



VINCENNES ROTARY CLUB
VINCENNES, INDIANA USA


100 YEARS
Centennial Celebration

MARCH 28, 2015



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Vincennes Rotary Club
Club No. 151  District 6580
P.O. Box 71
Vincennes, Indiana 47591

March 28, 2015

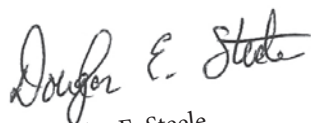
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Vincennes is Indiana's first city, and this historic community lays claim to many other Indiana firsts—first bank, first newspaper, first university, first hospital, and the capital of the Indiana Territory, before Indiana became a state. It seems fitting that Vincennes should also be home to the first Rotary club chartered in a town of less than 25,000 people, a town that Rotary International thought was too small to sustain a club!

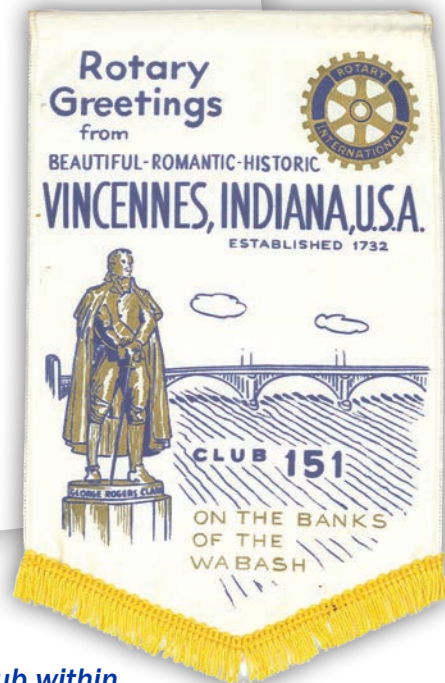
After nearly two years of persistence, and with the help and sponsorship of the Terre Haute Rotary Club, Vincennes received its charter, and the rest is history. We not only became a viable Rotary club but have been an active, vibrant club that is doing what good Rotary clubs do—making a difference in their community and beyond!

Welcome to the Vincennes Rotary Centennial Celebration, and thank you for helping us celebrate our successful, first 100 years. Last October, we were the first club in District 6580 to conduct a three-year visioning process which, I feel confident, will help us to positively kick off our second 100 years.

It is an honor and privilege to be part of the Vincennes Rotary Club, the 151st Rotary club chartered into Rotary International, the largest, most dynamic service club in the world!



Douglas E. Steele
President
2014-15



MISSION

The Vincennes Rotary Club is the most active, generous and fun service club within our community. We lead and participate in projects that are impactful both locally and globally.

Rotary International
founded by Paul Harris
in Chicago

1905

Vincennes too
small for Rotary

1913

Vincennes Rotary Club
#151 established;
23 charter members;
sponsored by the Terre
Haute Rotary Club

1915

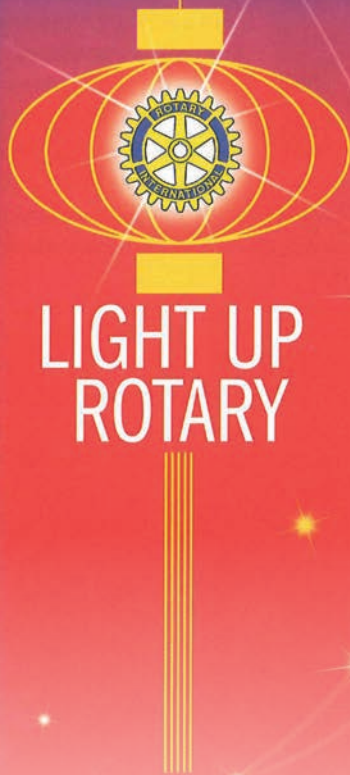
Rotary Point finished
and dedicated;
total cost \$1,000

1916

First Valentine's
party at the
Grand Hotel

1917

GARY C.K. HUANG PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



LIGHT UP ROTARY

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

ROTARY

Members: **1,220,115**

Clubs: **34,558**

ROTARACT

Members: **169,395**

Clubs: **7,365**

INTERACT

Members: **396,980**

Clubs: **17,260**

RCCs

Members: **186,093**

Clubs: **8,091**



Rotary is an organization that has something for everyone. All over the world, in cities and towns, for well over a century, Rotarians have come together to serve. And in the years since Rotary was founded, countless Rotarians and others have discovered the

joys of Rotary service, through Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Community Corps, Youth Exchange, and many other programs.

All of us are part of the family of Rotary. And we have all gained so much from our Rotary service. We've made friends, helped our communities, and made the world a better, safer, and healthier place. We've become part of a truly international network of volunteers, and we've learned how much we can achieve when we put our differences aside and work together.

Many of the ideas and values that we cherish in Rotary are not unique to Rotary. Perhaps the reason Rotary resonates so deeply with me is that I find many traditional Chinese values reflected in Rotary: values of service and responsibility, of respect for family and for others.

It is not surprising, then, that the ideas of Confucius so often guide me in my Rotary service. To me, Confucius was the original Rotarian. More than two thousand years before Paul Harris was born, he said:

To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first set our hearts right.

In Rotary, we set our hearts right by putting Service Above Self. And we recognize that in order to be ambitious in our service, we must first care for our own organization and expand our family of Rotary.

In 2014-15, I will ask all of you to *Light Up Rotary* — by sharing our service, strengthening our clubs, and letting our light shine in our communities.

In this Rotary year, we will *Light Up Rotary* by reaching our goal of 1.3 million Rotarians, bringing in new members while working to keep the members we have. To do this, we'll need to approach membership in new ways, and try new ideas. Hold a Rotary Day to give your community a chance to learn more about Rotary. Remember that Rotary is a family and is for the family: Encourage your spouse and other family members to consider joining, and reach out to Youth Exchange and Foundation alumni. Focus on your own club, and look realistically at why members stay, and why they leave. What can you do to make being a Rotarian an appealing and attractive opportunity for busy professionals and those with young families?

