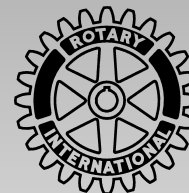


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SERVICE Above Self



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In service together

a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has helped thousands of people in Latin

America, Africa, and Ukraine. The article focuses on LifeNets work with Chernobyl victims, particularly children suffering from cerebral palsy. Be sure to visit the LifeNets booth at the joint district conference in Muncie April 7-9 to meet Vic and learn more about his extraordinary service work. For more information about LifeNets, see www.lifeness.org

The August *Rotarian* will feature a fascinating article about our own Fishers Rotarian J. Michelle Sybesma. Michelle is the founder of Professional Skills Consulting, an Indianapolis-based consulting firm. Learn more at www.skillsconsulting.com. The *Rotarian* article focuses on one of Michelle's specialties, identity theft. A victim herself of this crime, Michelle gives solid advice on how to protect oneself from such catastrophies. Michelle gave a well-received seminar on public relations for Rotary clubs at our 2004 joint district conference in French Lick, and serves as an advisor to

our district officers on public relations issues.

You may have recognized Fishers Rotarian Chip Muston's face on page 3 of the March *Rotarian* as he and his family traveled in Mexico. While president of his club in 2004-5, Chip forged a sister-club relationship with members of the Santa Anita Rotary Club in Guadalajara. Delivery of a firetruck to the nearby community of Tlajomulco was one of the first tangible activities between the clubs, followed by a Matching Grant supporting a family shelter for seriously ill children. Muston and his family are committed to spending their vacation time in service projects with Rotarians in that area.

The February *Rotarian* included a feature on the importance of foreign language skills to Rotarians. Your humble servant was honored to be interviewed for that article, giving examples of how foreign language skills have made Rotary more meaningful to

ROTARIANS IN DISTRICT 6560 SURE MADE A SPLASH THIS YEAR IN THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE!

the Limbird family.

The December 2005 issue cited the initiatives of the Greenfield Rotary Club (in Hancock County, IN) and its response to Hancock County

Mississippi victims of Katrina. President Ralph Lee and Rotarian Hancock County (Indiana) Deputy Sheriff Bud Gray demonstrated Service Above Self engaging collaboration from scores of other clubs in our district. The Rotary club helped get the Hancock Helping Hancock initiative going and sent two truckloads (along with Rotarians) to Mississippi prior to the full mobilization of the Hancock Helping Hancock effort which sent two additional semi-trucks full of needed supplies to the first responders in that area.

Every issue of the *Rotarian* is a terrific tool to share with prospective members of your club as well as with your family and friends. Lets try to make every month Magazine Month by sharing our copies of the *Rotarian* widely.

April is Magazine Month in the Rotary world. For Rotarians in central Indiana, this could be considered **Magazine Year**, as District 6560 Rotarians have been or will be featured in the *Rotarian* no fewer than **five** times.

This April's *Rotarian* will include a wonderful article about Indy North East Rotarian Victor Kubick and his work with LifeNets. Founded in 1999, LifeNets is

YOUR CLUB SHOULD BE HERE TO MEET OUR GOAL. ARE YOU?

AMOUNT PER MEMBER	PARTICIPATION
\$200	100%
\$150	75%
\$100	50%
\$50	25%

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Every Rotarian Every Year



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Rotarians & Family Members

I Want to See You At District Conference

**April 7 thru 9th!!!
Muncie, IN
Joint 6540 & 6560 District
Conference**

Motivational Speakers

- Rotary Foundation Trustee Ray Klingensmith
- Past RI Director Mike McCullough
- Mexican Consul Sergio Aguilera Beteta

Entertainment

- Be wowed by the musical talent of the Ball State Singers
- Cocktail Reception hosted by Red Gold Corporation
- Visits by Garfield and Odie (have your picture taken & support The Rotary Foundation)
- Tour of PAWS, Home of Garfield
- Tour of AMA, Academy of Model Aeronautics
- Visit internationally famous FB Fogg – shop for clothing, jewelry, gifts and world famous art
- Visit the Muncie Children Museum

Most Importantly

Meet fellow Rotarians from Districts 6540 and 6560 and learn how to improve your personal "Rotary experience", how to increase the level of your Rotary Club, and how other Rotarians have improved their communities. The EXPO Hall will be a "must see" so make sure you do!

Go to www.rotary6560.org and click "2006 District Conference" for registration form as well as other materials.

You can register by:

- Calling 888-378-8405
- Faxing registration form to 888-204-3924
- Emailing registration information to registration@rotary6540.org
- Mailing registration form to Barbara Mort, 1065 N 350E, Chesterton, IN 46304

Choose the entire conference (select Package Meals & Events) or select the times and meals you can spend with your fellow Rotarians.



Triple Crown winners

Three of central Indiana's most dedicated Rotarians were recognized for their outstanding service April 11, 2006 by Past Rotary International Vice President John Germ.

Lebanon Rotarian Jerry Erskine was presented with The Rotary Foundation's Certificate of Meritorious Service, Indianapolis Rotarian Bill Batt received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, and Indianapolis NorthEast Rotarian Tom Branum was given the Service Above Self Award, Rotary International's highest honor for individual Rotarians. Congratulations to these outstanding Rotarians.



Lebanon Rotarian PDG Jerry Erskine (r), the district's most recent recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, is pictured with three past recipients (l-r) PDG Tom Branum, PDG Bill Batt and PDG Bill Hatfield.

