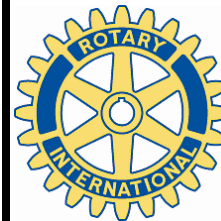




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

June 5, 2007



Legislative Updates: Terri Austin and Tim Lanane

According to Terri Austin, even the governor deemed this a good legislative session.

She pointed out that the state budget of \$26 billion will spend less than it takes in and leaves a total combined balance of \$800 million. Among the top spending priorities are K-12 education, property tax relief, health care and higher education. One billion in new road and highway construction was approved, including the start of I-69 Indy to Evansville segment. There will be \$4.8 million in architectural and engineering funds to the Muncie and Anderson IVY Tech campus for remodeling and improvement planning and \$850,000 for the Purdue State-wide Technology Program (partnership with FEC and Anderson University to construct the new building going up at Exit 22).

Tim Lanane first touched on HB 1678, health insurance for uninsured Hoosiers. Right now there are about 860,000 people who don't have any coverage. With this program, 132 or 135 thousand should be covered. The CHIP program was improved to include those at not more than 300% of the poverty level—this was previously 200%. Children up to 24 can be covered no matter if they are living at home or on their own. All this is funded by the increase in the cigarette tax to 44 cents/pack.

Lanane also touched on the slots bill, which allows for two Indiana tracks to have no more than 2000 machines without approval of the Indiana Gaming Commission. Each track pays \$250 million in two installments, and this is dedicated to property tax relief.

This led Austin into HB

1478, property tax relief. She says we are at this point because of the court ordered reassessment requiring a change to a market based system in 2003. Also, the 2005 budget shifted \$1 billion onto property owners. Legislative Services issued a revised estimate of homeowner tax bill changes for 2007, showing the average statewide increase at 23.8%. HB 1478 provides new sources of local revenue that, if implemented, will significantly reduce property taxes over time. Local units were given the authority to increase local income taxes by up to 2%. One percent may be used on each of the following two uses: providing dollar for dollar property tax cuts from current levels or using the new income tax for future revenue growth, growth that otherwise would have come from the property tax.

Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Terri Austin

Rotary Moment No. 522, Rotary Youth Exchange: Kathy Sumner

As it has done many times in the past, our Anderson club agreed again in 2003 to host a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Dita Asmoro from Indonesia arrived that August. Her first host family was that of Dan Barnett. Later she moved to the home of Judy and Rick Kimmer. In 2004 Dita graduated from Highland High School. She returned for a visit to her home in Indonesia that summer, then was invited to return to Anderson by the Kimmers. In the fall, with the help of John Eddy, she began studying at the Purdue branch in Anderson where she continued through that and the following academic year. After completing two years, Dita transferred to the Purdue Campus in West Lafayette.

Last fall Disney came to Purdue to interview potential interns. Dita applied. Past President Oma McCall reports that when they asked why

she would want to work there, she showed them a picture she carries in her room in Indonesia. She had loved Disney characters for a long time, but had never been to Disney World. Oma says, "She had to get hired there, to go there! Of course, the fact that she is motivated and a top student may also have had a little to do with why she got the job. Anderson Rotary should be so proud of her and her accomplishments."

Dita herself reports, "... I've been working 60+ hours per week!! So tired!! But I love it so much!! ...Right now I'm in the Disney College Program. ...I am submitting my application for next year for Computer Professional Internship. It's so awesome I ... get in the park free anytime I want and get a lot of discounts almost everywhere... I also get discounts for park tickets for others. So if you're

thinking about coming down here, let me know!"

Rick and Judy Kimmer, who were her hosts for more than two years, were invited to visit Dita's home in Indonesia last June. They report, "We had a wonderful time meeting her parents and family and seeing some of Indonesia." Sometimes Rotary Youth Exchange pays unexpected dividends for both students and hosts. Is there room in your home for a Rotary youth Exchange student?

A reminder: Rotary Youth Exchange Students are received or sent by a Rotary Club for one school year and live in the homes of Rotarians or homes approved by Rotary. Costs are not borne by the Rotary Foundation. Consequently, children and grandchildren of Rotarians are eligible since tax deductible charitable contributions are not involved. Think about it.



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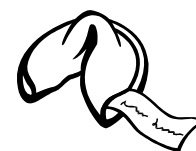
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Good Fortune

Strike iron while it is hot.



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.

- Thanks to Janice Bryan for chairing and to all who delivered Apples for Teachers.
- Pam received a letter from Jim Edwards thanking Rotary clubs for donation of \$1000 to the peace studies program as part of a District 6560 grant.
- Today is Brian Dougherty's last meeting. We wish him luck in Elkhart!



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!

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!”

Make-ups

George Vinson	New Port Richey, FL and Anna Maria Island, FL
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Guests

Ray Kaufman	Guest of Janice Bryan
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Upcoming programs

4 Community	June 12
Community Image Awards	June 19
President Pam's farewell	June 26

New Member Proposals

Scott Underwood	Managing Editor, The Herald Bulletin
Janine Hooley	Trial Deputy, Office of the Madison Co. Prosecuting Attorney

Happy Birthday



- Lloyd Lambert, June 5
- Carla Holloway, June 6
- B J Sylvester, June 8
- Cynthia Granger, June 8
- David Kleinhenn, June 8
- Thomas Proctor, June 8
- Jack Robinson, June 28
- Willi Kant, June 30

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Sam Pellegrino
Total collected: \$56

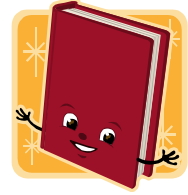
Welcome, new members

Proposed by Lisa Floyd

Marly Hardy Snyder hails from Pendleton. She received her BS in chemistry from Butler and moved to Philadelphia vowing to never live in a small town again. Needless to say, she's back in Pendleton and is enjoying life as a financial advisor with Edward Jones. She has been married to her husband, Chris, for three years, and serves the community as director of the Festival of Trees and is also on the Anderson Symphony Orchestra board.

Rick Dawson is an Anderson native, graduating from Highland High School. He attended Ball State University and later received his CPA license. Looking for something new, Rick purchased the Anderson Speedway in 1997 and is the current owner. No stranger to Rotary, Rick is a past recipient of the Rotary Community Image award. He resides in Pendleton with his wife, Brenda, and daughter, Lauren.

Have a June birthday?



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.



Left: Thanks to John Dick for arranging to get the granite block with the Rotary emblem at the Peace Pole.

Right: The completed path and landscaping at the Peace Pole. We had a rededication of our community to peace on May 22.