

# Rotary News

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## Repartee with Craig McKee A self interview

**Could you make your answers brief?**

It depends on your questions. Most would consider it a miracle.

**Why are you in Rotary?**

Dad proposed me in 1985 some 20 years after Wayne Schomer proposed him for membership. As Gary Schomer knows, it's a required thing for a son if you live here.

**What was your best Rotary experience?**

Dad's district conference when he was District Governor in 1990-91. I was dating Diann at the time and it was her first exposure to Rotary. Plus, everyone was astonished to see that I could get a date for the dinner.

**How did you meet Diann, by the way?**

Blind date set up by a Ro-

tarian, Denise Bell. Denise even brought Diann to Rotary for an advance look, but she couldn't single me out when Denise said, "It's the guy over there with the thinning hair." Luckily, she agreed to meet me anyway.

**You have a high profile at Rotary, but surely there are some things they don't know about you. What would surprise them?**

I didn't go to the second grade. Dr. Bert Porter (a Rotarian) tested me and said it would be a waste of time and that third grade would suit me best after the first grade. Bert specifically concluded, however, that I was verbal for my age, but not a genius. It's on paper. Later experience would prove Bert to be very perceptive.

**Anything else?**

Most people think I'm a huge sports fan, mostly because of my sportswriting days at the old Terre Haute *Tribune* and at *The Indianapolis Star* while I was in law school. I don't mind watching sports, but I'm not an addict any more. Baseball lost me with the strike in 1994. I boycotted for a year and discovered that I didn't miss it. I still enjoy spectator sports on television and in person, but pro athletes are complete bores for the most part. I know more about what's going on in the New York theatre business than I know about baseball now.

**Theatre? Where did that come from?**

I've seen dozens of shows in New York, London, and Chicago and loved them all. (Con't page 2)

## Rotary International Foundation Paul Harris Fellows

The current theme is *Every Rotarian, Every Year*, a concept that Rotary International hopes will encourage individual Rotarians from all over the world to be donors each year as a way of supporting Rotary's considerable international service

mission. One way to assure a lasting legacy is to become a Paul Harris Fellow. The work of Rotary International is often best reflected through its community and international avenues of service—routes that require the financial support of the

Rotary International Foundation. The Foundation raised approximately \$70 million from Rotarians last year and is working toward a similar target this year. In recognition of individual donors of at least \$1,000, Rotary recognizes the donor

## TAKE NOTE:

### November 22 Rotary meets at Rose-Hulman for Annual Service Club Luncheon.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing will take place on December 3rd.



**58th Annual Rotary Goodwill Project Collection Results:**  
**1230 Bags of Clothing compared with 843 last year**  
**400 Misc. Items this year, 201 last.**  
**18 Pieces of Furniture, up 2 pieces from last year.**  
 28 Rotarians participated.

Happy Jar collections designated for Hurricane relief is \$248

25 Rotarians participated in Keep Terre Haute Beautiful

## McKee, con't.

The performers give all they have. The talent is phenomenal. The proximity and electricity of the theatre experience trumps almost all sports experiences, and I've attended six World Series games, All-Star games (NBA and MLB), two NCAA basketball finals, and many, many professional and college games.

**Almost all?**

Well, there was that Larry Bird year.

**What else do you consider a hobby?**

You mean other than eating? Reading, travel, and volunteer work.

**Most recent books you read?**

*Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell, *1776* by David McCullough, *Bernie Goldberg's 100 People Screwing Up America*, and currently *The City of*

*Falling Angels* by John Berendt.

**And travel?** We were in Italy for 10 days in September. Splendid trip. Beautiful, interesting sites. Good wine and food.

**We're deep into this and you haven't mentioned Washington National Cathedral once.** I hoped you would ask. Serving the Cathedral as the president of the National Cathedral Association is one of the great honors of my life.

