

# Rotary News

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## Mike Collins

Mike Collins, born and raised in Terre Haute, supported himself while in college by working for UPS. While unloading and sorting packages, he learned the ZIP codes for every burg, village and town in Indiana from Gas City to Birdseye to Wanamaker. Mike was living in Indianapolis at the time, going to school at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis, although he says, "I don't claim the Purdue part!" His work experience helped him to focus on a career goal. "What Brown did for me," he says, "was give me the chance, while working in extremely hot and extremely cold trailers, to contemplate my future. I decided that accounting wasn't so bad!" He graduated in 1993 with a degree in accounting

and spent five years as a Certified Public Accountant. "The most noteworthy thing to come from my accounting career," he said, "was that I met my wife Debra, who worked at the same firm. We were married in 1997." Mike joined Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in 1998. In addition to maintaining a CPA license, he currently holds a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) and Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation. Mike says that he is happy with his career choice because "I truly enjoy and have a passion for helping people make sound financial decisions for their family, business, and charity". However, he would give it all up if he was ever offered his dream job, the

play-by-play broadcaster for the St. Louis Cardinals! While waiting for this employment offer, Mike participates in fantasy baseball leagues. He says, "I have competed in fantasy baseball leagues for several years, and like George W. Bush, I once traded Sammy Sosa to another team". In his reality life, Mike and Debra have two daughters. Kimberly, is 5 and a budding dancer. Katie, is 2 and does whatever big sis does. Mike jokes, "We are currently accepting donations to the Collins Children Scholarship, Prom, and Wedding Fund." Mike enjoys reading and watching sports, especially college football, and NASCAR races. He plays golf occasionally to test the bad day on the course

## April is Centennial Volunteer Month

Start planning now for your club's contribution to Rotary's momentous birthday gift of service to communities worldwide.

To highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary service, April 2005 has been desig-

nated **Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month**. Join this massive worldwide effort by encouraging each club member to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others in April.

Clubs should identify

meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community in which members can participate during April 2005, with a focus on meeting community needs, lending vocational expertise, or assisting a community abroad.

## TAKE NOTE:

**Cubs Trip** - July 1, 2005. We will leave at 8 a.m. Game time is 2 p.m. Cubs vs. Washington National RSVP to Rob Taube at 237-9568.

### Invocation Schedule

April 05 Bob Quatroche  
April 12 Beth Tevlin  
April 19 Rick Burger  
April 26 Bart Colwell

### Upcoming Programs

April 12 Auschwitz

April 19 Interact—Club Meeting at North High School

April 26 TBA

May 03 St. Mary of the Woods

May 10 TBA

### Upcoming Events/Activities

April 16—Work day at Wabash Senior Citizens Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch will be provided

April 28—Centennial celebration with RI VP John Glenn at the Wabash Senior Center 3:30 p.m.

May 7—Rebuild Terre Haute

work day. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 7—Rotary fellowship picnic at Deming Park

## Mike Collins Continued

beats a good day at work theory. Mike may hold a record in our club for the longest tenure as a guest. He had been in another service club, but after several years of gentle nudges from his father-in-law, Gary Schomer, decided to give Rotary a try and joined in 2002. He feels it has been a great decision and explains his procrastination in joining with this explanation: "I had

perfect attendance as a guest for 3 months and each week my father-in-law bought my lunch."

Mike has since learned there is no such thing as a free lunch. He can be seen weekly standing at the welcome table acting as the club Sergeant-at-Arms and greeting members.

## Centennial Volunteer Month... Continued

At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Member Access section of the Rotary International Web site (the reporting tool will be available in April 2005). The total number of volunteer hours reported by all clubs will be announced at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June.

For more information or to share your club's volunteer success story, please contact the RI Programs Division, Rotary International, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201-3698, USA; phone: 847-866-3361, fax: 847-866-6116.

# Board Meeting Notes

Francis Cambell requested and was granted a 90 day medical leave of absence

Patrick Board, CEO of AP&S Clinics was approved for membership.

David Mitchell has researched possible international projects. One will be chosen as soon as money is allocated from board. Lisa is doing research for possible matching funds.

Vocational service awards will

be given either at the June 14 or June 21 meeting.

Dues have been increased from both Rotary International and the District. How hat effects club dues will be decided at the May meeting.

The Happy Jar money for May and June will be donated to *“Water for People”* in memory of John O’Day.