We will also *Light Up Rotary* — and make history — by eradicating polio. Polio eradication within the next few years is absolutely realistic — if we keep up our momentum. So tell your friends, associates, and elected officials how critical it is that we End Polio Now. Donate to the PolioPlus Fund and encourage others to do so as well. By meeting the newest challenge issued by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we can make our money work three times as hard. Be an active part of the greatest public-private health partnership in the history of the world, and share in the pride when the job is finished.

In 2014-15, as we strengthen our clubs and *Light Up Rotary* in more than 34,000 communities, our commitment and our service will light up the world.

Gary C.K. Huang
President, Rotary International, 2014-15

John Napier Dyer,
First District Governor

1918

First Rural/
Urban Night

1918

John Napier Dyer,
elected First
Vice President,
International Association
of Rotary Clubs

1920

Indy Star names
Vincennes "Best
Known Rotary Club"

1923

Arch Klumph, Speaker
at District Conference
in French Lick

1924

VINCENNES ROTARY 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Green Activities Center · Vincennes University

March 28, 2015



6:00 p.m.	Reception and Cocktail Hour (hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)	
7:00 p.m.	Invocation	Dennis Latta, Immediate Past President
	Four Way Test	Doug Steele, President
	Dinner	
7:45 p.m.	Centennial Program	Mark Lange, Past President Master of Ceremonies
	Vincennes Rotary Club Choir	Mark Hendrix, Past President
	R-O-T-A-R-Y and HAPPY BIRTHDAY (all sing along)	
	Rotary Day Proclamation	Joe Yochum, Mayor City of Vincennes
	Introduction of Dignitaries and Guests	Doug Steele, President
8:00 p.m.	Rotary International President Address (Introduction by District Governor Shari Sherman)	Gary C.K. Huang
	Club 151 - First 25 Years	Mark Lange
8:25 p.m.	Entertainment	Michael Caruso
	Club 151 - The Middle Years	Mark Lange
8:50 p.m.	Keynote Address	Larry Lunsford, Director Rotary International
	Club 151 - The Last 25 Years	Mark Lange
9:15 p.m.	Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows	Gary C.K. Huang, President Rotary International
9:50 p.m.	Unveiling of Banners	Shanon O'Toole, President-Elect Kirk Bouchie, Vice-President
10:00 p.m.	Pledge of Allegiance	Red Skelton, Vincennes Native
	Adjournment with Ringing of Rotary Bell	Doug Steele, President



Each guest is presented with the Vincennes Rotary Club Centennial Coin as a memento of this occasion.

Thanks to the Vincennes University Technology Senior class and Instructors of the Product Design & Productions Processes for making our "Rotary Point" table centerpieces during a class project this spring semester.

Thank you is also extended to the Centennial Planning Committee members - Kirk Bouchie, Laura Carie, Jim Gislason, Nathan Klingler, Steve LaRoche, Dennis Latta, Shanon O'Toole, and Doug Steele.

Rotary annual
Christmas Party for
Knox County orphans;
continued until 1979

1929

20th Anniversary;
8 living charter
members were made
honorary members

1935

25 new members
installed at the 25th
Anniversary Dinner

1939

T. Max Shircliff, District
Governor; Paul Utley
and Shircliff attended the
International Convention
in Havana, Cuba

1940

Rotary founder,
Paul Harris,
visits Vincennes

1940

TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

MICHAEL ANGELO CARUSO teaches people how to be better speakers. He is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. Michael has delivered over 2,000 paid presentations and keynote speeches on the subjects of leadership, selling, and Internet marketing. He has spoken in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and 49 of the 50 states.

Mr. Caruso is founder and President of Edison House, an international consulting firm specializing in corporate, and personal improvement. Edison House clients include Bank of America, Citgo, Rayovac, Hallmark, The National Institutes of Health, Verizon Wireless, the United States Navy, and Nissan.

Michael also blogs for *DBusiness* magazine, recently voted the best business magazine in America. Michael educates and entertains, drawing on a previous career in the telecommunications industry and a decade as a professional musician. Michael is author of the 5 *Cool Ideas* books, an audio book on legacy titled, the *FastLearnerAudio* series, and the *Present Like a Pro* DVD.

Mr. Caruso gives back to the community through his membership in Rotary. He was President of his club in Troy, Michigan, 2012-13 and is currently the Public Image Chair for Rotary District 6380 in Michigan and Ontario, Canada.

He has graciously agreed to stay after the program to answer questions and speak with those of you who are searching for a speaker for a future event.



LARRY LUNSFORD is serving as Rotary International Director 2013-2015. This year Larry will serve on the Administration Committee of the RI Board. He will also serve as a member of the Audit Committee, the liaison director to the Communications Committee, and on two joint Board/Trustee committees.

Larry's passion for Rotary, and his first invitation into the Family of Rotary, began during his college years when in 1982 he was selected as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia. He was invited to Rotary membership in 1991, was President of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri in 1997-98, and served as District Governor of Missouri D6040 in 2001-02.

Larry's past community activities include service on the boards of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America and the Variety Club. Larry is a Major Donor, a Benefactor, a Charter Member of the Bequest Society and the D6040 Paul Harris Society, and has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and the RI Service Above Self Award.

A certified public accountant, Larry is SVP/CFO of Bernstein-Rein Advertising, Inc. in Kansas City, MO. Larry and his wife, Jill, have two children, Trent and Cara, all of whom are Paul Harris Fellows. He enjoys blue and yellow M&Ms, all sports, travel, and collecting sports memorabilia, and waits patiently for the day when the Kansas City Chiefs will win the Super Bowl.

SHARI SHERMAN is serving as 6580 District Governor for 2014-15. Shari was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Warrick County in January 2003. Shari served as Club President in 2004, completing the last nine months of a previous President's term and then a full term of her own. Shari continues to serve on the Club Board of Directors. She has served as an Assistant Governor for four District Governors, and she served on the District Conference Committee in 2005 as well as co-chaired the 2011 Rotary District Conference. Shari has served as a facilitator/trainer at several PETS over the years and has been the speaker at various District Conferences.

Shari's professional career is non-profit management and fund raising. She currently serves as the Executive Director for the Warrick County Chamber of Commerce. Shari has a connection to our community as she attended high school in Vincennes. Hobbies include home renovation. Her collection of woodworking tools far exceed cooking tools. For Shari, a great stress reliever is a hammer and crowbar. On the creative side, every art form has been tried over the years, some more successful than others, but all a fun journey.

