received a degree in radio/TV/film from Indiana State



University in 1988. He went on to pursue a master's degree in business administration from Anderson University, and graduated the program in 2001.

Bannon led the Anderson Rotary Club as president from 2002-2003. He is a past board member, and most recently

chaired the successful Faux Run.

Bannon is an original Hoosier Park employee, starting July 5, 1994, nearly two months before the track's grand opening. His responsibilities include media and community relations, as well as overseeing the company's operating department.

Bannon serves on the board of directors for the Paramount Theatre, Anderson Symphony Orchestra, the United Way of Madison County and Alternatives, Inc. He also served as past president of the Paramount Theatre, the Anderson Symphony Orchestra and CASA. Bannon is past district chair for the Sakima District of Boy Scouts

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## Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Annette Craycraft Rotary Moment No. 517, Rotarian Elmo A. Funk: Mike Zapolski

At the time of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the Anderson Rotary Club in 1968, there were no charter members remaining. Elmo Funk came closer than anyone else to having that distinction. He became a Rotarian just a few months after the charter date. Elmo was Anderson City Engineer in 1918 and was inducted under that classification. He was club president in 1929-1930. After reaching fifty years of Rotary service Elmo died in the year of our 50th Anniversary.

His son, Tom, also became a Rotarian but was dropped from the rolls for poor attendance.

Some years after joining Rotary, Elmo acquired a Coca

Cola bottling franchise. Bottling operations were on West 14th street. Later a brick two story building was built on the southeast corner of 7th and Meridian streets to house the bottling and distribution facilities. Many of you might remember that structure as housing the Anderson Police Department for a number of years after the bottling plant was moved to East 38th Street and until the new Anderson Police Department building was erected on Main Street. Elmo was sometimes asked how a bottle of Coca Cola could be sold for 5 cents when it was mostly water. What would he think of water being sold now for more than milk?

Elmo and his family resided in a home on the northwest

corner of West Eighth and Hendricks streets. At 315 West Eighth Street is a pleasant little historical park dedicated to the memory of Elmo A. Funk. His name is in the arch above the entrance. Sometimes weddings and parties have been held there.

Elmo was a fine citizen of Anderson and was eager to support—and sometimes lead—any worthwhile civic enterprise, whether it be the Community Chest, as it was known then, the YMCA, the Red Cross, Anderson University, or St Mary's Church.

Elmo Funk exemplified Rotary Service Above Self.

Bob Shoemaker

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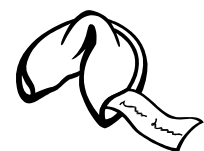
Tammy Ihnat

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## Good Fortune

*Your charms have not gone unnoticed by all the angels.*



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of America, and served as chair for the United Way of Madison County's annual campaign in 2006.

Bannon's father, Jim, served as the 1987-1988 Anderson Rotary Club president, and was winner of the Elmo Funk Award in 1992, making this the first father-son recognition.

The Elmo Funk "Ideal of Service" Award was established in 1969 when Rotarian Elmo Funk reached 50 years of service to the Anderson club. Funk was club president from 1929-1930.

The 2007 selection committee included the following Rotarians: Betty Crum, Charles Dickmann, Jack Keesling, Dan Fisher, Marlene Carey, Jeanne Lee, Don Volk, Bob Jackson, Keith Pitcher, Glenn Falls and Bill Pitts.

**Guests**

<i>George Hughes</i>	<i>Guest of Gail Chesterfield</i>
<i>Tim Boruff</i>	<i>Guest of Tony Malone</i>
<i>Nancy Rodibaugh, Barb Roesener, James Bannon and Sam Bannon</i>	<i>Family of Tom Bannon</i>
<i>Alex Jones</i>	<i>Interact</i>
<i>Josiah Jimison</i>	<i>Liberty Christian High</i>
<i>Bryant Sewell</i>	<i>Highland High School</i>
<i>Jill Davis</i>	<i>Anderson High School</i>

**Visiting Rotarians**

<i>Gail Chesterfield</i>	<i>Muncie Sunrise</i>
<i>David Rowe</i>	<i>Anderson Suburban</i>

**Make-ups**

<i>Charles Shumate</i>	<i>Meridian Mississippi</i>
<i>Bob Shoemaker</i>	<i>Syracuse/ Wawasee</i>

**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.*

- Jim Thompson passed away Monday.
- Jack Keesling's brother passed away last week.
- Claude Wellis, club president from 1978-1979, died last week in Las Cruces, NM.
- Faux Run update—so far we have made a profit of \$7000. This will pay off our commitment to Polio Plus and there will be money left over for service projects. Money can still be donated if you weren't able to make the event.
- Due to a change in his work schedule, David Welsheimer submitted his resignation from the club's board of directors. Mike Zapolski has been asked and has agreed to fill the board position.
- It's the first of the month. If you have a May birthday and you'd like to contribute to the Harold Phillips Birthday Fund to buy books for Headstart children, see John Kane or Pam.

**Upcoming programs**

<i>Dickmann Youth Awards</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Sportsmanship Awards</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Jane Potee Racing Experience</i>	<i>May 22</i>

**New Member Proposals**

<i>Rick Dawson</i>	<i>Owner, Anderson Speedway</i>
<i>Marly Hardy Snyder</i>	<i>Edward Jones</i>

*Happy Birthday*



- Carl Caldwell, May 3
- Ed Huffman, May 6
- Charles Dickmann, May 7
- Mike Harris, May 8
- Terri Austin, May 17
- Betty Crum, May 17
- Keith Trent, May 19
- Pam Shoot, May 21
- Jack Cunningham, May 26

**50/50 Raffle**



**Won by: David Rowe**  
**Total collected: \$50**