**What are your responsibilities there?**

The NCA has 14,000 members—and so the first job in my three-year term is not to lose members. We will be assisting with a major fund raising campaign and participating in the Cathedral's centennial in 2007. The NCA president has the only "automatic" seat on the Cathedral Chapter, the board that governs the Cathedral and oversees its \$20 million annual budget. I don't often impress Diann, but when she saw that I had my own permanent seat in the Cathedral's Great Choir as

a Chapter member with a name plate screwed into the pew, she decided I had amounted to something for once.

**And your greatest experiences there?**

President Reagan's funeral—simply an unforgettable experience, even if that sounds a bit odd speaking of a funeral. The installation of Dean Sam Lloyd earlier this year was also quite moving, especially because I was on the search committee.

**Does Rotary fit into all of that, too?**

You bet. The warden of the Cathedral College is a Rotarian and we talked the other day about how Rotary changed the world with a big idea—eradicating polio. Lots of organizations talk a big game but they get lost in the talk. Rotarians took on a big idea and delivered, a model that should inspire governments, churches, and volunteer organizations everywhere.

## Paul Harris, Con't

as a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor named for the founder of Rotary. The Terre Haute club has long been prominent in the Paul Harris Fellow program. To maximize participation, the club established a series of 10-for-1 clubs in which 10 members would make an annual gift of \$100 and then elect one of their members for PHF recognition

annually. Four such clubs currently operate in the Terre Haute club. RI's Foundation also established additional recognition for second- and third-tier Paul Harris recipients who contribute additional funds to the Foundation. Our own **Ed Niemeyer** and **Dale McKee** are among the multi-tiered donors, for example. RI's Foundation has been a key fund raiser in the global effort to eradicate polio. Its

stated mission is "to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. If you are interested in becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, contact Craig McKee (232.4311 or [cmmckee@wilkinsonlaw.com](mailto:cmmckee@wilkinsonlaw.com)).

# Board Meeting Notes

Attendance for the month of October was 72.1%. Year to Date is 69.8%

Charlie Williams reported our new member totals was a net 6% year to date. This was the best in our District.

Treasurer’s Report  
Sale of logo tee shirts resulted in a profit of \$335.46 which is to be donated to the Foundation.

Paul Stanley reported on Community Service projects. He is looking for projects for this year. One suggestion he received was to follow up with the Senior Center, maybe a Spring cleanup. Another was that the club do a fundraiser for an organization like Habitat for Humanity. No decisions have been made.

International Service: A motion was approved to contribute \$2,000 towards the expense of a water project in Choritotora, Boliva. We are working with the Rotary Club of La Paz in this project. David Mitchell will apply to RI for a grant to cover additional expense.

Headlined links on the Rotary International Foundation website tell the story:

South Asia optimistic about ending polio as tens of millions immunized

Rotarians help immunize 24 million Indonesian children

Major immunization campaign in Africa will target 34 million

British, Irish Rotary clubs deliver emergency kits to Pakistan

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Libby Cieciora	1
George Gardner	2
Ray Brauer	4
James Sinclair	5
Gary Schomer	10
Arnold Kunkler	11
Charlie Williams	12
Brian Miller	17
David Hannum	22
Chris Koszewski	23
Dan Gmelich	27
Adrian Tudorica	30



# Terre Haute Club Committees

**Club Service.....Joyce Keenan**  
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer, Joyce Keenan  
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart  
 Program..... Bill Tromble, Todd Sullivan  
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker  
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis  
 Invocations.....Bart Colwell  
 Membership.....Charlie Williams  
 Classifications..... Tom Dever, Mike Hoper  
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks, Allen Varner  
**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  
 Paul Harris Awards.....Stephanie Welsh  
 Community Grants.....David Bolk  
**International Service.....Dave Mitchell**  
**Vocational Service.....Brian Miller**

## 2005-2006 Officers and Board Members

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

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

**2005-2007**  
 Mike Collins  
 Bart Colwell  
 Kim Ingalsbe  
 Chuck Shutt  
 Sally Stewart  
 Charlie Williams

**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 General Hospital

**Tuesday:**

Marshall 6:45 am Family  
 Restaurant

Casey Noon Richards Farm  
 Indianapolis Noon  
 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:**

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