Shari and husband Byron live in Newburgh, Indiana. They have two grown daughters, Amanda and Jaclyn. Mandi and husband Matt live in Chandler, Indiana. They have three children. Jaclyn and husband Andy live in Carmel, Indiana and have three children.



1913 (Central Division) (All Indiana)	1915 (District 8)	1918 (District 11)	1922 (District 20)	1937 (District 155)	1938 (3 Districts in IN 154, 155, & 156 - Southern Indiana)	1949 (District 226)	1957 (District 658)	1991 to Present (District 6580)
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Rotary District 6580 includes 37 clubs, located roughly south of I-70 and west of I-74, in Indiana. Terre Haute (1913) is the oldest club in 6580, with Evansville joining in 1914, then Vincennes and New Albany in 1915.

Rotary annual bell ringing for Salvation Army; continues to present

1941

Rotary sponsors 4H adult leaders training; continued to late 1990's

1941

Vincennes Rotary Club featured in the Rotarian Magazine

1944

Paul Harris died

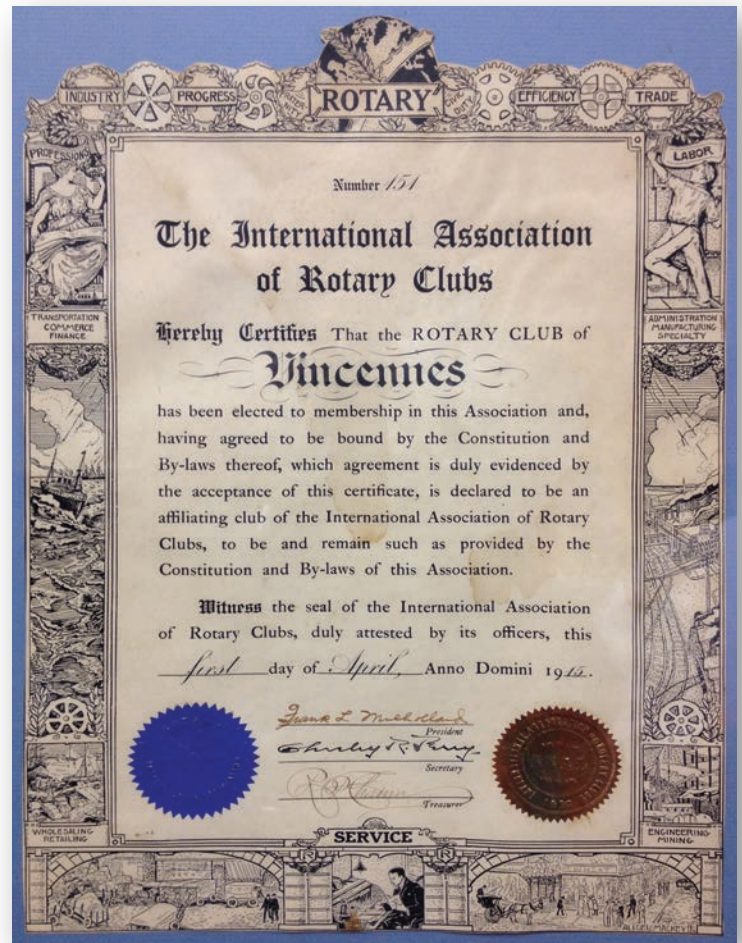
1947

Rotary begins sponsorship of local girls to Hoosier Girls State; continues to present

1951

CHARTER MEMBERS (1915)

Thomas H. Adams	Publisher of the Vincennes Commercial (newspaper publishing)
Frank Bastin	Blackford Glass Company (glass manufacturing)
J. L. Bayard, Jr.	First National Bank (banking)
E. A. Biersdorfer	Biersdorfer Photography (photography)
Frank Bond	Gimbel, Haughton & Bond Company (dry goods)
William Duesterberg	Duesterberg & Kramer Drugs (drugs retail)
Steve Eastham	Kohinder Laundry (laundry)
Diod Finical	Central Union Telephone Company (telephone service)
Louis J. Fohr	Vincennes Traction Company (street car service)
E. Ray Fortune	Meyer and Fortune (insurance)
T. F. Franke	Franke's Tailor Shop (tailor)
Dr. V. A. Funk	(Surgeon)
George Gardner	Gardner Funeral Home (funeral services)
Perry D. Green	Vincennes Capital (newspaper editing)
Justus Henkes	Henkes Jewelry (jewelry - retail)
Frank Jamieson	Blackford Glass Company (glass manufacturing)
Elisha Morgan	Saiter Morgan Company (paint and glass retail)
Louis Osterhage	(Architect)
Harry Saiter	North Vincennes Hardware Company (hardware)
Charles Samonial	Samonial Coal and Coke Company (coal - sales)
Will Willmore	Martman Manufacturing Company (plow manufacturing)
John S. Somes	Somes Haberdashery (haberdasher)
Edward Watson, Sr.	Union Depot Hotel Company (hotel - owner)



ROTARY CLUB CHARTER FOUND IN ANTIQUE SHOP

SUN COMMERCIAL SEPTEMBER 7, 1986

The Vincennes Rotary Club was chartered on April Fools' Day more than 70 years ago, but it was no joke that the club was missing its original charter for several years. Until recently, that is. The original charter, dated April 1, 1915, resurfaced recently in a Vincennes antique shop. Martha Roberts, wife of 30 year Rotarian C.P. "Red" Roberts, several weeks ago paid \$4 for the document - missing since the mid 1950s, according to Roberts.

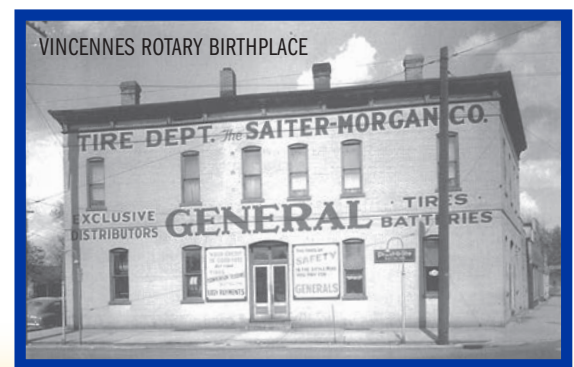
Mrs. Roberts was out "antiquing" looking for a wedding gift when she noticed the framed document at a local antique shop. Mrs. Roberts didn't say where. She said the woman who runs the shop wouldn't appreciate the publicity. "It was sitting behind the door under a collapsible ladder," she said, "Along with a bunch of frames."

