

**ROTARY NEWSLETTER
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY-TRAILBLAZER ROOM**

January 29, 2008

Presiding: Chooch Salmond
Invocation: Scott Herzeg
Four-Way Test: David Gardner
Music: John Mineo led us in "R-O-T-A-R-Y"
Website: www.vincennesrotary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Rotarian, **Kari Moye**, was introduced and received her pin and packet. **Matt Hensley** was Kari's sponsor. Kari is the Director of Vincennes Goodwill Industries. Welcome, Kari!

Mary Gladys Wheeler announced that the Rotary Valentines Party is February 12th. A sign-up sheet is being distributed.

Emily Heineke announced the 2008 Literacy Quiz Bowl Team: **Kathy Rinsch, Scott Herzeg, Ed Cummings** and herself. The Literacy Quiz Bowl is February 23rd.

The Vincennes Rotary Club will be hosting the 2008 Rotary District Speech Contest on April 12th at Carolina Cherry's.

Special thanks to **Laura Carie** and all her Committee's for a successful Rotary Gala.

GUESTS

City Attorney, Dave Miller was guest of **Al Baldwin**
LHS Student guests were: Amy Allen and Krystal Shnoes

50/50 DRAWING/FINES/HAPPY BUCKS

Over \$350 in the pot and **Roger Tomes** did not draw the Joker.
Kelly Jones was the winner of Mardi Gras tickets donated by Carol Phillips.
Happy Bucks: **Roger Tomes** for the new Duke Energy plant: **Laura Carie** for the success of the Rotary Gala and a reminder to all that the Club will need two people to chair the event next year.

PROGRAM

Karen Trotter introduced Rotarian and mayor, Al Baldwin. Mayor Baldwin gave us a recap of his first thirty days in office saying that it has been a exciting and endearing time for him and he has enjoyed each day on the job.

Mayor Baldwin addressed some specific issues:

- 1) Development of a plan for a 6th Street train overpass. Application was made and accepted by INDOT for the study of the overpass. The city will find out in the next 2 to 3 weeks if the \$3 million grant is approved.
- 2) Development of a strategic marketing council utilizing various community leaders to promote Vincennes. After much deliberation he feels that the plan developed by the League of Women Voters is the correct process for the development of this plan.
- 3) Mayor's Action Center. Call 882-HELP if you have any concerns regarding the city. To date 23 calls have been placed. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. the call will be answered by someone in the office.
- 4) Pet Port. New director, Terri Barmes, is working hard to change the port around and has done so with several volunteers and hard work.
- 5) Cleaning up the city. Mayor Baldwin is working with Bryce Anderson to address this issue.
- 6) Awareness of government spending. More awareness and accessibility to the citizens of Vincennes regarding budgetary items. Citizens are welcome to review claims, etc, etc....

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS- Chair, Kirk Bouchie

February 5 Steve Rode and Harry Patel will be speaking on the progress of their new Holiday Inn Express on north 6th St.

February 19 Dr Alan Stewart and Melissa Turner will be speaking on the plans to build a new middle school.

February 26 Robert Tinch, Manager of the Vincennes Kohls will be speaking on their company and the recent store opening on Bierhaus Blvd.