

# Rotary News

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## Lea Anne Crooks Could Never Be Replaced By a Miniature Horse

Lea Anne Crooks was born in Odon, Indiana where her parents still reside with twenty miniature horses. “When I went off to college, my parents experienced empty-nest syndrome,” explained Crooks, “and they filled the nest through breeding miniature horses”. The horses appear in area parades pulling a miniature Budweiser wagon and are taken to nursing homes to visit the residents.

While her parents were parading around, Lea Anne was enrolled at Indiana State University working on a degree in Business Education when she met her husband John in the last six weeks at ISU prior to graduation. They discovered they both had student teaching assignments at the same high school in Greenwood, IN. Their first “date” was chaperoning the high school prom! “John was from Sullivan

County,” says Lea Anne, “so we moved back here to live in Shelburn when we married 15 years ago, and I began working at Ivy Tech where I still work today.”

Lea Anne is employed as the Executive Director of Corporate and Continuing Education Services, which works with business and industry in the Wabash Valley to develop and deliver training programs, job profiling, assessment services, and consulting services as well as classes for the community in personal and professional development. She reports they serve about 6,000 students annually. Many of these students are outside the Terre Haute area. The largest group are miners who are taking courses concerning health and safety issues.

Additionally, Crooks serves as president-elect of the National Coalition of Advanced Tech-

nology Centers.

When not at work, she is active in the Shelburn First Baptist Church. She reports that her spare time is consumed with sporting events with her two children, Adara Janaye 12, and Brennan Lee 10.

Lea Anne hopes to travel to exotic places with her husband. “That is in the future,” she says, “for now our traveling is with a softball team of 12 year olds, which will take us this year as far as Chattanooga, TN for the softball nationals.”

In addition to Chattanooga (which sounds exotic), they will travel all over the state of Indiana for tournaments. Lea Anne has been a member of Rotary for almost five years and serves on the Board of Directors.

New member Cindy Cox and her husband Guille, purchased land in Clay County that was part of a reclaimed

## Interact Girls Activities Testify They Understand “Service Above Self”

Club members met at Terre Haute North High School on April 19 and enjoyed a program given by the Interact Club which Rotary sponsors. Club officers thanked the Rotarians for sponsoring the group of sixty girls “who have worked hard to make an impact on this community and to continue to uphold a reputation of good standing.”

Marsha Hardin, the school faculty advisor welcomed the members and introduced the Interact club president who reported on all of the service projects the girls have performed this year. A power point media presentation highlighted their activities as well. Last fall, the Interact girls hosted a Watermelon Fest for

the fall sports teams and then “got dirty to make our city clean,” when they helped with the Make Terre Haute Beautiful campaign. Additionally, they served as traffic directors and car parkers at the Semi-State Cross Country event. They continued with service by conducting a Halloween party for a pre-school (Continued Page 2)

## 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.

### Upcoming Programs

May 03 St. Mary of the Woods

May 10 Family Day—Bring a family member(s) to Rotary. Speaker—ISU Career Center—Business partnerships.

May 17—1544th Company Paris—Iraq

May 24—Middle East Group Study Exchange

### Upcoming Events/Activities

May 7—Rebuild Terre Haute Work Day 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Lunch provided

June 4—Habitat for Humanity work day. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 7—Rotary fellowship picnic at Deming Park

### Invocations

May 3 Julius Loeser  
May 10 Alice Shagley  
May 17 Chuck Shutt  
May 24 Rick Burger  
May 31 Gary Schomer

### 3 New Members

- Dan Weber—Growers Co-op
- John Wooden—Construction Consultants, Inc
- Dave Myers—Myers Engineering

## Cindy Cox...Enjoys Hiking and Weekends at a Strip Pit

strip pit. She enjoys the weekends there hiking with their dogs.

“The existing cabin on the property started life some 50+ years ago as a trailer when the land was first reclaimed and has grown through its various owners (including Randy and Pat O’Leary) into something quite different!,” said Cindy. She has tried to beautify the property by planting flowers and has discovered

the challenge of trying to grow flowers in “gob”.

Cindy was born Cynthia Zwerner and was raised in Terre Haute. She attended Wiley High School and ISU. She met her husband, Guille when their fathers started practicing law together when she was eight years old. Cindy enjoyed living in Boston when they were first married while

Guille studied law at Harvard Law School. As much as they loved the urban life (*Continued on Page 5*) in the Boston area, they chose to return to Terre Haute when he began his law practice.

Cindy works as Vice President-Treasurer at Hendrich Title Insurance Company. She loves her work and enjoys learning interest-

## Interact Girls Activities Testify They Understand “Service Above Self” (Continued).

class, filled Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy and served dinner at the 14<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut co-op.

Christmas poinsettias were sold to benefit the Hemophilia Society. Other holiday service projects included serving a Christmas Dinner to the needy and assisting with the Mouse House. Gifts of book bags filled with school supplies were given to all of the Nursery School children in the class the girls have “adopted”.

Seniors at Royal Oaks Nursing Home enjoyed the “Senior Prom” the girls held, complete with decorations for all of their doors.