She said at the time she wasn't sure what the document was. It was old and said "Rotary" on it, and she said she was prepared to go as high as \$15 for what turned out to be a real "find." Roberts has rematted the charter and painted and repaired its frame. Roberts has a theory behind the whereabouts and disappearance of the old charter. Elisha Morgan, a founding member and the first president of the Vincennes Rotary Club, probably had the charter in his possession for many years. Morgan was co-owner of Saiter-Morgan, a general merchandising concern that was located at Seventh and College streets. Morgan's partner, Harry Saiter, also was one of the club's charter members.

Roberts said the Salter-Morgan building burned in 1954. There is evidence of water damage on the old document, and he thinks it survived the fire and "over the course of time ended up in the antique shop."

The Roberts plan to donate the charter to the Lewis Historical Library at Vincennes University.

"I would give it to the club," Roberts said, but they have no place to keep things."



C. R. "Bob" Cronenwett,
District Governor

1952

40th Anniversary;
donated resuscitator
to the city for
Rainbow Beach

1955

Charter sponsor of
Vincennes Cub
League Baseball;
continues to present

1958

50th Anniversary
celebration

1965

Sponsored high
school girls athletic
banquet; continued
until 2008

1970

1913 – 1914 STORY

Vincennes Rotary Club has played a part not only in this city but in the larger development of International Rotary Policy. According to Elisha Morgan, first president of the club here, "It would be a simple matter to set down dates, data, administrative achievement, etc., but if this were done only the bigness and real worth to the community and to its members would not be evident."

Morgan pointed out that he and Ray Fortune started talking in June, 1914, about a comparatively "new organization of business and professional men in various cities, which had the interesting name of 'Rotary'." The two got such data as they could about the aims, objects and "the more we learned, the more interested we became."

They contacted Secretary Chesley R. Perry, and others in the International Association, and had the invaluable help of Louis E. Weinstein, a friend of Ray Fortune and a member of the Terre Haute club. Weinstein, through his acquaintance with Secretary Perry, pleaded the cause of the eager businessmen from Vincennes.

Morgan found out later that the International officers were reluctant to form a club here because they feared that a city of about 15,000 could not support a Rotary Club. Whatever their reluctance, the International officers granted that original charter in Vincennes, and the international organization was never to be the same again.

Morgan wrote, "It was the granting of the charter to our Club in a city as small as Vincennes, and its success, that undoubtedly resulted in the International officers changing their policy so that now many more cities smaller than Vincennes have clubs than cities of greater size. In fact, I can say without fear of contradiction that the greater strength of Rotary International today comes from clubs in cities the size of or smaller than Vincennes."

ROTARY POINT
1916-2006



TO ORGANIZE ROTARY CLUB

Vincennes Business Men Take Initial Steps in the Formation of Booster Organization.

At a meeting held at the Union Depot Hotel, Thursday evening, the initial steps were taken toward the organization of a Rotary Club for this city. The club is to be similar to the Rotary Clubs of Indianapolis, Evansville, Terre Haute, South Bend and Fort Wayne, and Louis J. Weinstein, secretary of the Terre Haute organization, was present at meeting Thursday evening to address those present and with authority from the International organization to establish the local club.

At the meeting there were sixteen leading business men and merchants and a temporary organization was perfected with Elisha Morgan, of the Salter-Morgan Co. as president and Ray Fortune as secretary. Several committees were also appointed as follows:

Rules, By-laws and Organization—Ray Fortune, Chairman, Louis J. Fohr and E. A. Biersdorfer.

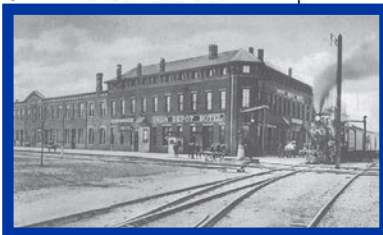
Social and Entertainment—George Gardner, chairman, S. S. Eastman and Charles Samonial.

TO ORGANIZE ROTARY CLUB

Membership Nominating Committee—Frank Bastin, chairman, Frank Jamison and Louis Osterhage.

It was decided at the meeting that another meeting will be held at the Union Depot March 11th at which a permanent organization will be perfected.

The object of the club, while it will have its social activities, will be to boost civic and municipal movements which will be for the betterment of the city. In the five cities in Indiana, where Rotary Clubs are in existence the clubs are among the strongest municipal and civic organizations of the city.



Saturday 6 March 1915

VINCENNES MORNING COMMERCIAL

VINCENNES HAS ONE OF STATE'S MOST BOOMING ROTARY CLUBS

*Birthday Event to Be Made Annual Event as Result of
Successful Eighth Anniversary Celebration
Held Recently.*

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

VINCENNES, Ind., March 24.—The Rotary Club of Vincennes, which recently celebrated the eighth anniversary of its founding, is regarded as one of the booming clubs of the state. It was organized in March, 1915, and had for its first president Elisha Morgan, president of the Salter-Morgan Company, paint manufacturers. He was one of its organizers.

At the celebration anniversary Mr. Morgan presided and several of the charter members who are no longer affiliated with the club attended. This meeting at which Rabbi Edward Israel of Evansville, a member of the Rotary Club of that place, was the principal speaker, was regarded as one of, if not the best meeting the club has ever held. As the result of the success of the anniversary meeting the directors have gone on record as favoring the birthday event as an annual affair.

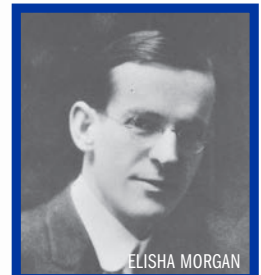
Membership of Only 91.

