



Terre Haute Rotary Club

District 6580, Club 84

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Betsy Wilkinson: Wife, Mother and Business Woman

Elizabeth Wilkinson started her life in the high mountains of the Rockies and currently lives in the "high ground" of the Wabash Valley where she owns her own company, KIVA Structural Engineers. KIVA Structural Engineers is based out of Terre Haute with an office in Indianapolis and specializes in structural engineering consultation with experience in the design of educational facilities, medical, airport facilities and other industrial facilities.

She is the sixth child in a family of 13 (she has eight sisters and four brothers) and was born in Colorado. Even though her

birth name is Elizabeth her parents started calling her Betsy, which is one of the more unusual nicknames for Elizabeth, and has stuck ever since. She graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and has a M.S. in Structural Engineering from the University of California at San Diego.

Without realizing it Betsy's fascination with structural engineering began as a child while playing with Legos, which she loves to do to this day. In high school Betsy was energized by mathematical and logical challenges and participated in

cross country running and track providing a much needed outlet for her energy while providing plenty of time to think.

Besides Terre Haute and Colorado, Betsy has lived near the sunny beaches of San Diego, California. When asked why she would move from San Diego to Terre Haute 2 1/2 years ago she answers simply, "Family and economics. My husband's mother is a Terre Haute native (her only grandchildren are my kids) and the real estate price difference between California and Indiana allowed me to start my own business here."

Some of our March Visitors & Guests

Veronica Dougherty	brought	Susan Snider
Matt Cohen	brought	Beth Cohen
Betsy Wilkinson	brought	Gage Wilkinson
Dan DeBard	brought	Jon Marvel
		And
		Greg Monte

Sam Brock visited from Rockville Rotary Club

May Opportunities for Service Above Self

Saturday, May 5

Clean Up Terre Haute Day: This downtown clean up project begins at 9 a.m. and takes approximately two hours. Members meet at the corner of 7th and Wabash in the School Corporation lot where they are given a designated location to clean up. Volunteers receive gloves and bags, t-shirts, drinks and snacks. Brian Ross, project co-coordinator with Santhana Naidu, says "This is a nice family oriented project for members to include their children as a way to teach the younger generation the princi-

ples of volunteering." Signup sheets will be available at meetings or you may call Brian Ross at 232-0073 for details and or to volunteer. This project counts as a way for new members to turn red badges blue and for members to receive meeting makeup credit.

Saturday, May 12

Food Drive: This annual event by the National Letter Carriers involves individuals placing bags of food by their mailbox for letter carriers to pick up and deliver to a local food bank. Also, citizens will be able to

donate groceries at Baesler's and Kroger stores. Our club members can participate in this community wide collaborative effort by helping to prepare bags for distribution by stapling postcards to them prior to the event; by working the grocery store locations; or volunteering to pick up food in neighborhoods. Club member Jim Bertoli will distribute signup sheets at meetings, or you may contact him at Jim.Bertoli@unitedway.org for information.

Betsy Wilkinson (cont'd)

Betsy has been happily married to her husband, Darren, for almost 16 years. They have four children, three boys and one girl. Betsy met her husband inadvertently through Matt a mutual friend. Matt brought Darren to Betsy's house and told him that he was about to go to a house with nine beautiful daughters and that he could have any one of them except Betsy (evidently Matt was after Betsy's heart). Of course Darren took that as a challenge and as they say...the rest is history.

Life is full for Betsy being a wife, mother and business woman. She manages to stay sane with plenty of love, support and help from her husband and many opportunities for divine intervention taken. Betsy adds, "It helps that my husband knows how to keep me laughing." The biggest challenge in Betsy's life is cooking. "No matter how I try, I just don't get the same results as the recipe says I should," she says. One would think that Betsy would be an expert skier having lived in Colorado and Utah.

This is not the case however as she does not particularly like the snow and found it hard to keep getting up on those skies after repeatedly getting a face full of snow. She does, however, enjoy other outdoor activities like hiking and camping. Running, watching movie rentals and reading are other activities that Betsy enjoys and has recently read the book "Peacegiver" by James L. Ferrell which is a great book about learning to be more forgiving of people who are hard to forgive.

The Four Way Test defines our behavior: Of the things we think, say, or do...

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build good will and better friendship?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

- APRIL BIRTHDAYS**
- 3 KIM INGALSBE**
 - 6 LINDA STANLEY**
 - 7 JOHN LUKENS**
 - 8 ROBERT R. TAUBE**
 - 10 JOHN R. SHOWALTER, JR**
 - 13 ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN**
 - 14 BRANDON R. HALLECK**
 - 15 NANCY BRATTAIN ROGERS**
 - 16 CYNTHIA COX**
 - 17 CRAIG M. McKEE**
 - 21 NICHOLAS J. MAHURIN**
 - 22 BARBARA BRUGNAUX**
 - 24 TROY HELMAN**

- UPCOMING MEETINGS**
- April 10, 2007**
Joie Chitwood of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
 - April 17, 2007**
Meeting at Terre Haute North Vigo High School—Interact program update.
 - May 1, 2007**
Paige Williams, Indianapolis
500 Festival Princess

Officers

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- Vice-President.....Kim Ingalsbe
- Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
- Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
- Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
- Past President..... Steve Songer
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... Mike Collins

Make-Up Locations

- Monday**
Paris (Noon)Café France
Princeton (Noon).....Gibson General Hospital
- Tuesday**
Marshall (6:45 AM).....Family Restaurant
Casey (Noon).....Richard's Farm
Indianapolis (Noon) Murat Centre
Lafayette (11:45 AM).....University Inn
Sullivan (Noon).....Sullivan Elks Club
- Wednesday**
Attica (6:30 AM).....Harrison Hills
Brazil (Noon)Elks Club
Crawfordsville (Noon) Holiday Inn
Greencastle (Noon)..... Walden Inn
Linton (Noon)Elks Club
Plainfield (Noon)Metropolis Stone Creek
Rockville (7:15 AM)..... Billie Creek Inn
- Thursday**
Terre Haute (7:00 AM)..... Holiday Inn

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- Mike Collins
- Bart Colwell
- Kim Ingalsbe
- Chuck Shutt
- Sally Stewart
- Charlie Williams

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- David Bolk
- Dan DeBard
- Santhana Naidu
- Pat O'Leary, Jr.
- Mary Caye Pfister
- Bryan Sponsler

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