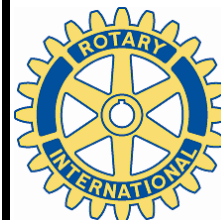




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.

Dec. 12, 2006



Today's Program: Anderson Rotary Club Web site overview

David Porter gave club members a walk-through of the new and improved Anderson Rotary Web site.

David has worked long and hard, but needs all members to check their profile under the members page. Check the accuracy of spelling, phone and fax numbers, home and work addresses, and most importantly, your e-mail address. You can immediately send changes by clicking on the update

link at the bottom of the page. Please do your part in keeping the site current so that it is a good reference tool and directory for all members.

Visit andersonrotary.org and take a few minutes to navigate through the site.

Thanks to George Vinson for spending many hours updating the member pictures.

Rodney Cummings introduced student guests: Jonathan Huff of Liberty Christian, Larry Davis of Anderson High School and Scott Girt of Highland High School. Debbie Webb introduced Lynn Demos of Interact.

Board nominees were presented by Keith Trent. John Eddy, Jeanne Lee and George Vinson were elected.

Invocation, Pledge and 4-Way Test: *Brian Dougherty* Rotary Moment No. 503, Club Elections: *Janice Bryan*

The Anderson Rotary Club will soon be entering its 90th year of service. W.W. Huffman brought the Rotary idea to Anderson and upon organization he was selected as the club's first president. It is unlikely that he had any opposition. Organizers usually don't.

By the time of chartering in January 1918 we were one of just twenty clubs in Indiana. In some of the early years of the club we understand that there was vigorous and good-natured campaigning for office and no firm system for filling the club offices. Some years the secretary moved into the presidency or vice-presidency the following year, but not always. In the year 1944-45, Kenneth Bolen, who had been vice-president the preceding year, became president. This has been the consistent pattern since then.

In the following years only one succession problem developed. Directors had always been

elected for one-year terms but were, of course, eligible for re-election. In the year in question, the membership inadvertently failed to re-elect the vice president to the board so he was not available for election to the presidency. Fortunately, the directors, with the aid of club experts in Roberts Rules of Order, found a way around the problem and the preceding year's vice-president became club president as expected. Immediately, a proposal to amend the club's by-laws was accepted and from that time directors have been elected for staggered multiple year terms.

Officers other than president have sometimes served more than one year. John Showalter became secretary in 1946 and remained in that office until he was elected district governor in 1965. The late James B. Martin, membership secretary of the YMCA, served as treasurer from 1951 until 1971.

Beginning in 1965 a progression through all offices except treasurer began with a Rotarian first serving as secretary, then vice-president, then president. Recently there has been some variation with respect to the secretary.

Through most of the years the club members have elected the directors and the directors subsequently have elected the officers. The advantage of this system has been to assure that the officers are well trained and willing to serve. The board members thus have an opportunity to observe the effectiveness of potential officers through their service on the board together. Our club bylaws provide for this method.

If W.W. Huffman could only see us now! Not a stiff collar in the lot.

Bob Shoemaker—Dec. 12, 2006
Rotary Club of Anderson, Indiana



President

Pam Coletti

President-elect

David Porter

Secretary

Dana Donahue

Treasurer

John Kane

Board members

Deanne Beard

John Dick

John Eddy

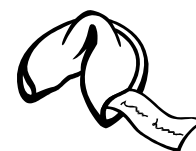
Tammy Ihnat

Debbie Webb

David Welsheimer

Good Fortune

There is a prospect of a thrilling time ahead for you.



Upcoming programs

Holiday program	Dec. 19
NO MEETING	Dec. 26
North Anderson Church of God	Jan 2

Rotary Guests

Brenda Jackson Guest of Jill O'Malia
Cathy Lucas Guest of Mike Harris

John Eddy, Jeanne Lee and George Vinson have been elected to serve as board members.

Officers for 2007-08:

- David Porter—President
- Dana Donahue—President-elect
- Debbie Webb—Secretary
- John Kane—Treasurer

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.

- Congratulations to Jeanne Lee for receiving the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award.
- Rob Loose would like to thank all members and Interactors who rang bells for the Salvation Army.
- The Harold Phillips Birthday Fund has begun. In the month of your birthday, members may make a contribution to the fund to help buy books for preschoolers. Anderson Public Library will administer the program by buying books with the funds Rotary contributes and distributing them to families who receive Head Start visits in the spring and fall of each year.
- Jan Miller's father died last Wednesday night in Oklahoma. Services were Monday.
- **Next week is the holiday program. There is no meeting on Dec. 26.**



- Mary Lee Ewald Dec. 6
- Debbie Webb Dec. 6
- Glenn Falls Dec. 9
- John Eddy Dec. 13
- Matthew Bender Dec. 22
- Joe Clark Dec. 24
- William Hardacre Dec. 25
- Jack Keesling Dec. 29
- Annette Craycraft Dec. 31

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Jeanne Lee
Total collected: \$106

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.

Happy Holidays!