Although the Vincennes club has a membership of only ninety-one it is probably one of the best known clubs in International Rotary. The club gained nation-wide publicity several years ago when John N. Dyer was elected first vice president of the International and who has the honor and distinction of being the only Indiana Rotarian to hold such a high office in International Rotary. He also served as a member of the board of directors.

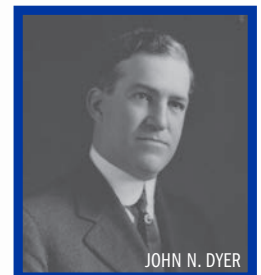
Credit for the establishing of "farmers' night" meetings, which are now being held in almost all the clubs in the country, is given to John Dyer and the Vincennes club. Dyer's decision is that of a farmer and it was due to the fact that he believed that there should be a closer relationship between the business man of the country and the business man of the city that the idea was inaugurated.

Started "Farmers' Night" Meetings.

The "farmers' night" meetings were so successful in Vincennes that within a short time all the clubs in this community started the practice. International Rotary soon awakened to the bigness of the movement which is now an international program feature. Mr. Dyer is also recognized as one of



ELISHA MORGAN



JOHN N. DYER

the most able orators in Indiana and his services as a speaker are in constant demand. He has made trips of hundreds of miles to speak before farmer gatherings which were attended by thousands of people.

The past presidents of the Vincennes club are: Elisha Morgan, J. L. Bayard Jr., John L. Klemmer, John N. Dyer, William M. Alsop, Claude E. Gregg, William Halton and Webb E. Beggs. Mr. Beggs, whose term of office expires May 1, is regarded as one of the most able leaders the club has ever had. He came here from Terre Haute several years ago, where, among other things, he served as president of the Terre Haute Central League baseball club.

Indpls. Star, Mar. 25 1923

Established Rotary
Scholarship to
Vincennes University
for each of the four
county high schools;
continues to present

Rotary assisted in the
founding of the Spirit of
Vincennes Rendezvous;
sold Gaulette cookies
and lemonade;
continued until 2010

Hosted District
Conference at
Vincennes
Executive Inn

John Sadler,
District Governor

Raised \$34,000
for polio
eradication
towards a
world-wide goal
of \$124 million

1977

1977

1979

1980

1983

VINCENNES ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS 1915 TO 2015



THE STORY OF THE VINCENNES ROTARY PRESIDENTS' PICTURES

On this 12th day of March, 1990, the 75th Anniversary of the chartering of the Vincennes Rotary club, I thought it appropriate that the story of the Vincennes Rotary's collection of Presidents' pictures be recorded.

Elisha "Lish" Morgan, the founder and first President of the Vincennes Rotary club, started the collection, requesting, and eventually receiving (through his persistence) a picture of each club president as he left office. "Lish" hung these around the walls of his office in the Saiter-Morgan building at 7th and Hickman (now Washington and College Avenue). The building is now occupied by the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

After Elisha Morgan died, his son-in-law, Ingham Strong, an officer of the Saiter-Morgan Co., and a Rotarian, had the photos mounted on a portable pegboard frame. At that time, the club was meeting at the American Legion Hall on 4th and Buntin Streets, and at each meeting, the board was rolled out for display.

When the Rotary club moved its meeting place to Vincennes University, the pictures were returned to the Saiter-Morgan Co. Around 1953, the Saiter-Morgan building was destroyed in a disastrous fire, but somehow, the pictures were salvaged in fair condition and were stored in a building across Washington Avenue owned by the Saiter-Morgan Co.

Several years later the building in which the pictures were stored was being torn down, and the man in charge of the wrecking, "Moon" Mullins, found the picture of Past President Howard Greenlee and took it to Howard at the Sun-Commercial office, telling Howard there were "lots more pictures" in the old building. Howard alerted Ralph Simon, then Bulletin Editor of the club. Ralph contacted Carl Weidner, a Rotarian still working at the Saiter-Morgan Co, and the remaining past presidents' pictures were recovered except for two or three. Fortunately, the missing pictures were of past presidents who were still living, so these photos were able to be replaced.

Bill Brooks,
District Governor

1983

Rotary International
announces \$250 million
Polio Plus Campaign
(375,000 new cases
per year)

1986

Rachel C. Snider
Memorial Gaulette
Fund Established

1986

Cronenwett Scholarship
established for area
seniors to college
of choice; continues
to present

1988

Mary Gladys Wheeler,
Earlene Holland,
and Pat Summers
are the first women
members of
Vincennes Rotary.

1990

"100 YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



*Served as District Governor **Served as First Vice President of Association of International Rotary Clubs ***Served as Assistant District Governor +Nominated to serve as District Governor 2016-2017

A committee was then formed: the pictures were taken from their original frames and mounted on plastic laminated-type loose-leaf sheets, placed in a notebook and for some years "disappeared." Who had them, and where they were stored is not known, but they were eventually found and stored in an "as is" condition at the Lewis Historical Library at Vincennes University in 1973.

Early in 1990 it was decided that the pictures should be displayed as part of Vincennes Rotary's 75th Anniversary celebration. However, over the years, the plastic sheets had yellowed and partly deteriorated around the edges. The pictures had shifted, and the name tags had faded.

Ralph and Marj Simon assumed the task of renovating the pictures. Marj trimmed and re-matted each individual picture, touching up and cleaning the pictures as needed. Each one was then mounted on white board and placed in new plastic loose leaf sheets. To designate the 5 Past District Governors from the Vincennes Club, as well as three deceased Rotarians who had outstanding perfect

attendance records, Marj affixed special ribbons to each of these photos. Ralph typed new name tags and the pictures were placed in new loose-leaf binders.

The refurbished Past Presidents' pictures were displayed at the 75th Anniversary party held at the Executive Inn on the evening of March 10, 1990.

It is my opinion that our Rotary Club, which has been in existence for 75 years may be in a unique position to have in our possession a photograph of each of our 75 past presidents of Rotary. I sincerely hope that in the future our club will continue to collect and cherish these pictures of our presidents.

