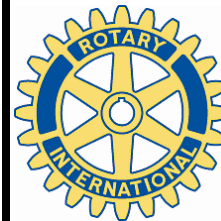




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

May 22, 2007



Lyn St. James Driver Development Program: Jane Potee

Jane Potee was a product of the 70s. She learned equality for women and was a self-described dreamer and idealist.

A few years ago, as an employee of Old National Bank, Potee attended a women's leadership conference at the Columbia Club in downtown Indianapolis. (A great joy she said, since the Club once turned away her gender.) One woman, Sonni Eden, left a powerful impression on Potee. She was a race car driver and spoke of the importance of sponsorships in her field. Potee took this back to her employer, who jumped at this sponsorship opportunity, and so began Potee's interactions with racing.

Potee says she didn't truly appreciate racing until she visited the Anderson Speedway. After that, she applied to be a "special student" in the 2006 Lyn St.

James Driver Development Program. (She calls herself this since she was really new to the racing field.)

"Pleading, I sent five or six letters explaining that I just wanted to learn," says Potee. One main reason was to grow a clientele with those involved in the racing industry. Potee's letters must have been convincing because in 2006 she headed to Chandler, AZ, where she joined the program and had a life-changing experience.

The first stop was the Athletes' Performance in Mesa, AZ. This was a place where pro athletes came to get conditioned. "For a 47-year-old mom, it was challenging to keep up with the women whose ages ranged from the eighth grade to 30 years."

But with proper coaching, Potee learned to push away negativity, and developed physical endurance.

Next stop, the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. Having never been in a race car before, Potee says the program adapted to the needs of the "special student." She described her car as one with "training wheels." Going in circles, it was the equivalent of driving on ice. They learned technical instruction and were oriented with the cars, inside and out.

The Lyn St. James Driver Development Program began in 1993, with the key focus on subject matter, not gender.

One of Potee's most memorable pieces of advice from St. James is "Life is full of defining moments. You either define the moment or the moment defines you."

As a child of the 70s, Potee left us with this appropriate send-off: **Drivers**, start your engines.



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Rotary Moment No. 520, The Indianapolis 500-mile Race: Travis Sparks

The only connection between Rotary and the Indianapolis 500 race may be that the first Rotary club was already more than six years old when the first 500 mile race was run in 1911. Certainly some few Rotarians must have been in attendance. There were lessons to be learned from those early races. Nearly one year after that first race the following front page article appeared in the Anderson Herald on May 28, 1912, two days before the second 500 race.

The bold head read: AUTO RACING DOOMED TO GO. The sub head echoed this with, "Leading Automobile Men Declare Indianapolis Race Will Be Last One".

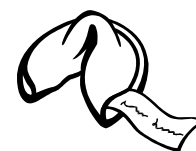
The article read: "Automobile racing on track and road will die by its own hand on Decoration Day at the Indianapolis Speedway, according to the best informed automobile men of the country who are congregated at Indianapolis tonight. Makers of racing and stock machines who have had their faith in the racing game and who have nominated machines with the best available drivers for the 500 mile race are almost unanimous in their belief that on next Thursday the finale of automobile racing will be written. On Thursday the pick of the drivers and cars racing in America will line up for the start at the Speedway. Twenty-three have already qualified and two more are possible entrants and these

constitute the last of competitive drivers for this country. Last year one mechanic was killed at the Speedway due not so much to the track as luck. The officials this year figure that the list of dead will far exceed last season's and expect the death toll to be so large as to stop all sports of motor car racing in the future."

Now with Jane Potee we can claim an Anderson Rotary connection to the 500 and with that a legitimate "Rotary Moment." There is a lesson we can learn from this. Just because it is now 95 years later we can't put our hopes on there being a 500 mile race next year. Remember what "leading automobile men" said on May 28, 1912. There may not be a race next year.

Good Fortune

A carrot a day may keep cancer away.



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.

- Apples for Teachers is May 29. Contact Janice Bryan if you can help—643-5555 or Janice@lonbrownins.com.
- Next week, David Groner of Dowagiac, MI will speak. He impersonates a Nigerian tribal king and relates how his village has been helped by the efforts of Rotary's humanitarian programs. **Early start. 11:45**
- Relay for Life: The proceeds of the 50/50 drawing next week will once again go toward fundraising from our club. Matt Bender will grace us with his interpretation of "Miss Relay."



The event is from 6 p.m. Friday, June 15 to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

Quinn Ricker and Katy Harrison Troxell are co-captions and need your help!

- Raise money—collect donations from your family, friends and co-workers
- Walk on our team—no need to stay all night! Just show up and have a good time!
 - 50/50 drawings go to Relay for Life.

E-mail qricker@rickers.net or kharrison@eCommunity.com for questions or to help out!

Thanks to Matt Bender who will represent our club as "Miss Relay!"

Upcoming programs

David Groner of Dowagiac, MI: 11:45	May 29
Mass Transit—Terri Austin & Tim Lanane	June 5
4 Community	June 12

Guests

Teresa Carter	Guest of Jane Potee
George Abiad & Mark Murray	Guests of Maurice Caldwell
Bryan Sewell	Highland High School
Josiah Jimison	Liberty Christian High School
Alex Jones	Interact

Happy Birthday



- Carl Caldwell, May 3
- Ed Huffman, May 6
- Charles Dickmann, May 7
- Mike Harris, May 8
- Terri Austin, May 17
- Keith Trent, May 19
- Pam Shoot, May 21
- Jack Cunningham, May 26
- Betty Crum, May 27

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Deanne Beard
Total collected: \$100

Make-ups

Brenda Craig	Online
Bob Shoemaker	Syracuse-Wawasee