This Spring they sold seat cushions to raise funds to send a girl to Indiana Girl’s State, threw an Easter party at the Nursery School and continued to beautify Terre Haute by planting trees with Trees, Inc.

They were gearing up to help with the

March of Dimes and the Relay for Life events.

Members were very impressed with this report and are proud of these young women!

# Board Meeting Notes

- Dwayne Rockmore and Tom Roberts were approved for membership.
- Dues will go up by \$5 (to \$175) in the 2005 and 2006 year to cover increase in dues from Rotary International and the district.
- Happy Jar generated about \$400 for the drug program. May and June Happy Jar money will go to *Water for People*.
- Attendance was 73.8% in April and 68.5% YTD.
- Letters to the Grant committee for the 2005-2006 year are due June 30, 2005.
- Halle Merrill will be the recipient of the \$1000 Interact scholarship from our club. She will receive the scholarship at her 5/22 graduation.
- \$900 + proceeds from the May/June Happy jar will go to Water for People as our clubs international project.
- Ralph Cutter was approved as attendance exempt.



## What are other Clubs doing?

Among the many ways clubs around the world celebrated our 100th Anniversary on

- Rotarians throughout New Zealand were the first to welcome in the centennial by dedicating 100 centennial service projects, many of them addressing [environmental and conservation issues](#).
- Hundreds of Rotary clubs in South Asia helped provide vision-screening clinics for schoolchildren at risk for cataracts, glaucoma, and other preventable or correctable eye conditions.
- In Nairobi, Kenya, Rotarians hosted national government leaders and members of the diplomatic community at a luncheon roundtable on world peace and understanding, followed by a party for hundreds of disabled children.
- Clubs in Jamaica invited 100 Rotarians from around the world to join them for 100 hours of community service, which included beach cleanups, tree plantings, and care visits to senior citizens.
- Millions of moviegoers in France learned about Rotary when a video about the organization ran as a short feature just before the nationwide debut of a major motion picture.

## May Birthdays

- Bob Coons—25th
- Lea Anne Crooks—18th
- Tom Dever—22nd
- Mike Eldred—3rd
- Louis Harmening—28th
- Russ Howard—26th
- Mark Kester—27th
- Rodger McHargue—22nd
- Santhana Naidu—29th
- Joellen Ornduff—16th
- Sharon Pattison—16th
- Bryan Sponsler—1st
- Brian White—12th
- Jean Williams—11th
- David Wulf—3rd



# 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 Murat Shrine Temple  
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

**Wednesday:**

Rockville 7:15 am Baker's  
 Table  
 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).

## Terre Haute Rotary Centennial Project

Rotary participates in a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational activities to improve human conditions.

Our centennial project helps support this objective. The Wabash Senior Citizen's Center provides fellowship, activities, fitness and wellness opportunities, community involvement and resource of information for adults age 55 and older. Men and women age 50 or older have a wide range of interests and our staying active longer.

Article in this month's Rotarian, page 16, addressing activities and fitness of adults over age 50.

Our club appointed a committee of 8 members to give leadership, planning and guidance to our centennial project. The committee reviewed options and presentations while staying focused on the objectives of Rotary International and our club and our community need. The committee used centennial project guidelines when considering a project.

Our centennial project will benefit the community, specifically adults age 50 and older. It is a resource in our community that will be and is used daily.

The Wabash Senior Citizen's Center. Our club:

- Located a power washer to clean the cement around the building of the mold and mildew.
- Built a handicap ramp to allow easy access to the building
- Replaced sidewalks on the north and east side of the building which were slopping and cracked
- Replaced 5 parking slots for drivers needing Handicap accessible parking
- Painted handrails, parking blocks and striped their entire parking lot
- Landscaped around their building by weeding, planting flowers, shrubs, plants and mulching.



Because of our Club's efforts, we have contributed to an important community asset and served an important population to the Wabash Valley.

## Cindy Cox...Enjoys Hiking and Weekends at a Strip Pit (Continued)

ing historical facts such as that there are deeds for children in the records of Clay County. She explained, "The consideration was often to teach them to write their names, give them a clean set of clothes and a "good feather bed" when they were able to leave the service of the grantee". She assumes this means they were indentured servants.

For the past few years, Cindy has been involved with the Wabash Valley Community Foundation and currently serves as its President. "It is an organization I'm always delighted to talk about!" she says.

Cindy and Guille have three children and hope that one of them will stay in the Hoosier state. Perhaps the daughter majoring in Veterinary medicine at Purdue? One lives in California and works in title insurance, having learned at Hendrich's during vacations from college as a voice major; and the other is in Rochester, Minnesota along with his wife and son.

"We look forward to introducing our new grandson, Aidan, to the joys of the outdoors at our cabin in Clay County this May when all of our family will gather to attend the Indianapolis 500," says Cindy, who also says that "the Memorial Day Holiday is second only to Christmas for the Cox family."

Cindy insists that she is just not a very fascinating person and believes her life has been a very exciting and happy life just because it is so ordinary. In the future she hopes to have more time to play in the dirt at the cabin and enjoy visits from family.