Ralph H. Simon

Ralph H. Simon, Secretary,
Member of the Vincennes Rotary Club 1947-97
53 Years Perfect Attendance

75th Anniversary celebration
at the Vincennes Executive Inn

Rotary/Chamber of
Commerce Business Expo;
continued until 1994

Rotarians donate
\$15 each year on
their birthday to
school libraries for
books; continued
until 2014

Donated \$2,000 for
new Vincennes Cub
League lights

Rotary assisted Knox
County Public Library
in starting the Knox
County Quiz Bowl;
continues to present

Brazil GSE team visit

1990

1991

1991

1992

1993

CURRENT MEMBERS (2015)

Al Baldwin *	Hardware - Retired	Stephen C. LaRoche * ** (29)	Past District Governor
Peter V. Barry	Insurance	Robert S. LaRoy	YMCA Management
Aaron M. Bauer *	(15) Jewelry - Retail	Dennis Latta *	Pastor - Protestant
Kym Bell *	(8) University - Bookstore	Larry Lockhart *	Flowers - Retail
Steven M. Blinn *	Banking - Commercial	Ryan Lough	Lawn and Garden
L. Kirk Bouchie *	(17) Utilities Management	Barbara Lowe	Banking - Retail
Myrna Brown *	Social Service - Retired	Max Marley	Box Manufacturing
Emily C. Bunyan	Public Library	Justin Memering	Auto Sales
Laura Carie *	(12) Liquor - Retail	Jamie Neal	Community Foundation
L. Edward Cummings *	Attorney	Don R. Nesbitt * (27)	Sales - Retired
Brad Dillon *	Financial Advisor	Jane Niehaus *	Electric Contractor - Retired
Richard L. Dobbyn *	Investments	Shanon O'Toole * (4)	Advertising Manager - Multimedia
Jill Doggett	Attorney	Jennifer Pacheco	Hospital Foundation
Fred J. England	Hospital Administration	Gregory T. Parsley * (3)	School Administration
James Eskew	Hospital - Pharmacy	Richard Poole * (4)	Appraiser - Retired
David D. Gardner *†	Funeral Services - Retired	Liz Ramani	Retail Manager - Party Supply
James H. Gislason * ** (38)	Past District Governor	David L. Salmond *	University - Psychology
Howard Greenlee *	Radio Management - Retired	Chris A. Sanders	Banking - Loans
Chris Harmon *	Medical Supplies	Chris Schleicher	Moving & Storage
Lynn Hecht *	Social Worker - Retired	Ralph Jay Smith *	Consultant
Richard E. Helton *	University Administration	Joel Smith *	Bank Management
Mark Hendrix *	Optometrist	Douglas E. Steele *	Insurance
Matthew Hensley *	(6) Management Service	Wayne J. Thomann *	Certified Public Accounting
Christine Hollowell *	Bank - Trust Officer	Karen Trotter *	Computer - Wireless Services
Bumper Hostetler *	University Foundation	Mary Gladys Wheeler * (22)	Public Housing - Retired
Ryan Johanningsmeier	Judge	Stephen R. Wolfe *	Construction
Nathan L. Klingler *	Banking - Retail	Dana J. Worland *	Investments
Katie M. Kotter	Attorney		

* Denotes Paul Harris Fellow ** Denotes Rotary Foundation Major Donor (#) Denotes Consecutive Years Perfect Attendance as of 6/30/14

† David Gardner is great-grandson of founding member George Gardner (Gardner family - 100 consecutive years - Vincennes Rotary).



The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

LEO A. SIMON

**PRESIDENT
1938-39**

**52 Years
PERFECT
ATTENDANCE**

**District 6580 Perfect Attendance
Award is named for Mr. Simon**



Rotary "Touring
100" bike ride;
continued to 1998

1994

First Vincennes
Rotary Gala;
continued until 2014

Established Vincennes
Rotary Foundation

1995

First Vincennes
students attend
RYLA program
in Martinsville

1995

Donation to KCDC
spec building

1996

Jim Gislason,
District Governor

1997

NEW ROTARY POINT MONUMENT

Rotary International celebrated their 100th Centennial Celebration in 2005. Vincennes Rotary Club #151 began efforts to replace the 90-year-old Rotary Point structure at the intersection of College and Washington avenues. This project was undertaken as the local club's "Centennial Project" in honor of Rotary International. The old structure was demolished on October 20, 2005. The new monument was completed at a cost of \$50,000 and dedicated on October 26, 2006 and does include a water fountain feature. The original plaque honoring the 23 founders of Rotary #151 remains in place. On March 28, 2015, RI President Gary C.K. Huang visited the site that has been known as Rotary Point since 1915 and located just across the street from the birthplace of Vincennes Rotary.



THE PLACES WE HAVE MET, ALWAYS TUESDAY AT NOON.

Union Depot Hotel • Jewel Cafe • Grand Hotel • American Legion Hall



Holiday Inn
Sacred Heart Cafeteria
Executive Inn
Elks Lodge
(Inc. Harley Marie's & Carolina Cherry)
—V.U. Trailblazer Room
Fortnightly Club—



2014-15

VINCENNES ROTARY CLUB (EST. 1915)

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Steele	President
Shanon O'Toole	President-Elect
Kirk Bouchie	Vice President
Rich Poole	Treasurer
Kym Bell	Secretary
Dennis Latta	Past President

Laura Carie	Board Member
Ed Cummings	Board Member
Steve Blinn	Board Member
Nathan Klingler	Board Member
Jamie Neal	Board Member
Greg Parsley	Board Member

2014-15

VINCENNES ROTARY FOUNDATION (EST. 1995)

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Latta	Chairman
Rich Poole	Treasurer
Ed Cummings	Secretary

Doug Steele	Board Member
Greg Parsley	Board Member
Laura Carie	Board Member
Nathan Klingler	Board Member
Kirk Bouchie	Board Member
Shanon O'Toole	Board Member
Dana Worland	Board Member
Bumper Hostetler	Board Member

THE 4-WAY TEST



FIRST IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT FAIR
TO ALL CONCERNED?

SECOND

THIRD WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL
TO ALL CONCERNED?

FOURTH

Vincennes
Rotary
Club #151



THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do is a non-partisan and non-sectarian ethical guide used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test was scripted in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, an American from Chicago, as he set out to save his Club Aluminum Products Distribution Company from bankruptcy.

