



Rotary News

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HELP WANTED!

Persons with Microsoft Publisher abilities to contribute to the monthly production of the newsletter and also persons to act as reporters, writing short articles, columns or features. Contact Joyce Keenan at email below.

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Upcoming

Oct 10 Speaker: John Munchner speaking about the River Project.

Day Trip to RI in Evanston—Oct 25

Nov 14 Speaker is Steve Leonard, District International Rotary Foundation chair.

Dec 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Next Board Meeting: November 6

Rick Kohr - the real thing!

Like most real Forensic people, Dr. Rick Kohr considers the TV show CSI a joke. He talks with various groups and has a presentation dubbed, "The top 10 things I hate about CSI." Although he is Board Certified in Forensic Pathology since 1996 and currently does the Medical Examiner work in 16 counties in Illinois and Indiana, he confesses, "I can handle the most vile decomposed body in the morgue, but put me on a sailboat in the Caribbean, with the sun shining and the beauty breathtaking, and I'll be puking over the side of the boat."

Rick was born in Ohio and moved to Indiana when he was in first grade because his father became the hospital administrator in Shel-

byville. Six years later they moved to Bloomington for another hospital administration job there.

During his senior high school year, Rick (who weighed only 128 lbs) was the starting varsity center, also voted outstanding line-men.

Rick attended IU Bloomington and received a degree in Biologic Sciences. He then attended IU School of Medicine. He says, "I was drawn to medicine by an interest in science and math, and admired many of my parent's friends who were physicians." Rick is a Pathologist at Regional Hospital and says he started in Surgery but was "cut" by a pyramid system where there were fewer spots for year 2 than year 1. He did not become in-

terested in Pathology until his senior year of medical school. He was doing pathology electives at the recommendation of a surgery professor when he became interested.

Rick moved to Terre Haute in 1984 and in the first week was asked if he had ever thought about running for Coroner. Later that year he was encouraged to run by individuals who felt that it was important to have a person with a medical degree (especially a pathologist) as the county ME. When he won the 1988 primary, he pulled off what was considered a major political upset. Rick was elected and served two terms (4 years each) and then due to term limits, had to sit

October Birthdays

2	James Doti	30	John Perry
4	Dave Mitchell		Randy Wastradowsky
8	Rod Heefner	31	Neil Wilbur
9	Claude Sutton		Ray Rickert
14	Alice Shagley		
	Shelton Hannig		
20	Brian Cain		
22	Tom Tucker		
26	Robert Bishop		



Board Notes

Treasurer Report: Net income to date is \$11,144.30; total assets and liabilities as of 9/30 is \$31,124.07.

Attendance for the month of September was 69.6%. Year to Date attendance is 73.1%.

Charlie Williams reports that an organizational meeting to establish a **Rotaract Club** will be held on Monday, 10/23 at 7pm at ISU on the ninth floor of Hulman Student Bldg.

A motion was made to proceed with an international **water project** in El Salvador presented by David Mitchell.

ROAD TRIP!!! DINNER INCLUDED!!!

All Members are invited to travel together to **Rotary International headquarters on October 25th. A stop for dinner on the way home will be at the Beef House in Covington, courtesy of Tom Dever (who did not want to be outdone by Ralph Cutter!)**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday October 7 Clean up TH
Meet downtown at VCSC building 9 a.m.

Saturday November 4th—Goodwill Drive
Sign up for a two hour shift!

Rick Kohr, continued

out at least one term. He is currently in his 10th year overall.

In 1996, Dr. Kohr became the first Forensic Pathologist in Terre Haute. This required taking an approved training program in pathology, followed by either a fellowship in pathology or proof of work experience, as well as a recommendation from another Forensic Pathologist approved by the Board. Once this is all complete, a full day comprehensive examination must be passed.

When asked what is the hardest part of your job and what part of your job do you like the best?, Rick replied, "The hardest part of the job is dealing with the deaths of children, especially when they were the ages of my own. The best part of the job is solving difficult cases (even if the public may not understand what was done), and knowing that our work put away someone for a crime they did."

In addition to his jobs for the hospital and the county, Rick enjoys teaching and for 15 years has been an adjunct professor at ISU teaching a 400/500 level course in death investigation.

Rick teaches in other settings as well. Sessions with nursing students in the morgue was named, "Dr. Kohr's Academy of Anatomy."

Rick met his wife, Jane, when they both worked at a grocery store in Bloomington. He says, "We dated on and off for 7 years before getting married. We have 4 children. Chip is 23, graduated from U. Illinois in Architecture, and is doing an internship. Becky is 21, and a senior at Auburn in business and Spanish. Meredith is 20 and a sophomore at DePauw. Jacob is 17 and a senior at Culver Military Academy."

Rick enjoys gardening, photography and bicycling. He entered some photos in the county fair and won a red

ribbon. He bike rides with several people in town who are part of the National Road Bike club including fellow Rotarian Tom Newlin. Additionally, he and his wife enjoy travel and like to use a rail pass and make up their own itinerary.

Rick is the Chair of our club Blood Drive. He was on the Red Cross board for several years, and served as Chair. Also, the 4-C board as Vice-Chair. Currently he serves on the Unity Presbyterian church board. He was the first pathologist appointed by Gov. Bayh to the Coroner's Training Board when it was founded in 1993, and is currently the lone Forensic Pathologist on the Indiana Child Fatality Review Committee, having been appointed by Gov. Kernan.

Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....Joyce Keenan
 Bulletin.....Joyce Keenan
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart
 Program..... Bill Tromble
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Bart Colwell
 Membership.....Charlie Williams
 Classifications.....Mike Hopper
 Orientation.....Mark Kester
Community Service.....Paul Stanley
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods

Environmental Protection.....
 Santhana Naidu,/Brian Ross
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
 Salvation Army.....Sally Stewart/Mike Morris
Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee
 Ten for one club.....Craig McKee
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Dave Mitchell
Vocational Service.....Neil Garrison

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President.....Tom Dever
 President-elect.....Paul Stanley
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 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Steve Songer
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2005-2007
 Mike Collins
 Bart Colwell
 Kim Ingalsbe
 Chuck Shutt
 Sally Stewart
 Charlie Williams

2006-2008
 David Bolk
 Dan DeBar
 Santhana Naidu
 Pat O'Leary, Jr.
 Mary Caye Pfister
 Bryan Sponsler

MISSED MEETINGS are easy to make up by attending another club's meeting; coming to a board meeting (first Monday of each month at the Goodwill Offices); doing a service project; attending a committee meeting; or going on-line, reading an interesting article about Rotary and answering a question or two.

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris Noon Cafe` France
 Princeton Noon Gibson
 General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family

Casey Noon Richards Farm
 Indianapolis Noon Murat Centre
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 am Terre Vin Winery
 Brazil Noon Elks Club

Greencastle Noon Walden Inn
 Linton Noon Elks Club

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

ON LINE MAKEUPS AT:

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