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Bryan Sponsler



Lend a Hand

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It's springtime in Vigo County, and that means, if you don't find Bryan Sponsler in his office on the northside, you'll find him in his garden, on his mower, or in the bleachers of a baseball park on the southside. Bryan Sponsler is a busy man this time of year. And as his three sons get older, he says, he knows he'll just get busier.

The yard work and outdoor activities come naturally for Bryan. He was raised in Brown County, Indiana, where the scenery is the draw for many residents and tourists. He spent many summers working for farmers planting and picking melons, squash, tomatoes and beans, as well as working in Nashville restaurants and a coffee shop. Now, in the autumn, he delights in taking visitors on a tour of the "real" Brown County. He'll drive the

winding roads and show off the hills filled with beautiful foliage, but skip the crowded streets of Nashville. That's the part any tourist can see. Bryan likes to dig a little deeper.

In a way, it was digging deeper that landed Bryan in Terre Haute. He and his wife, Cathy (Vaugh) were living and working in Indianapolis. They decided they both wanted to "dig in" to college a little further, and, for a variety of reasons, Indiana State (and Terre Haute) was the place to do that. Nearly fifteen years later, Bryan is still grateful they made that decision.

Bryan and Cathy had been in Terre Haute just a few months; they were both taking classes and Cathy was performing in the play *Steel Magnolias* at Community Theatre. They threw a cast party after one of

the performances, and it was there Bryan met Pino Bologna (Pino's wife Susan was also in the cast). Everybody enjoyed the lasagna Pino brought to the party, and Bryan also enjoyed getting to know Pino. Several weeks later, Bryan noticed a help-wanted ad for Pino's restaurant. He interviewed, started part-time in the kitchen, and soon moved into the manager's position. Pino became his friend and mentor. They spent many hours trying new recipes,

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Brian Miller

Brian Miller is a partner in Miller-White, an integrated marketing company. He received Bachelor and Master Degrees from Indiana State University. Both he and his wife Jane grew up in Jasonville and attended Shakamak High School. Upon graduating from college, they worked and lived in New York City for a year and then moved to Chicago where they lived for about three years.

They say (whoever they are) that "you can take the boy out of Greene County, but you can't take Greene county out of the boy." Well, he and Jane didn't move back to Greene County, but they came close. They have

made their home in Vigo county for nearly 30 years. They have two children, Corisa and Kurt, and a grandson Shawn. All three live in Connecticut.

In addition to being a Rotary member, Brian is very active in several civic and economic development organizations in the community.

"I remember vividly the day that I decided to leave New York City. I was walking down Fifth Avenue on an absolutely beautiful day in New York. Thousands of people were on the street. It was like a wave of people... suddenly; I realized I didn't know anyone. I didn't want to

spend the rest of my life or raise a family in that kind of lifestyle. While we spent a couple of years in Chicago, which was better, there was still something missing. It is why we moved back to Terre Haute to raise our family. Both my wife and I wanted to live our lives where we felt we could make a difference. The reason I joined the Rotary is because of the many people in the organization who are making a difference in our community and because of the difference the Rotary makes in the lives of so many other people. Thanks to Bart Colwell for introducing me to the Rotary."

Centennial Celebration in Chicago! What a place to be!

What better place is there to *Celebrate Rotary* than in Chicago? In addition to being the birthplace of Rotary, Chicago is:

- the birthplace of the blues, the skyscraper, deep-dish pizza, the zipper, Cracker Jack, and roller skates.
- a mecca for sports fans, with seven professional teams, including the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox baseball teams, one of which will be playing at home during the RI convention.
- a shoppers paradise — from upscale boutiques and department stores along the Magnificent Mile of North Michigan Avenue, to colorful ethnic shops that line Chicago's neighborhood streets.
- home to some of the 20th century's most important architecture, including Louis Sullivan's Auditorium Building, Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Crown Hall, and buildings designed by Rotary Foundation alumnus Helmut Jahn and other leading contemporary architects.
- "Urbs in Horto" (City in a Garden), with 30 miles of lakefront beaches, parks, and golf courses — all open to the public.
- a city of neighborhoods, each one with its own ethnic flavor and tempo: African-American, Chinese, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Korean, Mexican, Polish, Ukrainian, and more. To visit some of these colorful areas, sign up for neighborhood tours.
- a town that stays up late with live music of every type, theater, dancing, and late-night restaurants.
- holder of the following titles: world's largest illuminated fountain (Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park), world's busiest futures exchange (Board of Trade), world's largest collection of Impressionist paintings outside of Paris (Art Institute of Chicago).
- sister city to 22 other cities worldwide.

