



The Rotary Big Wheel

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ROTARY AND CHAMBER MEET FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK LUNCHEON



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There was good news and bad news from economic experts. The bad news: the auto industry has left Anderson. The good news: the auto industry has left Anderson.

AU Falls School of Business professor Barry Ritchey noted that Madison County lost more than 7000 manufacturing jobs from 1996 to 2006. Ritchey said "The bright side – not more of those jobs exist to be moved away." He said the city now controls its own destiny. "The future of Anderson is exactly what we want it to be.

He identified several challenges: 1) Only 14 percent of County residents age 25 and over have a bachelors degree. The state average is 22 percent; 2) Property taxes are up and local home values are down; and 3) The statewide unemployment rate is about 4.5 percent, the Madison County rate is 6.85.

Ritchey explained that a concerted effort to emphasize education, infrastructure and community image is important.

(The above is an excerpt from The Herald Bulletin, reporter Scott Underwood, revised for space)

IU School of Business Professors also spoke about international, national and state issues. John Bonquist spoke on international issues; Dr. Jerry Conover state issues; and Dr. Timothy Staper national concerns.

New Members Proposed

Charles (David) Zook, Sam Pierce Chevrolet - Proposed by Tom Seal

Tammy Bowman, Madison County Corporation for Economic Development, proposed by Debbie Webb.

Happy Birthday!!

Deanne Beard	11/24
Erich Ewald	11/01
John Kane	11/12
Sarah Later	11/29
Mike Montgomery	11/16
Tonya Nichols	11/03
Scott Richards	11/09
Charlie Rittman	11/09
Bobette Snyder	11/27
Debbie Stapleton	11/24
Nancy Vaughan	11/20

Important Dates

May 16	School Carnival
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*The Big Wheel – Page 2**Upcoming Rotary Programs**November 13 – ARC, Local Rotary Giving*

November is Foundation Month. Rotarians contribute time and money to both international and local programs. Jeannie Lee will provide information about the Anderson Rotary Club Foundation (ARC), which gives funds to local projects. Learn how your contributions to ARC are making a difference in Madison County.

November 20 – DG Jim Graham, International Giving

This week's program will focus on one of the ways our international dollars are spent as we work towards the Rotary goal of International Peace and Understanding. Jim Graham will discuss his 2002 trip to South Africa where he served as a GSE team leader. DG Graham describes this experience as a life-changing event.

Membership Day – November 20

President David has set this day aside for Rotarians to invite a guest to introduce them to Rotary. Our program on international service is a great opportunity to learn about the far-reaching work of Rotary.

All Rotarians who bring a guest will receive a make-up have a chance to win a door prize.

Joke of the Week

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."