## Rebuilding Terre Haute

Chairperson Sally Stewart announced that Roy Dressler has agreed to co-chair the Rebuilding Terre Haute service project with her. Our club will partner with B & S Plumbing on a home that will be designated by the organization. “While we don’t know which location we will work at,” said Sally, “we do know the date. Saturday, May 7th”. She reported that last year the assigned work began at 8 a.m. and was completed by 1 p.m. A meal and drinks will be provided to the workers. Club members are encouraged to volunteer for this project. Sally says, “people of all skill levels can help, construction ability is not necessary”. Members who can help should let Sally or Roy know. Additionally, sign up sheets will be available on the front table beginning with the first meeting in April.

## April Birthdays

- Lee Akers—7
- Barbara Brugnaux—22
- Cynthia Cox—16
- Troy Helman—24
- Rod Henry—3
- Kim Ingalsbe—3
- John Lukens—7
- Nicholas Mahurin—21
- Craig McKee—17
- Robert McLaughlin—13
- Nancy Rogers—15
- John Sowwalter—10
- Linda Stanley—6
- Robert Taube—8



# Terre Haute Club Committees

**Club Service.....Joyce Keenan**  
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer & Joyce Keenan  
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart  
 Program..... Bill Tromble & Rodger McHargue  
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker  
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis  
 Invocations.....Richard Schultz  
**Community Service.....Paul Stanley**  
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods  
 Environmental Protection.....Brian Ross, Dan  
 Gmelich & Santhana Naidu  
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr  
 Rebuilding Terre Haute .....Sally Stewart  
 Habitat for Humanity.....Jim Brown

Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin  
 Salvation Army.....JoEllen Orndorf  
**Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee**  
 Ten for one club.....Craig McKee  
 Community Grants.....David Bolk  
**International Service.....Jean Williams**  
**Membership.....Tom Dever/Sally Stewart**  
 Classifications.....Tom Dever  
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks  
**Vocational Service.....Jeff Pittman**

## 2004-2005 Officers and Board Members

President.....Lisa Pepperworth  
 President-elect.....Steve Songer  
 Vice-President.....Tom Dever  
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh  
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley  
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe  
 Past President.....Mike Hopper  
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins

**2003-2005**  
 LeaAnn Crooks  
 Pat O'Leary  
 Craig McKee  
 Sally Stewart  
 Mike Eldred  
 Barbara Passmore

**2004-2006**  
 Bill Aubin  
 David Bolk  
 Lee Akers  
 Joyce Keenan  
 Brian Miller  
 Alice Shagley

**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 Athletic Club  
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks  
 Club

**Wednesday:**

Rockville 7:15 am Terre Vin  
 Winery  
 Brazil Brazil Family  
 Restaurant

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

**Thursday:**

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

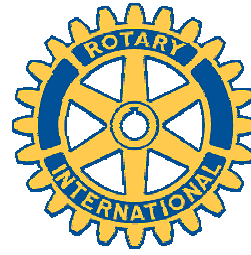
**ON LINE MAKEUPS AT:**

[www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org).

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#### Upcoming Events:

April 16 – Work Day at Wabash Senior Citizen’s Center (9:00am – 12:00pm Lunch provided)

April 19 – Club Meeting at North High School (12:00) A scene from their musical will be presented!!!

April 28 – Centennial Celebration with RI Vice President, John Gemm at the Wabash Senior Citizen’s Center (3:30pm)

May 7 – Rebuild Terre Haute Work Day: Location TBA (8:00am-4:00pm or as long as you can help. Lunch provided)

June 4 – Habitat for Humanity Work Day: Location TBA (8:00am-4:00pm or as long as you can help)

June 7 – Rotary Fellowship Picnic at Deming Park (12:00pm-1:00pm)

## Special Request:

Please plan to attend the April 19th club meeting at North Vigo High School. It is important to support our Interact Club. Call a friend and remind them to attend. Better yet, car pool with someone.

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## Mike Eldred

Mike was born and raised in Terre Haute and attended Saint Ann grade school and Schulte High School. He received his Bachelor and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Notre Dame. After law school, Mike worked 2 years for the US House of Representatives, Office of the Legislative Council, and then returned to Terre Haute. Mike has been a Superior Court Judge in Vigo County for 25 years. The part of his job he dislikes the most is handling divorce cases involving children and the part of the job he finds most challenging is managing and deciding difficult cases that are of great concern to the community.

Mike has been a Rotarian for 27 years. Originally, he was a member of the South Rotary Club, but then moved to the Collett Park area. As a result, the noon club (which met at the Knights of Columbus at 8th and Popular at that time) was more convenient.

Mike chose to study law in high school after speaking to his guidance councilor. Originally Mike wanted to be a physician, but was lead away from that field because his “Science grades were like a roller coaster.”

Mike and his wife, Sherry, have 4 children. Hobbies include physical fitness, playing and/or watching sports, reading, and cooking.