



Concord Rotary Club

Elkhart County, Indiana U.S.A.

Concord Clarion

Weekly Newsletter

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Future Programs

02/01/12 Angie Fisher
02/08/12 Andrew Hicks
02/15/12 Anthony Hurley
02/22/12 Nancy Keller
02/29/12 Dick Kemper

Future Club Service Assignments

February Front Desk: Jeff Troxle
February Greeter: David Nicoson
February Sergeant: Tim Ritchie

A Day in History

Our next Meeting February 8th

1861 Confederate States of America organizes in Montgomery AL
1910 Boy Scouts of America incorporated & chartered (William D Boyce-Chicago)
1926 Walt Disney Studios is formed

Upcoming Events

March 22nd-Bristol Opera House- *"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"*
May 19th, 2012-Bulgarian Group Study Exchange
February Birthdays: Brian Clark 7th, and Steve Van Scoik 14th
Bulgarian Group Study Exchange on May 19th, 2012.

Our Guests Today

Today our Guests were Rob Staley of The Crossing, Corey Martin of the Elkhart Club and Kyle Myrick also of the Crossing. Our exchange student from Brazil Ana Ramos

Today's Meeting Announcements

We are now meeting at Andy's Catering and Meeting Room located at the Concord Mall! We are excited by our new meeting room as it may lead to a larger club. We were also delighted by the quality of the lunch food that was catered for our meeting.

We have scheduled Ganesh De Silva to speak on the meeting of the 29th. Ganesh is going to give us an update on the 2004 Earthquake and Tsunami that hit 14 countries including Sri Lanka, Ganesh's home country. At that time the Rotary Club of Concord made a donation to purchase a brick making machine that was delivered to Sri Lanka to help rebuild areas damaged by the Tsunami.

Today's Program

Rob Staley gave us an update on the growth of the school "The Crossing" and the needs that this school is meeting. Rob stated that Elkhart County suffers from being the number one provider of school age children to prison in the state of Indiana. The reason Rob gave for that statistic is that many families have no father influence and that the lack of God in people's lives add to the statistic. The third reason that causes this issue is the poverty that has come to our region. Many children live in many different homes throughout the month and are essentially "homeless". The Crossing currently serves 450 schools in 13 locations located throughout the Midwest. Of the 1.3 million dropout high school students in the USA, 23600 come from the state of Indiana each year. Rob thanked the Concord Rotary for the financial support it gave when his school was first formed. At that time the organization had a rough time making payroll. The Crossing takes children that are having academic, behavioral or attendance challenges and gives them an alternate school experience. The Crossing has high academic standards and most of the students get high SAT scores after attending the Crossing. The Crossing also promotes military as an option once they graduate from school. The Crossing feels that the service to their country builds character and discipline that they can get from nowhere else.

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