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ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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Program Update - May 25, 2022

Brent Anderson
Plainfield Fire Chief



Plainfield Fire Territory Chief Brent Anderson visited our club last week and gave an informative and very fascinating presentation. Our Fire Service has 88 full time firefighters and EMTs. That group took approximately 7,800 calls in 2021, with more than 1,200 of that number outside the town limits. This total represented a 20% increase over 2020 volume. Brent shared that all of the fire departments in the county coordinate

very well with each other, and basically whichever fire station in the county is closest and most quickly available to take a run will take it, regardless of the municipal limits. This cooperation amongst the fire services is such that in some cases, the Decatur Township Fire Department in Marion County may take calls across the county line. Of the 7,800 calls handled by PFD in 2021, only about 60 were actual fires, the remainder being EMS runs of some type.

Although Brent could not answer many specific questions about the huge Walmart Distribution Center fire on March 16th, he did share that more than 400 firefighters from 30 different fire departments, including Carmel, Martinsville, Greencastle, and Bargersville, provided assistance over the 3 days that it took to totally control the fire. Chief Anderson said that it took about 2 hours to determine that all Walmart staff had been accounted for. He also that this type of fire had no previous documented cases, so the fire services involved were dealing with something they had never confronted before. The building contained approximately 1.2 million square feet under roof - about 27.5 acres, or about 110 suburban homes on 1/4 acre plots. This 1.2 million sq. ft. also represents the total square footage of between 400-500 typical suburban homes. What a miracle that a fire that destroyed something so big caused no injuries or deaths! We are so fortunate to have the professionals of the Plainfield Fire Territory serve and protect us!

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ON FIREFIGHTERS...

"But aloud the praises, and give the victor-crown. To our noble hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown." - Fredric G. W. Fenn

"To me, there's only 5 real jobs in America: Police Officers, Teachers, Firefighters, Doctors, and the Military Service." - Charles Barkley

"The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it." - Thucydides

"I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine." - Kurt Vonnegut

"Firemen never die, they just burn forever in the hearts of the people whose lives they saved." - Susan Diane Murphree

"When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work." - Edward Croker

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- May 25 - Jan Baer - Brent Anderson, Plainfield Fire Chief
- Jun 1 - Daniel Kinnamon - State Representative Greg Sturwald
- Jun 8 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Jun 15 - Joe Bennett - Emily Perry from Susie's Place
- Jun 22 - Royce Carter
- Jun 29 - Brad DuBois
- Jul 6 - Donnie Emerson
- Jul 13 - Board Meeting/Classifications/Rotary update
- Jul 20 - Max Hank

Upcoming Classifications

- Apr 13 - Diane Burks & Montie Manning
- May 11 - Sherry Sighting & Dave Williams
- Jun 8 - Daniel Kinnamon & Selina Lewis
- Jul 13 - Jim Beebe & Rocky Turner
- Aug 10 - Brian Culp & Royce Carter
- Sep 14 - Brad DuBois & Donnie Emerson

106th Running...

This past Sunday offered glorious weather to welcome "Back Home Again" the 300,000+ fans emblematic of the World's Largest Single Day Sporting Event. It also provided surprises from the pre-race ceremonies (two flyovers by the USAF Thunderbirds!) all the way through to the checkered flag. Joe Bennett is our 500 point winner, having Marcus Ericsson in our Rotary Foundation fundraising pool. Royce Carter wins 100 points by having his wagon hitched to super-fast but first out Rinus VeeKay.



USAF Thunderbirds fly over the front stretch.



Marcus Ericsson speeds down the front stretch late in the race.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! JUNE

Don Sanders - June 12
Candace Balzano - June 15

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Apr 27-May 3 John & Jan Baer
May 4-10 Royce Carter
May 11-17 Brian Culp
May 18-24 TBD
May 25-31 Max Hank
Jun 1-7 Jim Beebe
Jun 8-14 Ryan Rash
Jun 15-21 TBD
Jun 22-28 Brian Culp

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 Sighting
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 Sighting
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	Jun 1	Dan Kinnamon
Jan 19	Jun 15	Joe Bennett
Jan 26	Jun 22	Royce Carter
Feb 2	Jun 29	Brad DuBois
Feb 16	Jul 6	Donnie Emerson
Feb 23	Jul 20	Max Hank
Mar 2	Jul 27	Brian Culp
Mar 16	Aug 3	Candace Balzano
Mar 23	Aug 17	Andrew Klingler
Mar 30	Aug 24	Selina Lewis
Apr 6	Aug 31	Montie Manning
Apr 20	Sep 7	Scott Olinger
Apr 27	Sep 21	Ryan Rash
May 4	Sep 28	Sherry Sighting
May 18	Oct 5	Rocky Turner
May 25	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?)