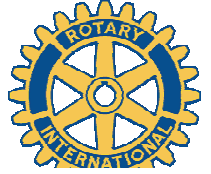


# The Rotary Big Wheel

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*Get Educated*

*President David's Farewell Speech*



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I have heard other past presidents say that there is a sense of relief when this day finally arrives. I can honestly say I have mixed emotions. I really enjoyed this year and the chance to stamp my personality on Rotary. I hate to see my time up here end as I am very proud leading such a great organization.

## Get Educated at Rotary!

That was my two pronged theme this year. The snacks for ISTEP was an idea I hadn't originally planned, but it came up while I was talking to **Micky Lowe** at the head table on my first day as president. I think it was a big success for the kids. We had so many grateful kids and teachers. We even had a teacher cry because someone actually did something to help Southview, the forgotten school. I want to thank everyone who helped with that and **Janice Bryan** for helping with the scheduling.

The Halloween Party was another idea that grew into something that helped the school kids and the kids for Alternatives. I knew I wanted a social event for Halloween. The committee and the board thought it would be better to be a service project instead of a purely social time. They were right. We had 250 guest show up for food, games, candy and fun. Several people helped make that a special evening. In particular, **Lisa Floyd**, **Cindy Davis** and **Carla Rigsby** took control and made it highlight of my year. These three ladies also worked hard on several other areas and I hope that some day they get the chance to serve on the board and help lead this club.

The school carnival held this May was great. I need to thank **Deb Stapleton** and **Tonya Nichols** who worked hard on signing up volunteers but they both put in several hours in meetings and at the event. Several Rotarians and their families volunteered. It was an incredible evening. I also need to thank **David Kleinhenn** for helping beyond the call of duty with the inflatables.

The second part of the Get Educated theme was a hope that we could all learn more about what Rotary does. We had outside speakers come and talk about some of the great international projects they participated. The first half of the year, I tried to talk about different aspects of Rotary. It is not enough to hear the words. I think the education projects I just mentioned do a lot better job of explaining Rotary. For those of you that participated, I hope that your sense of Rotary grew.

### Happy Birthday!!

Granger Cindy	6/08
Kant Willi	6/30
Kleinhenn David	6/08
Lambert Lloyd	6/05
Moneyhun Nancy	6/21
Proctor Tom	6/08
Rigsby Carla	6/06
Robinson Jack	6/26
Sylvester B J	6/08

#### *Four Way Test*

*Is it the truth?*

*Is it fair to all concerned?*

*Will it build good will and better friendships?*

*Is it beneficial to all concerned?*

### *President David's Farewell Continued*

I learned a lot myself this year. One thing I learned is that no matter what the caliber of person selected to be president of this club, they cannot have a successful year without the help of several other people. The board has done a good job this year of presenting me all sides of the various issues that came up and helped me make the best decision for the club.

**Deanne Beard** and **Jan Herr-Lukens** did an outstanding job at membership. We had 18 new members inducted this year. We lost only one of them, **Kyle DeFur**, when he was promoted to his new job in Indianapolis. **Mike Zapolski** recently moved, but he served on the board solidly this year and planned the Family Day for me.

The Faux Run was led by **Sally Devoe, Patty Kuhn, Tom Bannon, and Mike Harris**. This is our one fund raiser and we raised over \$6,000. I am very pleased with the results.

One of my goals for Rotary as it is for any organization I am in involved with is to be more visible in the public. I want to thank **Keith Trent, George Vinson** and especially **Scott Underwood** for the coverage our club received this year. We were in the paper several times.

**Cindy Granger** works very hard on the speech contest every year. Working with the District is what makes this such a demanding job. **Jan Miller** worked hard to get the newsletter prepared every week. **Debbie Webb** continues to do an outstanding job with the Interact Club. Those young people are very special and helped me out a lot this year. **Ann Shoemaker** stepped in and took over the student of the month program when the person in charge resigned from the club suddenly.

**Tom Bannon** had to put several hours in typing and studying the by-laws. He handled them like he does everything else in Rotary. **Nancy Vaughan** made sure we had a greeter every week. Having done that job before, it is not as easy as it sounds.

Scott Richards was my Sgt. at arms and made sure things were working properly. **Teresa Carter** did a marvelous job making our basket for the District Auction. I think **Dana** roped her into it and **Teresa** did a lot more work than expected. I looked great.

**Dana** did a very good job on scheduling the programs. We had some very entertaining programs like the pork farmer, some very pertinent programs, some educational and some down right sweet programs like Randy Good.

**Lisa Floyd** did a great job scheduling the invocations. I received an e-mail usually a week before telling me who was doing the opening. That was one important part of the weekly program that I never had to worry about.

I wish to thank all of these people very much for making me look better.