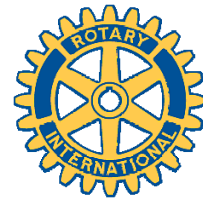




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Indiana *** July 10, 2007



Get Educated

**President David Porter
introduces Anderson
Rotary's 2007-2008
Theme.....Get Educated!**



President David Porter's Induction Speech Calls for Action

I cannot count the number of times I have heard someone say over the last several years that the Anderson Schools are not very good. Rotary can make a difference. I am launching an "Adopt A School" program this year. I have selected Southview Elementary to be our school this year. Every week, when Rotary has a guest speaker, we have given them a small gift as a token for speaking to us. When someone speaks at Rotary, I will donate a book to the school in their honor.

I want to renew Keith's "Rotary Reads" program where Rotarians read books to the children. I would like to put a Rotary Ambassador inside the school. The school year ends with a Spring Carnival. I am asking all Rotarians to volunteer to work at this event.

I mentioned that the theme "Get Educated" has taken a dual meaning. How many times has someone asked you "What is Rotary?" How many of you have a good answer to that question? When I say Get Educated, I want to see all of us become more educated on what Rotary means.

Membership has always been important. I am dividing the membership committee into two different

committees, new member identification and new member orientation.

Rotary must also be FUN. With that in mind, I will be expanding our Social events.

Public Relations is a new area of emphasis for Rotary International. We will be ordering large banners with our club name and logo to hang at events.

Foundation giving is something every President is told to push. Giving to the Foundation is very important. I strongly believe that, and pledge to inform members of where their dollars are spent, both locally and internationally.

One of the last aspects of the Club Leadership Plan is to provide continuity in leadership. There will be a new Presidential Development Committee.

Now, for fun. I will end our meetings with a section called "Guess the Rotarian." I have come up with several questions for members to answer about themselves. I will read the questions and answers and see if you can guess which Rotarian I am talking about. Hopefully the answers will be unique and reveal fun facts about you that others may not know.

Let's Get Educated at Rotary!

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Happy Birthday!!

Charles Shumate - July 6
Sally DeVoe - July 9
Stan Guilkey - July 9
David Porter - July 11
Ed Foggs - July 11
Jeanne Lee - July 14
Ann Shoemaker - July 17
Marlene Carey - July 17
Quinn Ricker - July 22
Keith Pitcher - July 24
Marly Hardy Snyder -
July 25
Pam Jones - July 25
Jane Potee - July 31

Guests

Mickey Lowe,
(David Porter)

Scott Wilkins,
(Marta Williams)

George Hughes,
(Gayle Chesterfield)

Rotary Moment 526 – By Bob Shoemaker 'Rotary Conventions' – Mike Padfield

From the founding of Rotary in Chicago in 1905 until 1908 there was but one Rotary Club. With the founding San Francisco in November 2008 and Oakland in 1909 the number of clubs steadily increased. Correspondence between clubs gradually developed as they exchanged ideas with the hope of improving their clubs as well as extending the basic idea. By 1910 there was a sufficient number that clubs felt that a meeting would be helpful to each of them. That first meeting, which became known as a convention, was in August 1910 and it was held in Chicago, the founding city.

As more and more clubs were formed the location of the Rotary Convention also moved about. The second convention was in Portland, Oregon in 1911. It did not return

there for almost 80 years. After the first four conventions no other conventions have been held in August. With the establishment of June 30 as the end of Rotary's fiscal year all subsequent conventions have been held in May or June.

In 1930, the 25th anniversary of the founding, the convention returned to Chicago, as it has every subsequent 25 years, the last being there two years ago to celebrate Rotary's 100th.

The first convention in South America was in Rio in 1948.

Last month's Rotary Convention in Salt Lake City was the 96th.

Announcements

Tammy Inhat has resigned Rotary and the Board effective June 30. Jan Herr Lukens will replace her on the Board. Thanks for all your work Tammy. You will be missed!

Nancy Taylor Vaughn will be scheduling greeters this year.

The badge table will be located outside the room for easier access. Thanks to Scott Richards for this suggestion.

Upcoming Programs

July 17 – Vocational Talks

July 24 – Patrick Dykes,
Habitat Project

July 31 – ARC Presentation

August 7 – Jack Ronald,
Press and Free Press in Russia

Newsletter under Construction!!

This is YOUR newsletter. It's purpose is to keep Anderson Rotarians informed and entertained. If you have ideas or suggestions, please pass them on! Just contact President David, david@redbudhomes.com, or Jan Miller, rotaryjan@insightbb.com.