The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary International in 1943, and the wording has never changed. It has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings around the world. Herb Taylor transferred property rites of the Test to Rotary International when he served as Rotary's International President in 1954-55, during Rotary's Golden Anniversary.

"I Like Me" annual book program; continues to present

1997

Donated \$4,500 toward construction of Bettye J. McCormick Senior Center

1998

Hosted District Conference at Executive Inn

Hosted R. I. Convention in Indianapolis

1998



Gary Lukens completed Ride Across America benefiting Rotary Polio Plus Program and Riley Children's Hospital. (\$10,000 raised)

1999

ROTARY 151 NOW

I LIKE ME BOOKS

100 TREES FOR CITY/COUNTY PARKS

LITERACY QUIZ BOWL

LESTER SQUARE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

52 FOR 52 VINCENNES ROTARY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

SCHOLARSHIPS

- VU (Four Area High Schools)
- Cronenwett
- Service Above Self

LINCOLN INTERACT CLUB

RIVET INTERACT CLUB

DISTRICT 6580 FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) WORLDWIDE

OPEN WORLD PROGRAM

ROTARY READING CORNERS

OUABACHE TRAILS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

SALVATION ARMY HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

CUB LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

TRF MONTHLY PRIZE DRAWING

BACKPACKS WITH LOVE

LHS/RHS STUDENT GUESTS

TRF EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

ROTARY POINT (52 CARD WEEKLY HALFPOT DRAWING)

UP WITH KNOX COUNTY/ROTARY SERVICE DAY

TRF POLIO PLUS/WORLDWIDE ERADICATION OF POLIO

DISASTER RELIEF - SHELTER BOX DONATIONS

SUPPORTING LOCAL AGRICULTURE - FARMERS NIGHT

FOUNDATION FACT Since 1995, the Vincennes Rotary Foundation has contributed over \$250,000 to numerous local, state, national and international projects and programs for the betterment of humanity.

"HE PROFITS MOST,



I LIKE ME BOOKS



ROTARY BELL RINGING



ROTARY/KIWANIS PARTNERSHIP

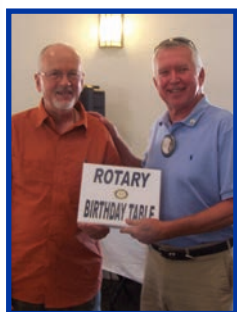
100 TREES IN THE PARKS



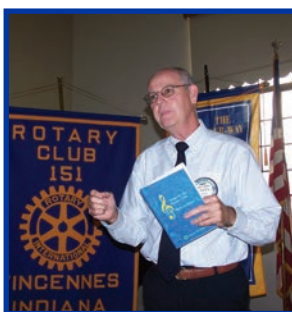
LESTER SQUARE PLAYGROUND



1990 ROTARY CUB LEAGUE TEAM



CELEBRATING AND SINGING



INTERACT CLUBS

Donated \$75,000
to kick-off fundraising
for Knox County
Community Foundation

2000

Mary Gladys Wheeler,
first woman President of
Vincennes Rotary

First Open World
Russian visit

2000

Ostendorf/Baldrige
Award for Disabled Persons;
continues
to present

2001

Moment of Silence
at noon Rotary
meeting 9-11-01
at the Executive Inn

2001

Second Open World
Russian visit

2002

WHO SERVES BEST⁹⁹



"SPIRIT" OF VINCENNES RENDEZVOUS



VALENTINE PARTY



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



ROTARY TRANSCENDS POLITICS



EVERYONE IN TOWN...EXCEPT?



VISIONING 2015-18



ROOTING FOR OUR MEMBERS



2012 ROTARY GALA



IMPORTANT GUESTS



FUN ON THE COURSE



MAYOR AL - POLIO IRON LUNG



GOOD NEIGHBORS

SCHOLARSHIP FACTS In 1977, by the initiative of past president Wayne Ader, the local Rotary scholarship program began. Four \$200 scholarships to Vincennes University were awarded as follows: LHS - Becky (Qualkenbush) Bouchie; RHS - Karen (Pea) Noble; SKHS - Becky (Bowman) Campbell; NKHS - Robert Harting. In 1988, the C.R. "Bob" Cronenwett Scholarship was added. The scholarship recipient received a \$500 award. In 2009, the Service Above Self scholarship was started with an initial award of \$500. Over time each scholarship program has grown. In the spring of 2015, Vincennes Rotarians will award approximately \$12,000 to local high school seniors toward their college education.

Third Open World
Russian visit

2004

Athletes of
Character Program
in conjunction with
the YMCA; continued
until 2014

2005

New Rotary
Point monument
commemorating
R. I. 100 Years;
cost \$50,000

2005

Fourth Open World
Russian visit

2008

Began Service Above
Self Scholarship
awards luncheon;
continues to present

2009

THE FOUNDER OF ROTARY PAUL P. HARRIS



Within the past few days there died in Chicago a man whose name is familiar to hundreds of thousands of folk in many parts of the world – Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International and its president emeritus. He was seventy-eight years old at the time of his demise.

It was loneliness and a desire for friends as well as clients that induced Mr. Harris to organize the first Rotary Club in Chicago on February 23, 1905. Arriving in the big city to practice law, after a period of wandering about the United States and western Europe, he felt himself to be a stranger, lost in strange surroundings. He longed for neighborliness, for friendship. His first comradely contact was with Silvester Schiele, a neighbor in the coal business; then with Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Shorey, in the tailoring business. To these were quickly added Harry Ruggles, a printer; Will Jensen, a real estate dealer, and others.

The group grew in numbers; the idea spread. Now, it is estimated that there are 5,638 clubs operating in 75 countries, with a membership of more than 259,000.

The name, Rotary, was adopted because at first the meetings were held in the members' places of business. The luncheon idea came later. From the beginning the purpose behind the new club was "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- "1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- "2. High ethical standards in business and the professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- "3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life."

The Salvation Army, itself an international organization operating in ninety-seven countries and colonies and speaking one hundred two languages and dialects, is particularly interested in Rotary's international platform, contained in tenant four:

"The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of

business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

"Service Above Self – He Profits Most Who Serves Best," is Rotary's motto. Such a concept cannot help but comment itself to The Salvation Army whose motto is, "Saved to Serve." Indeed, Salvationist Rotarians may be counted by the thousands, and it is a recognized fact that through the years the organization has been deeply indebted to Rotary for a large part of the membership of its Advisory Boards and for almost unlimited support of many of its most successful social service projects.