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taking the staff to Chicago on food-buying trips, and just talking. Bryan's love of cooking and entertaining was solidified during the years he worked at Pino's, and he and Cathy formed a lasting friendship with Pino and Susan.

Bryan now works as an Allstate Exclusive Agent and Personal Financial Representative. He began with the company in 1996, at the suggestion of another Community Theatre friend, Earl McClelland. In 2000, he bought a retiring agent's book of business and moved to the location on Lafayette

Avenue (just north of Ritter's Frozen Custard — it's the landmark nearly everyone knows!). He looks forward to many happy and productive years with Allstate.

Car insurance, in particular, is about to become even *more* important to the Sponslers. They have three sons. The oldest, Dakota, is 14, and already looking forward to getting that driver's license. Ross is 10 and John is 7. The boys play basketball, baseball, golf, just about anything with a ball...and their practices and games keep Bryan and Cathy burning up the highway year-round.

Bryan does find time for some of his own activities. He has been a volunteer for the Terre Haute Symphony since 1996, working as the board treasurer, symphony league president, and chairman of several committees. He is a member of the Pimento Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute, and his Masonic brothers often get to sample his cooking at their monthly meetings. And, of course, he is an eight-year member of Rotary; he started in the morning club, and moved to the downtown club when his family's schedule could no longer allow for those 7 AM meetings. Bryan and his family attend Memorial United Meth-

Upcoming events

1. Annual Cub Baseball trip July 30, 2004.
2. December 5, South club is hosting a trip to a Colts Game.

US Senators Introduce Rotary Centennial Stamp Bill.

U.S. Senators **Russell Feingold**, of Wisconsin, and **Richard Lugar**, of Indiana, introduced companion legislation this week on a resolution urging the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp in honor of Rotary's 100th anniversary and the organization's efforts to eliminate polio worldwide.

A similar resolution was introduced to the House of Representatives by U.S. Representative Brad Sherman, of California, in February. The resolution has 67 congressional co-

sponsors.

"Rotarians are volunteers who support thousands of humanitarian and educational projects that benefit each of our communities," said Sherman. "The commemorative stamp will recognize Rotary's first 100 years of public service."

At least one other Rotary-related resolution has been introduced on Capitol Hill. On 18 November 2003, Rep. Joe Wilson, of South Carolina, introduced a resolution "recognizing

the establishment of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill and the important contributions of Rotary clubs to society."

Rotary has a presence in the U.S. capital through its advocacy for polio eradication and the activities of Washington, D.C.-area clubs. For several years, the organization has honored many members of Congress with the Polio Eradication Champion Award for their support in securing critically needed funds to achieve a polio-free world.

District Simplified Grants Awarded

The Grants Committee for District 6580 has awarded District Simplified Grants totaling \$5,580 to six clubs. These monies became available under a new Foundation program that allows districts to use up to 20% of their SHARE funds for projects approved and managed by the district. There are no matching funds available under this program. Unlike projects that go through The Rotary Foundation, the District Simplified Grant money can be used for pro-

jects in local communities and do not require an international partner. The committee approved the following:

- Brown County, \$1000 toward a Rotary Tree Trail
- Columbus, \$1000 toward a parade float to be used to collect food for the hungry
- Greensburg, \$580 to help with equipment for a free health clinic that will display a Rotary
- Evansville Morning, \$1000 toward a "Wall of Fame" at Glenwood Middle School
- North Vernon, \$1000 toward purchase of an Automatic Electric Defibrillator bearing a
- Rotary emblem to be placed at Jennings County Middle School
- Rising Sun, for a Rotary bench at the Denver Siekman Environmental Park

Board Meeting Notes

1. Board approved Rob Cridder into the club.
2. Board approved attendance exemption for Arnold Kunkler and Tom Newman
3. A thank you note was received from Kate Pippins and Lauren Sullivan who received grants to attend Hoosier Girls State.
4. Month to date attendance is 66.8%, Year to date is 61.4%
5. Mike Hopper suggested having a booth at the ethnic festival.
6. Rick Burger has won the new member contest.
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Upcoming Programs in June

June 1, 2004

Steve Songer will introduce Dave Patterson of the Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau who will make a presentation about the upcoming air show out at Terre Haute International Airport.

