



May 15, 2024

Brew Link Brewpub, Wednesdays

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BOARD MEMBERS:
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BRIAN CULP MAX HANK**

ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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A Message from Brian Culp our incoming 2024-25 Club President

At the beginning of our board workshop on May 8, I asked everyone to answer two questions:

What does Rotary mean to me? What do I want out of Rotary?

Everyone had thoughtful answers. I asked these questions because I wanted to make sure as we prepare for our 2024-25 year that the club is on the same page with our direction and goals. The members at the meeting all had wonderful stories to illustrate what being a Rotarian means to them, but there were common themes. In no particular order, the themes were:

Fellowship, Service, Purpose, Impact and Growth

Board members identified the fact that our funds help the local community, but also the wider world as one thing they truly appreciate about Rotary. My favorite thing to hear was that so many in the room regard Rotary as an extension of their family.

When I decided to make a career change in 2016, my life was turned upside down. Suddenly I was moving from a career where I had structure and certainty to one that allowed me to make my own schedule and fill the agenda of my days. I was lost. When I found the Rotary Club of Plainfield, however, I was able to bridge a part of my previous life to the new one. I joined the Martinsville Rotary in 2005 and had gotten great satisfaction from the community service and fellowship. It helped me be tied to a community where I didn't live and build bridges with leaders in the city. It was natural to then seek out the same thing in Plainfield. I wasn't disappointed. During my time in Plainfield Rotary I have made wonderful friends and been connected with leaders who have helped me be successful in business and life. This club became an extension of my family.

I'm proud that the membership trusts me to take a second term as president. During this time I want all of us to reflect on those two questions and talk through what Rotary means to you. And, yes, I want to know what Rotary can do for you. So many times we are led to believe that giving and serving is only about helping others. While our ultimate goal can be to help others, being in a service club should have benefits for the members as well. The benefits can be having a place to be each week after you retire. It can be connections to people who will help you in your business. It can be that wonderful feeling you get from helping others.

We want to make sure as we are setting goals that they include ways to help our entire membership be fulfilled.

The goals as we discussed them include:

- 1) Having great speakers (and scheduling them 8 weeks out).
- 2) growing membership (by at least 5).
- 3) a new fundraiser (we had some ideas, but would love to hear more).
- 4) an international project.

This is an ongoing conversation and not set in stone. So as we get ready to leap into the next Rotary year, I would love to hear from any and all members. Send me an email, a text or give me a call. Tell me, what does Rotary mean to you and what do you want out of Rotary?

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ON ROTARY...

"It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement." - Paul P. Harris

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood." - Paul P. Harris

"The Rotary Club will do the work, because business people are busy. But the impact and the value of this will be to the business." - Dan Abrams

"If you have the love of your fellow men in your hearts, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian." - Paul P. Harris

"...only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best." - early Rotarian Arthur F. Sheldon

"The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world." - former RI President Gary C. K. Huang

"I believe that if we can get prospective members to help us with a project ... the rest will take care of itself. They will realize that they made a difference in someone's life." - former RI President Ron Burton

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- May 15 - Rocky Turner - Meagan Taylor, Hendricks Health
- May 22 - Reann Poray - Jeannine Spurgin, Plainfield Library will present a program on the Indiana Boys' School
- May 29 - John Graham
- Jun 5 - John Baer - Robin Brandgard, Town Council Pres.
- June 12 - Board Meeting - all Club members welcome
- June 19 - Bob Sands
- June 26 - Donnie Emerson
- June 27 - Rotary Year-end awards & recognition Dinner
- July 3 - no meeting for Independence Day holiday
- July 10 - Board Meeting - all Club members welcome
- July 17 - Andrew Klinger

A Summary of May 8, 2024 Board Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Clock: Brian indicated the clock tower and installation is nearly completed. The dedication plaque still must be purchased, at the club's expense. The clock hands are black and the same color as the numerical marks on the clock which makes it difficult to see the time. A motion was approved to pay the clock company to powder coat the clock hands in a more visible color that is approved by the Town of Plainfield. The estimated cost is \$500.

Speakers: The upcoming speakers and assignments were reviewed for the next two months.

Scholarship: Max reported there were 11 applications received for the scholarship awards this year. The scholarship winners for this year are Jack Wagner and Sam Beebe.

Foundation: John reported that the Indy 500 Fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation will start next week. Rules are the same as last year. Further on this project, John indicated he has used up all his Foundation Recognition Points on the past fundraisers and asked for any volunteers to use some of their recognition points on this fundraiser. Max volunteered some of his points as did Royce.

Donation Requests:

- We have been giving \$500 to Madina Village School each year. The \$500 we have already given this year regarding Madina Village was to match Interact's giving, which just happened to be targeted to Madina this year. Therefore, a motion was passed to give \$500 directly to Madina to serve as our club's direct contribution to this organization, our club's ongoing international project.
- Plainfield Youth Assistance Project (PYAP) has asked us to donate an item for their fundraiser auction. Diane has already targeted items to donate. A motion was passed to spend up to \$100 on this project. Royce also donated a decorative wreath made by his wife Becky to this project.

End of Year Dinner: The board agreed to a Thursday, June 27th end of year dinner where the Rotarian of the Year and the Past President awards will be made. Brian will set up a Committee to plan the event.

The next board meeting will be on June 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Brew Link.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MAY

Dennis Reagle - May 14

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

May 15-21 - John Graham
May 22-28 - Brian Culp
May 29-Jun 4 - John + Jan Baer
Jun 5-11 - Reann Poray
Jun 12-18 - Diane Burks
Jun 19-25 - Joe Bennett
Jun 26-Jul 2 - Reann Poray
Jul 3-9 - Max Hank
Jul 10-16 - Sherry Sighting

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



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising :

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting

Membership: Daniel Kinnamon

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Daniel Kinnamon

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.

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| Jan 3 Brian Culp | Jun 26 Donnie Emerson |
| Jan 17 Max Hank | Jul 17 Andrew Klinger |
| Jan 24 Bob Sands | Jul 24 Royce Carter |
| Jan 31 Andrew Klinger | Jul 31 Ryan Rash |
| Feb 7 | Aug 7 Sherry Sighting |
| Feb 21 Scott Olinger | Aug 21 Brad DuBois |
| Feb 28 Ryan Rash | Aug 28 Reann Poray |
| Mar 6 Donnie Emerson | Sep 4 Diane Burks |
| Mar 20 Royce Carter | Sep 18 Scott Olinger |
| Mar 27 Diane Burks | Sep 25 Max Hank |
| Apr 3 Sherry Sighting | Oct 2 Susan Ament |
| Apr 17 Joe Bennett | Oct 16 John Graham |
| Apr 24 Brad DuBois | Oct 23 Rocky Turner |
| May 1 Susan Ament | Oct 30 Daniel Kinnamon |
| May 15 Rocky Turner | Nov 6 Joe Bennett |
| May 22 Reann Poray | Nov 20 John Baer |
| May 29 John Graham | Dec 4 Jan Baer |
| Jun 5 John Baer | Dec 18 Bob Sands |
| Jun 19 Bob Sands | |

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?)