



The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.
June 12, 2007



Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: Rick Kimmer Program: Word Nerds

Do you know what *phosphene* is? Doesn't everyone know that it's the light you see when you rub your eyes really hard? Maybe not, but knowing what words mean and where they come from is more than a hobby for two Ball State University professors—it's a passion that has turned into a radio show.

Bob Nowatzki and Pat Collier are officially (and you might say proud to be) nerds of words. The two have turned their love of the lexicon into "Word Nerds," a weekly show aired on Indiana Public Radio (IPR) Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.

Back to the word *phosphene*. It could be the very reason behind this radio show that entertains and educates.

"I think we bonded over this word," says Collier.

Nowatzki had a former pastime that may seem strange to some. He wanted to read the entire dictionary, word for word. He did just this, and he and Collier would enjoy discussing the latest findings, amusing friends, family and co-workers with their unique knowledge.

With the help of Marcus Jackman, general manager at IPR and now referred to as "the third word nerd," the idea of a weekly radio program was born.

In honor of attending a Rotary club meeting, the two men gave definitions pertaining to the club.

For example, the word *Rotary* is from *rotate*, which came about from the rotation of hosting duties for weekly meetings.

And, *philanthropy* is broken down as such: *phil* = love;

anthrop = human kind. This dates back to the early 1600s.

Word Nerds has a different theme each week to satiate a variety of word lovers. One week the two might banter back and forth about love or sports, and the next week they could be educating the audience on words pertaining to bullfighting.

They balance each other out with Nowatzki's love of obscure words and Collier's love of common words with unique meanings. Jackman gets to tell them what's funny and when to move on to keep the program fresh.

To hear archived shows, visit www.bsu.edu/ipr.

The radio show that has fun with word derivations can be heard in Anderson on 89.5 FM and in Muncie on 92.1 FM.



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Thanks to everyone who participated by raising money or walking at this event.

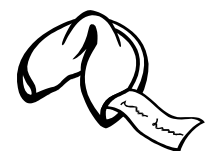
We raised close to \$1000. Matt Bender was exceptional as "Miss Relay!"

Rotary Club members who participated at the event include:

Quinn Ricker, co-captain	Katy Troxell, co-captain	Matt Bender, Miss Relay	Jan Herr-Lukens
Keith Trent	Bill VanNess	Marlene Carey	Kathy Sumner
John Kane	Deanne Beard	Patty Kuhn	Betty Crum

Good Fortune

You are vigorous in your words and action.



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.

- Welcome back to Charles Dickmann after an absence due to illness and injuries.
- Good luck to president-elect, David Porter, as he attends the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City.

Make-ups

Charles Shumate	Rotary Club of Meridian, Mississippi
Brenda Craig	Online

New Member Proposals

Scott Underwood	Managing Editor, The Herald Bulletin
Janine Hooley	Trial Deputy, Office of the Madison Co. Prosecuting Attorney
Kyle DeFur	President/CEO, St. John's Health System

Upcoming programs

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

Guests

Carol Trimmer	Guest of Pam Coletti
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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.

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Dottie Payne
Total collected: \$48

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