



**Mar 9, 2022**  
Chicago's Pizza, Wednesdays

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# ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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## **Program Update - Mar 2, 2022** **Rick Taylor, Network Manager** **Comcast - Xfinity**



Rotarian Rocky Turner's friend Rick Taylor, Network Manager for Comcast/Xfinity, joined our club last week to tell us about the developments over the years in the Cable TV and Internet business. Rick grew up in our area, having graduated from Cascade High School in 1999. He actually started in the cable business when he was 14, working part-time for a small Cable company in Greencastle. He began his career with Comcast in 1999, and has worked his way up to Network Manager for the southern half on Indiana and parts of Kentucky. He has a total of 69 technicians and supervisors on his team.

Rick shared that the Cable business started in 1948 in mountainous areas such as Pennsylvania, in order to enhance the delivery of TV signals (which primarily move in straight lines) to new television owners in hilly, rural areas. By 1952, 70 Cable systems throughout the country served 14,000 subscribers. By 1962, more than 800 Cable companies served over 850,000 homes and businesses. In 1972 Manhattan Cable launched the first pay channel, Home Box Office (HBO). This led to the creation of a national satellite distribution system. These advancements paved the way for the growth of networks. The 1984 Cable Act established a more favorable framework for the industry, and from 1984-1992 the industry spent more than \$15 billion on wiring America. This was the largest private construction project since WWII. By 1998, there were 171 cable programming services available. By this time 75% of all subscribers received at least 54 channels, and at the end of the decade 7 out of 10 households had service, with more than 65 million subscribers. Today approximately 800 programming networks are viewed by 93% of Americans. Those homes enjoy high speed data up to 2 GBPS. The industry has spent \$275 billion in infrastructure in the last 20 years and supports over 2.9 million jobs.

## Charlie's \$2 Worth

### **ON CABLE TV...**

*"The Noisiest buzz in the industry lately has been over the emerging use of cable TV systems to provide fast network data transmissions using a device called a cable modem. But the likelihood of this technology succeeding is zilch."* - John Dvorak

*"If there really is a God who created the entire universe with all of its glories, and He decides to deliver a message to humanity, He will not use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle."* - Dave Barry

*"On cable TV they have a weather channel - 24 hours of weather. We had something like that where I grew up. We called it a window."* - Dan Spencer

*"Al Gore announced Tuesday that he plans to launch a 24-hour cable news network for young adults. Gore claims he's been wanting to do this since he invented cable TV in the 1990s."* - Tina Fey

## **Upcoming Speakers/Events**

- Mar 9 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Mar 16 - Sherry Sighting—Tina Lear, Trust Officer at NSSB
- Mar 23 - Montie Manning—Reann Poray, Plainfield history
- Mar 30 - Ryan Rash—Helee Adkins, Hendricks Cty Senior Center
- Apr 6 - Dave Williams—Brent Bangle, Plainfield Parks Director
- Apr 13 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Apr 20 - John Baer
- Apr 27 - Max Hank
- May 4 - Jim Beebe

## **Upcoming Classifications**

- Feb 9 - John Baer & Jan Baer
- Mar 9 - Candace Balzano & Max Hank
- Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Montie Manning
- May 11 - Sherry Sighting & Dave Williams
- Jun 8 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
- Jul 13 - Jim Beebe & Rocky Turner

## Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

January 01, 2022 through January 31, 2022

Member Name	Jan 5 2022	Jan 12 2022	Jan 19 2022	Jan 26 2022	%
Baer, Janet S	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Baer, John M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Balzano, Candace					0
Beebe, Jim		Yes	Yes		50
Bennett, Joseph D	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	100
Booher, Tom					0
Burks, Diane Arnold	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	100
Carter, Royce	Yes	M	Yes	Yes	100
Culp, Brian N	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
DuBois, Brad	M	M	M		75
Emerson, Donnie				Yes	25
Hank, Max C	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100
Kinnamon, Daniel L	M		Yes	Yes	75
Klinger, Andrew	Yes				25
Lewis, Selina J					0
Olinger, Scott	Yes				25
Rash, Ryan Allen	M	Yes	Yes	M	100
Sichting, Sherry D		Yes		Yes	50
Sproull, Joanna					0
Turner, Dean F Jr.	M	M	Yes	Yes	100
Williams, David J		Yes			25

LEGEND: Y or Yes=Attended, X=Excused Absence, M=Make-Up

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH

(no Rotarian birthdays in March)

**Andrew Jackson - Mar 14, 1767**

**James Madison - Mar 16, 1751**

**Grover Cleveland - Mar 18, 1837**

**John Tyler - Mar 29, 1790**

## Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Jan 26-Feb 1 Royce Carter  
Feb 2-8 John & Jan Baer  
Feb 9-15 Brad DuBois  
Feb 16-22 Beth Shepperd  
Feb 23-Mar 1 Joe Bennett  
Mar 2-8 Brian Culp  
Mar 9-15 Joe Bennett  
Mar 16-22 Royce Carter  
Mar 23-29 Max Hank

Please check supply, refill as needed.  
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.  
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



## Committees and Chairs

**Bulletin:** Max Hank

**Finance:** Joe Bennett

**Foundation:** John Baer

**Fundraising :** Selina Lewis

**Golf Outing:** John Baer, Brad Dubois

**Crew Car Wash:** Sherry Sichting

**Membership:** Daniel Kinnamon

**Orientation:** John Baer & Diane Burks

**Programs:** Ryan Rash & Max Hank

**PR & Website:** John Baer

**Quaker Day Parade & Picnic:** TBD

**Service Committees:** Royce Carter

**Literacy/LFL:** Joe Bennett

**Teacher of the Year:** Max Hank

**Youth:** Diane Burks

**Interact and RYLA:** Diane Burks

**Scholarships:** Max Hank

**Straight-A Salute:** Sherry Sichting

**The Imagination & Idea Labs:** Diane Burks



## UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Jan 5	Jan 1	Candace Balzano
Jan 19 Max Hank	Jan 15	Joe Bennett
Jan 26 Dan Kinnamon	Jan 22	Royce Carter
Feb 2 Andrew Klinger	Jan 29	Brad DuBois
Feb 16 Brad DuBois	Jul 6	Donnie Emerson
Feb 23 Scott Olinger	Jul 20	Max Hank
Mar 2 Rocky Turner	Jul 27	Brian Culp
Mar 16 Sherry Sichting	Aug 3	Dan Kinnamon
Mar 23 Montie Manning	Aug 17	Andrew Klinger
Mar 30 Ryan Rash	Aug 24	Selina Lewis
Apr 6 Dave Williams	Aug 31	Montie Manning
Apr 20 John Baer	Sep 7	Scott Olinger
Apr 27 Max Hank	Sep 21	Ryan Rash
May 4 Jim Beebe	Sep 28	Sherry Sichting
May 18 Diane Burks	Oct 5	Rocky Turner
May 25 Jan Baer	Oct 19	David Williams

## 4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)