June 8, 2004

Rotary Picnic at Deming Park. Contact Sally Stewart for more details.

June 15, 2004

TBA

June 22, 2004

TBA

June 29, 2004

"Changing of the Guard" - End of the Rotary year!

June Birthdays

Janice Adkins—June 27

David Anshutz—June 24

Bart Colwell—June 3

Luke Dever—June 8

Greg Gibson—June 14

Robert Griffin—June 30

David Grimes—June 25

Lorrie Heber—June 13

Gary Morris—June 21

Tom Newlin—June 8

Jim Owen—June 26

Todd Pepperworth—June 17

William Rouke—June 24

Paul Stanley—June 10

Thomas Thornton—June 30

Bill Tromble—June 15

Rudolf Ulirsch—June 26

Susi Willis—June 23



Happy Fathers Day!

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." -- *English Proverb*

"A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father." -- *Gabriel García Márquez*

"If the new American father feels

bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right." -- *Bill Cosby*

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." -- *Sigmund*

Freud

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....
 Bulletin.....Joyce Keenan, Ray Brauer, Shelly Shearer
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart, Sherri Mahurin
 Program.....Steve Songer, Bill Tromble
 Public Relations.....Brian Krawiec, Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Richard Schultz
Community Service.....**Gary Wagner**
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods
 Environmental Protection.....Todd Pepperworth
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Christmas in April.....Sally Stewart
 Habitat for Humanity.....John Adkins

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

2003-2004 Officers and Board Members

President.....Mike Hopper
 President-elect.....Lisa Pepperworth
 Vice-President.....
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Gary Schomer
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins

2003-2005
 Tom Dever
 Pat O'Leary
 Craig McKee
 Sally Stewart
 Mike Eldred
 Barbara Passmore

2002-2004
 Bill Tennis
 Rick Kohr
 Kim Ingalsbe
 Joyce Keenan
 Mary Caye Pfister
 Mel Krueger

Attendance Honor Roll (those above 95%)

Ray Brauer—106%	Curt Pennington—100%	Sally Stewart—96%
Frances Campbell—98%	Gary Schomer—110%	Bill Tennis—123%
Ralph Cutter—96%	Tom Siefert—104%	Stephanie Welsh—100%
Mike Hopper—108%	Steve Songer—98%	Charlie Williams—105%
Mark Kester—113%	Linda Stanley—106%	David Mitchell—106%
Jerry Mansfield 100%	Paul Stanley—102%	Charles Shutt—96%

Make-up Locations

TERRE HAUTE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB
#84, DISTRICT 6580

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Terre Haute, IN 47801



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Monday:

Paris 12:00 p.m. Cafe` France
Princeton 12:00 p.m. Gibson General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 a.m. Marshall Family Restaurant
Casey 12:00 p.m. Richards Farm
Indianapolis 12:00 p.m. Athletic Club
Sullivan 12:00 p.m. Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 a.m. Terre Vin Winery
Brazil 12:00 p.m. Elks Club
Greencastle 12:00 p.m. Walden Inn
Linton 12:00 p.m. Elks Club
Plainfield 12:00 p.m. Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 a.m. Holiday Inn

Membership: A Primary Focus

Why is membership important?

Imagine if our club were to lose 10 percent of its members. How would that affect our service program? What projects might not get finished? Which ones might never have been started? Now consider what our club could accomplish with 10 percent or five percent or even two percent more members. Think about the professional expertise we could add to our club's overall profile simply by filling all open classifications. Think about the new ideas and new club service projects that could be initiated. Think about the additional people to take on leadership and committee roles. Every new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources and knowledge that can greatly strengthen our club's ability to serve

throughout the community and the world.

The following will provide us with some resources and tools for membership development.

What is membership development?

The three essential elements of membership growth are:

- the proposal of new members;
- the retention of existing members;
- and the extension of Rotary through the formation of new clubs.

These three elements are equally important, as illustrated by this sim-

ple membership equation:

New Members + Retaining Members (retention) + New Clubs (extension) = Membership

Each of these elements will be emphasized at the club and district levels.

Materials for membership growth and retention strategies are available at Rotary International's website including new member satisfaction surveys. These tools will be beneficial to help our club, and other clubs grow.