



Rotaract Rant

The bi-weekly newsletter of the Rotaract Club of Fort Wayne

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King of Pop Returns for One Night Only

President Jeremy Redding brought some levity to the July 16 Rotaract meeting. Through his creative efforts, Jeremy brought the spirit of pop icon Michael Jackson back for a few minutes.

The meeting started as usual with Secretary Brad Buck responsible for this week's sergeants program. All seemed normal until his phone rang mid-sentence. It was Michael Jackson calling from the grave! Apparently he had some "unfinished business" to take care of. Soon the one and only MJ appeared at the door, in classic 1980's attire, in a cloud of smoke. It wasn't long before the 80s hit "Beat It" blasted out of a speaker. All eyes were on the King of Pop as he busted a move in the conference room.

Jeremy has certainly set the bar high for sergeant programs to come. Hopefully there will be more over-the-top programs to follow!



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To catch the whole Sergeant's Program visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQLuDI8-SJI>
Or search "Fort Wayne Rotaract" at YouTube.com





Rotary International Theme 2009-2010



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
better **FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

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Rotaractors Learn About Local Nonprofit



Like Rotary, one aspect of Rotaract is learning about other organizations in the community. At the July 16 meeting, Fort Wayne Rotaractors had the opportunity to learn about a local nonprofit: Crossroad. CEO Randall J. Rider and Debbie Branfield educated the club about Crossroad's programs and services. The children's home on a 150-acre property in Fort Wayne serves emotionally troubled youth with the mission of creating a promising future for them. Debbie invited Rotaractors to an open house on September 10, 2009, which will be an opportunity to learn more about the nonprofit. All community members are invited. (See Jeremy for more information.) Debbie noted volunteers are always welcome and needed.

Rotaract is considering Crossroad for a future service project, so it was a great way for members to learn more about the organization. For more information about this organization visit: www.crossroad-fwch.org or call 260-496-5985

There's a New Club In Town!

It's official! After holding several informational meetings, chartering the club, holding an induction ceremony, establishing officers and committees, and beginning our project planning...our club is finally official. Lisa Waterman announced that all the necessary documentation has taken place. Congratulations! Thanks to all officers and charter members who have been around since the beginning.





2009-2010 Community Service Project Has Been Chosen!



The club membership has chosen to hold a "Christmas Crusade" drive to collect toys, food, clothes, and toiletries for families with children that are in need. We will be collecting donations and money that will go toward opening our own "store" for these needy families to come shopping for their Christmas needs. Details to follow...

Other Projects "In the Hopper"

While the club's number one project choice was to hold a Christmas Crusade, there were many other great project ideas that were proposed! Most of the additional project ideas are "one-day" events that only require a few hours of volunteer time to complete. These include:

- *Crossroads Bowl-a-thon*
- *Used cell phone collection drive*
- *Community Harvest Food Bank volunteering*
- *Junior Achievement adopt-a-class*

As voted on by the Rotaract Board, our club will attempt to complete some of these smaller projects in conjunction with our larger Christmas Crusade. Given that we are "rotary in action," we feel that we can easily complete all of these within the Rotary year from July 2009- July 2010.

Club Secures Meeting Place...for now

We have secured the Holiday Inn at the Coliseum for a few more free meeting times. The General Manager of the hotel is going to be monitoring our sales and see if they off-set the cost of their labor and other expenses for our use of the room.

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However; the Holiday Inn only extended this offer if we use primarily the board room. We have already begun to outgrow this room, and if we have to move consistently into a section of the Ball room, the hotel will have to charge us for table set-up, the podium, microphone, etc. which we will need for our speakers and programs. Unfortunately we can not afford these charges. So, we have called around to a few different places, and decided to try out the Fort Wayne Inn and Conference Center Downtown. It is a centrally located building downtown, and parking is free! Plus...it's right off Lafayette...so there's easy access back to the northern side of the city!

This is where our sponsoring Rotary Club meets. The hotel has offered us a room for \$25.00 which includes table-set up, A/V, water service, and because we are at our Sponsoring Club's meeting place, we will have use of their microphone, podium, flags, and banners. And we will also have a place to permanently store our supplies. This is the best deal we have been offered to this date, and at this hotel, we don't have to feel as obligated to purchase food and drink. But don't panic! There is a restaurant and lounge here as well...and we're pretty sure that the food and drinks are cheaper too!

As our membership grows, we will need a larger meeting facility, so this new meeting place should work out perfectly! We'll give it a try soon and see how everyone likes it, and if it works logistically!

Dues & Donations

The club has recently completed all the necessary steps to become established as a formal Non-for-Profit organization. (Thanks to Matt Harber on the Finance committee) We now have our own Tax ID number and Bank Account. Treasurer Brian Prather has begun collecting dues from club members, so if you have not paid your dues yet, please be prepared to do so in the very near future!

All checks can be made payable to:

The Rotaract Club of Fort Wayne

Charter Members: \$50/year (\$25 bi-annually if needed)

New Members: \$50/year (\$25 bi-annually if needed)

+ \$25 Initial Induction Fees

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Last Meeting Summary: July 16, 2009

Greeting/ Networking	5:45-6:15 Food, Drinks, Conversation
Invocation	Annie Kolb
Sergeant	Bradley Buck w/ Jeremy Redding
Dollar Digs	Bradley Buck
Program	Crossroads CEO presentation about organizational goals and their involvement in the community. INTRODUCTION BY: JONATHAN KRATZER
Rant Writers / Editors	Lauren Caggiano, Jeremy Redding
Photo/Video	Tara Traylor & Tiffany Miller

Next Meeting: August 5, 2009 HOLIDAY INN COLISEUM 5:45-7:15pm

Greeting/ Networking	5:45-6:15 Food, Drinks, Conversation
Invocation	TBA
Sergeant	TBA
Dollar Digs	TBA
Program	Community Harvest Food Bank INTRODUCTION BY: MISSY EPPLEY
Rant Writers / Editors	Brad Buck, Jeremy Redding *Need other writers*
Photo/Video	Tara Traylor All others!: feel free to bring camera

Upcoming Programs

August 20	TBA
September 2	TBA
September 17	TBA

Monthly Membership Box Score

Beginning Total	15
New Members	1
Resignations	0
Current Total	16
Potential & Upcoming Candidates	Liz Neville Gabe Bowser Amanda Anglin Stephen Whitaker