Speech Contest with an international flair

Liana Japardize, an exchange student from the Republic of Georgia, won the Rotary District 6560 Speech Contest held March 4, 2006 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Liana was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lebanon.

Though her first language is not English, judges from the Communications Studies department at Ball State recommended Liana for the first prize of \$500.



l-r- second place winner Matt Leffler, sponsored by the Danville and Avon Rotary Clubs; first place winner Liana Japardize, sponsored by the Lebanon Rotary club; Third place winner Valerie Williams, sponsored by Rockville Rotary Club.

All contestants delivered memorized speeches of five to seven minutes on the

required topic "Service Above Self."

Matt Leffler, a winner of the Danville Rotary Club's contest, took the \$200 second place award, and Valerie Williams, winner of the Rockville Rotary Club's contest, was awarded the \$100 third place prize.

Other clubs nominating candidates were Greenfield, Tipton, Marion, Attica-Williamsport and Anderson.

Literacy and Rotary in Portland

Literacy continues to be a major focus for the Portland

Rotary Club. Several members of the club have committed to reading in seven elementary schools in Jay County for the entire school year. Pictured is club president, Vicki Tague, reading to a class of first grade students at East Elementary in Portland. Rotary members pre-



sented all of the students to whom they read with laminated bookmarks with the Rotary 4-Way Test (paraphrased for young children) printed on them. All members involved in the Reading Program continue to report the positive impact the program has on the reading skills of the early elementary students.

Rotary calendar

APRIL

- 1 Presidents and Governors Citation documentation due to Asst. Governors
- 1 Deadline for submitting new (Jan-Mar) member pro-rated dues
- 6 Hoosier Homecoming for TRF, Youth Exchange alumni, Muncie
- 6 Past District Governors Council meeting, Muncie
- 7-9 Joint District Conference, Horizon Convention Center, Muncie
- 10 Mexican GSE team departs for home
- 19 Outbound GSE team leaves for Mexico

MAY

- 15 Memo of Club visits Reports due from Asst. Governors to DG
- 15 Deadline for Public Relations Award nominations to RI
- 17 GSE Team returns from Mexico

JUNE

- 1 Memo of Club Visit Forms due RI
- 5 Birthday of Arch C. Klumpf, 1869
- 11-14 Rotary International Convention, Copenhagen/Malmo
- 15 Deadline to RI for TRF Citation for Meritorious Service Award
- 29 Gavel Passing Ceremony in Zionsville



Coming up around the District

The **RC of Frankfort Rotary Spaghetti Dinner** will be April 22 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Clinton County Fairgrounds 4-H building. Tickets available at the door: Adult \$6.00, Child 6-12 \$3.00, Under 6 free. Menu: All you can eat Spaghetti, Meatballs, Breadsticks, Two sides, Drink and Ice Cream. All proceeds go to charitable organizations including Frankfort Rotary Baseball. There will also be a silent auction while you eat.

The **RC of Indianapolis 2006 Paul Harris Luncheon** will be Thursday, May 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marten House, 1801 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Tickets are \$20 each. If the club raises \$1,000, a drawing is held and the winning ticket holder gets to name a Paul Harris Fellow of their choice. In past luncheons, they have always been able to raise enough to name two PHFs. This year they are going for three!!

The **RC of Plainfield** will be celebrating it's **50th Anniversary** on Thursday, April 27 at Primos Restaurant.



New Valentines campaign total

Valentines Bonus contributions from Rotarians in Kokomo and Shelbyville arrived after the copy deadline for the March 2006 newsletter. These additional donations boosted total Annual Programs Fund giving to \$21,625. Congratulations club presidents Rick Hamilton and Max Ward for your efforts, and a special thanks to Kathy Greiwe of Estep Barkey Simmons CPAs for tabulating and processing the many donations!

Club	Membership July 1, 05	Membership Feb. 28, 2006	Attendance February
Sheridan	21	19	85.00%
Hartford City	31	31	82.00%
Greenfield	80	82	81.07%
Frankfort	46	47	80.00%
Greenfield Sunrise	15	14	78.85%
Lafayette Daybreak	49	47	78.70%
Flora	19	17	77.00%
Lafayette	225	226	76.93%
Union City	35	32	76.80%
Anderson Surburban	10	11	76.70%
Kokomo	135	144	76.60%
Muncie	174	177	76.00%
Attica-Williamsport	32	32	75.78%
Kokomo Early Risers	57	55	74.80%
Avon	40	31	74.00%
Lebanon	63	63	74.00%
Rushville	48	40	74.00%
Plainfield	24	24	70.56%
Muncie Sunrise	94	101	69.00%
Zionsville	33	34	68.10%
Fishers	99	104	68.00%
Marion	96	97	67.01%
Indianapolis Northeast	37	36	66.67%
Portland	34	39	64.00%
Noblesville Midday	31	37	63.51%
Anderson	160	148	65.44%
Shelbyville	34	34	62.00%
Greencastle	57	61	61.00%
Brownsburg	40	39	60.00%
New Castle	47	32	60.00%
Danville	44	43	59.94%
Carmel	116	135	59.91%
Indianapolis	469	447	58.00%
Winchester	34	32	57.25%
Crawfordsville	47	48	57.00%
Marion North	14	14	55.00%
Indianapolis Sunrise	7	9	50.00%
Tipton	27	24	50.00%
Rockville	31	31	47.10%
Connersville	28	27	46.91%
Richmond	31	33	39.78%
Noblesville	11	15	33.33%
Hagerstown	42	NR	NR%
Indianapolis East	16	NR	NR%
TOTAL	2783	2712	67.00%

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