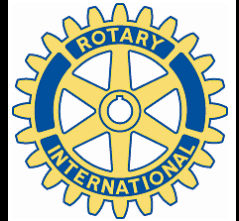




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.
Nov. 28, 2006



Today's Program: *Background on the Iraqi War: Carl Caldwell*

The program was a history of Mesopotamia in the period from 1914 to 1923.

During this period of time, the modern state of Iraq was created. By 1923 the new Iraqi state had a Sunni Arab king from another part of the Middle East, attempting to lead a state with a Shia majority in terms of population, and containing a group of people, Kurds, who were insulted that their national aspirations were thwarted and who had no interest in

participating in an Arab state.

Britain's role was officially to bring them to modern statehood under the League of Nations mandate system all the while, unofficially, protecting British interests in the Middle East, India, and at home.



Carl Caldwell shares his vast knowledge of the Middle East with Rotary Club members.

Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: *Bill Surbaugh* Rotary Moment No. 501, *Rotarian Charles Laughlin: Bob Shoemaker*

Charles Laughlin was a native of Anderson, a graduate of Anderson High School in 1943 and an army veteran of some of the worst fighting in the European theatre of World War II. It was during his service in the Netherlands that he met Teddy who was to become his wife.

He began working at the Anderson Daily Bulletin as a sports writer. He became sports editor and handled the classified ads department and other responsibilities. Eventually Charlie became publisher of the combined Herald-Bulletin newspapers. His work in employee relations and management contributed greatly to the value of the papers by the time they were sold.

Charlie tried to better everything that he touched. It was under his leadership that the Elks Club moved from downtown quarters to a new building on Broadway.

During his time covering sports he founded a quarterback club that had many well-known sports figures as its guests. He also was a part of a group that traveled to New York and attempted to buy the franchise of the Anderson Packers NBA team from owner Ike Duffy but the other owners refused to approve the bid.

Charlie became a Rotarian in 1956 and club president for 1964-65. His innovations during the year included the high

school sportsmanship awards. These were given that year and every year since. Another permanent addition to the club is the lectern from which this Moment is delivered. It was a gift to club from Charlie at the end of his presidency.

In 1975 the Rotary district nominating committee for governor was interviewing potential nominees. Charlie's name was suggested as a candidate. Some members were not enthusiastic but interviewed him nonetheless. After the interview the members were all convinced that he was the best candidate. They found Charlie solid and dedicated to the progress of Rotary. He was nominated,

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Rotary Guests

Dan Phенning
Guest of Jane Potee

Randy Hammel
Guest of Jeff Gshwind

Ana Etsler
Guest of Kathy Sumner

Teresa Carter
Guest of Dana Donahue

Upcoming programs

<i>Policeman of the Year</i>	<i>Dec. 5</i>
<i>Vocational Talks/ Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Dec. 12</i>
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Dec. 19</i>

Visiting Rotarians

Kevin Collins
Greenfield-Sunrise

Jeff Gschwind
Fort Wayne Downtown

Make ups

Maurice Caldwell
Anderson Suburban

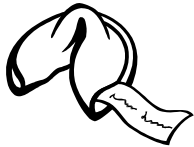
Clark Harrison
Sarasota Sunrise

Charles Shumate
Kingsport, Tennessee

Bob Shoemaker
Syracuse-Wawasee

Good Fortune

Experience is the best teacher but the most expensive.



President
Pam Coletti

2006-2007 Officers
President-Elect: David Porter
Secretary: Dana Donahue
Treasurer: John Kane

Rotary Moment

confirmed and became our district governor on July 1, 1976. His goal during his year as governor was to bring Rotary "Back to the Basics".

Charlie for many years was a wonderful next door neighbor to Charles Rittman who was recognized last week for 50 years of service to Rotary. We shall always remember Charlie Laughlin for his friendly smile and his belief that rules were adopted to be observed. Please stand for a moment of silence in recognition of our friend and Rotarian, Charlie Laughlin.

Bob Shoemaker –Nov. 28, 2006

Rotary Club of Anderson, Indiana

November is Foundation Month!

John Eddy is the chair of this campaign, and hopes to have at least \$100 per member, with 100% participation. Any contribution will count toward becoming a Paul Harris Fellow (when \$1000 is reached). Our donations go toward Polio Plus, voluntary service grants (for groups who go to foreign countries), and many other honorable causes.

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.

- Please volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Our club has taken two days and we need to fill up all time slots. You may choose from Dec. 5 or 6, and we will be ringing at two locations—by Sears or MCL. Rob Loose is chairing this community outreach project.
- Harold Phillips Reading Project with Library Assistance starts Dec. 1
- **There is no meeting on Dec. 26.**



New Member

Welcome, Matt Bender!

Matt is a graduate of Purdue University, with a degree in organizational leadership. He is with the Boy Scouts and serves as Sakima district executive. Matt lives in Fishers and is getting married in July.

Matt was proposed into membership by David Porter.

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Debbie Webb
Total collected: \$76

If you win, feel free to keep your winnings. There is no expectation that the winner should give back to the club. If you do wish to give back to either our club or Rotary International, you must write a check and give it to John Kane. This is the only way to use it as a charitable gift tax deduction and the only way to give it to RI.

Proposed Candidates for Rotary Board 2007-2010

Voting is Dec. 12.

Three will be chosen from the following six:

1. John Eddy
2. Jeanne Lee
3. Mary Jo Lee
4. Jan Herr-Lukens
5. George Vinson
6. Michael Zapolski



- Erich Ewald Nov. 1
- Tonya Nichols Nov. 3
- Charles Rittman Nov. 9
- John Kane Nov. 12
- Michael Montgomery Nov. 16
- Nancy Taylor Nov. 20
- Debbie Stapleton Nov. 24
- Deanne Beard Nov. 24
- Bobbette Snyder Nov. 27
- Sarah Later Nov. 29