

Terre Haute Rotary Club

District 6580, Club 84

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Upcoming Meetings

6/19/07:
Rotary Awards Day

6/26/07:
Changing of the Guard



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Meet Brian Ross

Brian Ross and his family have called Terre Haute their home since 2003 when he came here to work for Dr. Don Conner, Jr. as an Optometrist. Rotary is in Brian's blood as his father was a Rotarian and modeled good Rotarian behavior to his son. Upon coming to Terre Haute Brian sought out Rotary as the service organization he wanted to be a part of and Troy Helman introduced him to the Downtown Club.

Brian spent most of his early childhood near Champagne-Urbana. When he was 12 his father's job brought them to Marshall, Illinois where he graduated from Marshall High School in 1995. Brian's favorite subjects in high school were math and science and in his words, "not much has changed." He played basketball while at Marshall High School and held a state record for three-pointers in a quarter with six, which he doubts is still a record today. Brian also was on the baseball team and played the trombone in the band.

After high school Brian attended Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois where he majored in Biology and played for two years on the basketball team. He met his future wife April while attending a Plant

Biology class at Millikin. The class was on a weekend retreat at a lake house owned by the university with the assignment to do a leaf and twig collection. In his words, "we just hit it off and the rest, as they say, is history."

After receiving a B.S. in Biology at Millikin, Brian attended the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry. "I always wanted to go into the health-care field and be involved in a profession where I could interact with people. I have also been going to the optometrist since I was in the third grade so it seemed intriguing to me," he says. While in St. Louis Brian and April were married. They now have twin 2 1/2 year old boys (Alex and Isaac) and a nearly one year old daughter (Julia). This September, Brian and April will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

Family ties brought Brian and April back to the Wabash Valley where he began working for Dr. Don Conner, Jr. as an Optometrist. Seizing the opportunity to pursue his goal of ownership, he purchased the practice from Dr. Conner and recently moved it to 643 Ohio Street. Brian stated that owning his own practice "was a goal I have had since I decided I wanted to become an optometrist. Pri-

vate practice has always excited me. It gives me the opportunity to not only practice optometry, but to also dabble in business and management." Brian is also currently the president of the Western Indiana Optometric Society.

But life is not all work for Brian. Besides his professional life his other passions include playing with his children, spending time with his family and attending St. Louis Cardinals games. He attends about ten games per year and hopes to go more often with his children when they get older. On the Cardinals winning the World Series last year he says, "obviously the World Series win was excellent. It had been a long time. I couldn't imagine waiting 98 years like those Cub fans do," he chuckles.

Brian's biggest challenge is being a parent. "I couldn't do anything without my wife, she is amazing" he says. "I feel guilty leaving in the morning when she is standing at the door holding the baby and the twins are doing somersaults around her and I say 'see you later honey, I am off to work'." Brian is currently reading Bill Bryson's book "A Short History of Nearly Everything," for entertainment purposes of course.

Visitors and Guests

Tom Murray
Lauren Kriebel
Mark Lindemood
Jean Shutt
Lucas Godinez
Jim Ruelle
Dale Long
Pete Gustafson

David Wulf
Jim Bertoli
Jerry Jakobowski
Chuck Shutt
Tom Mason
Brian Sponsler
David Piker
Jerry Jakobowski

Jim Tanoos
Nikki Royer
Lloyd Benjamin
Marshall Songer
Lindsey Lenker
Jeff Spencer
Sam Brook

Josh Zuerner, Mike Collins
Jim Bertoli
Brian Sponsler, Jerry Einstanding
Steven Songer
David Hannum
Beth Tevlin
Rockville Club

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) Coffee Cup Restaurant

Crawfordsville (Noon)Holiday Inn

Greencastle (Noon)..... Walden Inn

Linton (Noon)Old Bank & Co Restaurant

Plainfield (Noon) Metropolis Stone Creek

Rockville (7:15 AM) Billie Creek Inn

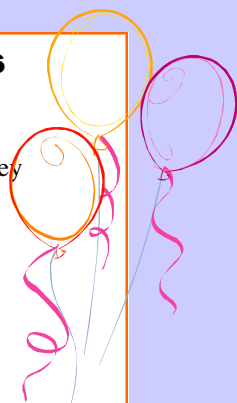
Thursday

Terre Haute South (7:00 AM).....Holiday Inn

Online E-Makup (6 per year)

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

June Birthdays



3	Bart Colwell
4	Dianna Cooper-Bolinkskey
5	Josh Zuerner
8	Luke Dever
8	Thomas Newlin
10	Paul Stanley
11	Thomas Roberts
14	Greg Gibson
15	Bill Tromble
19	Laura Hemming
21	Gary Morris
23	Susi Willis
24	William Rourke
24	David Anshutz
25	David Grimes
26	Jim Owen
27	Janice Adkins
30	Robert Griffin

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June 4th Board Meeting

Jim Tanoos was proposed as a new member by Josh Zuerner. Jim is a teacher at Purdue and at ISU and has already attended two meetings. This nomination was approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Linda Stanley. She noted collection of \$216 in May for the Happy Jar. Net income through May 2007 was \$2,148.59. Foundation net income was \$7,431.37.

Kim Ingalsbe reported that Year to Date attendance is 71.3%. She wants members to be aware that on July 1st, the new rotary club attendance year will begin. Members should be reminded of the limit for on-line makeup as well as the terrific opportunity to network and learn more about our organization by visiting neighboring club meetings.

Community Service chair, Paul Stanley, informed us that our club will

sponsor a female foreign exchange student from India who will arrive in August. Her host parents will be Bob and Shelly Williams. Santhana Naidu will be our club's Youth Exchange Officer and Diana Cooper-Bolinsky will act as counselor.

Paul further announced that Nancy Brattain Rogers will be our club's Community Service Chairperson next year.

David Bolk, Grant Committee Chair, noted that grants requests are due by June 30, 2007.

President Tom Dever noted that when he began his term he had four goals:

- To increase membership
- To raise \$10,000 for the RI Foundation
- To develop a new community service project
- To receive the District Presidential Citation

President Tom was happy to report that membership increased; that the RI Foundation goal was exceeded and we contributed over \$16,000; the new project which was a food drive was a success; and our club is one of 17 out of 34 in our district that received the Presidential Citation. Board members showed their approval with applause.

Paul Stanley noted that he will contact the 2007-08 Board members about the time and place for the next meeting.