The moral and financial backing of these men, who represent civic leadership in their various communities, has been of untold value to the Salvation Army in promoting many local and national enterprises.

One of the most popular objects of Rotary's beneficence are the Army's camps for underprivileged mothers and children, which dot the country from coast to coast. Some clubs make a practice of sponsoring new camp units each year, a fact which has brought health and happiness to many thousands of city youngsters.

One of the charms of Rotary is that in its meetings the members become boys again. Says Sir Henry Braddon, an Australian Rotarian: "One way in which Rotary develops the individual is preserving the boy in him. Deep down in the heart of every good fellow there is a boy, a boy whose outlook on life is rather wonderful, unspoiled, with no prejudices, no intolerance, with keen enthusiasm, ready friendliness, and all those qualities we love to see. But as the years go on the boy is apt to become submerged, and it is a sad day for the man when the boy can be said to have passed away.

"Age" is not a matter of figures on the baptismal register; it is a condition of mind, very largely. When our ideals weaken, our enthusiasms wane; when we become cynical, over-engrossed, then we have become old, no matter what the exact tale of our years. As long as a man keeps his mind resilient, his nature open to friendly influences, he will never grow entirely old, and Rotary encourages and helps to develop him by keeping the boy alive in him."

On this, the forty-second birthday of the world-wide organization that came into being because its founder, a Chicago lawyer, was lonely, Salvationists across the country pay tribute to the memory of Paul P. Harris, who believed that friendliness and neighborliness are natural and will thrive if given a chance. – M. J. H.

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Pictures taken in Vincennes on March 14, 1940

ROTARY FOUNDER VISITOR IN CITY

Harris Taken on Historical Tour.

Paul Harris of Chicago, founder of Rotary International which is now enjoying its 35th anniversary, and Mrs. Harris, visited the George Rogers Clark Memorial and Vincennes' other historical shrines Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were passing through the city, en route to the South, when they were recognized by Elisha Morgan, first president of the Vincennes Rotary club, from recently published photographs.

Accompanied by Mr. Morgan, Rol Mathews, Thomas Benish, Howard Greenlee, Ingham Strong and Barney Kern, all Rotarians, Mr. and Mrs. Harris were shown about the city, and photographed, before continuing their trip southward.

V. Sun. Com. Mar. 14, 1940



Steve LaRoche,
District Governor

Holland GSE
team visit

2010

Worked with Up with
Knox County on
Indiana Rotary work
day (Dist. 6580
Project of the Year)

2010

Donated \$2,000
for two shelter boxes
for Japanese tsunami
victims, Dist. 6580
raised \$36,000

2011

Donation of \$5,000
to the Indiana
Military Museum

2012

Vincennes Lincoln
Interact Club
established

Fifth Open World
Ukraine visit

2012

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION



JOE YOCHUM, MAYOR
CITY OF VINCENNES

In 1732, French Marine Lt. Marie Bissot, Sieur de Vincennes, built the first fort at the site of the town that would later bear his name. Tonight, as we celebrate 100 years of community service, Vincennes Rotarians, both past and present, are proud to have contributed to the quality of life in our 283-year-old hometown, named Vincennes, Indiana USA.



Editors' Note - This program is commissioned by the Vincennes Rotary Club and is dedicated to the memory of all past Vincennes Rotarians for their efforts in making Vincennes and the world a better place. Special thanks to PDG Jim Gislason and PDG Steve LaRoche for contributions of photos and information. Also, thanks to the "Vincennes Sun Commercial," "The Indianapolis Star," "The War Cry," Lewis Historical Library, and Elizabeth Fleck of Ewing Printing Company.

CITY OF VINCENNES OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

To All Whom These Presents May Come, Greetings:

- Whereas,* The Rotary Club of Vincennes was officially established on March 12, 1915, after years of waiting to be admitted to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Terre Haute; and,
- Whereas,* The Rotary Club of Vincennes was the 151st club in Rotary to receive a Charter and has been providing Service Above Self to this community for the past 100 years, bringing distinction to the community; and,
- Whereas,* Vincennes Rotary has had seven District Governors serve Rotary International and has another prepared to become a District Governor in 2016. They are: John Napier Dyer, T. Max Shircliff, C. R. "Bob" Cronenwett, John B. Sadler, William E. Brooks, Jr., James H. Gislason, & Stephen C. LaRoche. Laura Carie will become Governor in 2016; and,
- Whereas,* Vincennes has had one member, John Napier Dyer, serve as a Director and also First Vice President of Rotary International; and,
- Whereas,* The Vincennes Rotary Club has provided the City with Rotary Point since 1916, first as a fountain-shaped structure and now as a monument since 2006; and,
- Whereas,* The Rotary Club of Vincennes is the oldest service club in Vincennes and the current President of the Rotary Club of Vincennes is Doug Steele; and
- Whereas,* The Rotary Club of Vincennes is proud to have Rotary International President, Gary C.K. Huang, and his wife, Corrina, as our guests for this Celebration of Service as we honor his theme "Light Up Rotary".

Now, Therefore I, Joe Yochum, Mayor of the City of Vincennes, do hereby declare Saturday, March 28th, 2015, as:


Vincennes Rotary Day

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Vincennes to be affixed this 28th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.



Joe Yochum
Vincennes Mayor, Joe Yochum

Kirk and Becky Bouchie, March 2015

 <p>Vincennes Rivet Interact Club established</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>Donation of \$5,000 to est. a Rotary Reading Corner in each area high school</p> <p>Laura Carie elected District Governor for 2016</p> <p>2014</p>	<p>Vincennes Rotary 52 for \$52 Raffle established</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>Dedicated playground equipment at Lester Square Park and donated 100 trees to area parks.</p> <p>2015</p>	<p>Centennial Celebration with visit from R. I. President, Gary Huang, at Green Activities Center, Vincennes University</p> <p>2015</p>
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VINCENNES
ROTARY CLUB #151



JOIN
LEADERS

EXCHANGE
IDEAS

TAKE
ACTION

Rotary
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