

Vincennes Rotary Club

Carolina Cherry – July 15, 2008

Today's

Lunch: The Italian Farmer special...[pasta with corn]

Call to

Order: President **Laura**.

Prayer:

Rotarian **Ron** Four Way Test: Rotarian **David**

Singing:

T'was Rotarian **Mark** leading us in that Quaker/American standard...
My County t'is of Thee.

Guests:

none, ...on this beautiful summer day...such a pity.

Guess who?

Rotarian **Karen** gleaned personal data from each Rotarian and will share two gems each week for the club to guess our alter egos. Today, we had a roadie who first learned to blow stage smoke at a Kansas concert! This dust in the wind dude was Rotarian **Roger**. Also, Rotarian **Kelly** confessed to having both, well... changes in latitude and changes in attitude ...as a devote fan of Jimmy Buffet. Wasted away **Kelly** ...who knew?

Happy

Bucks:

Rotarian **John** was happy that his daughter finally got married.... with some divine intervention with the weather.

Rotarian **Wayne** bragged, or complained, that his daughter finally moved away.

Rotarian **Chris** was glad to get rid of his old freezer! [apparently **Chris** does not have a daughter.]

Winner
to loser?

Rotarian **Kathy** was the drawing winner, but she quickly delighted the club in losing half the \$367 jackpot! Easy come, easy go.

Fines?

Assn't Sgt. of Arms Rotarian **Emily** pardoned everyone for the second straight week. **Emily** was also kind enough to mention the Knox Literacy Program's mid-year trivia contest on July 26. This is an event designed to balance their stuffy annual Quiz Bowl...but, with easier questions, more frolic, and much wine. [Could the Vincennes Rotary Club have finally found our true calling?]

Program:

fires
just,

Rotarian /PDG **Jim** introduced Fire Chief **Mike Lankford**, with the fire department's new bicycle... perhaps for very slow burning close to the station? Mike went on to explain that fire fighters don't well...fight fires, anymore. He explained they also fight crowds to get to injured people, and that's when a bicycle comes in handy.

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Mike went on to say that his fire department makes between 2,000 and 2,500 medical runs each year, as apposed to between 400 and 600 runs. Future DG/Rotarian **Steve** suggested that a bicycle built for could also double as an ambulance! The Vincennes Fire Department began in 1870, but eventually adapted to modern times and purchased two bicycles, with full medical gear, on credit. The fire department will accept donations for these bicycles. One has already been dedicated to Brittany Smith, Miss VU, for the work the department did in caring for her grandmother. The total cost of both fully equipped bicycles was approximately \$9,000, according to Mike. He spoke of changes the fire department is going to have to make to adjust to Indiana H.B.10.01 and remain competitive at a high response level. Some concern was expressed that this new venture will threaten the local for-profit ambulance services. Chief Mike said that was not their intent, but the fire department needs to be a player in the local *bill-for-service* market. The times...they are a' changing. Mike challenged the Vincennes Rotary Club to exceed the donation of the other local k-club, and then said it would take \$1,200 to do that! Chief Mike then implied, however, this particular k-club to be very young and inexperienced.

Adjourn/

Pledge to

The Flag: President Laura.

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Meeting: Tuesday, July 22, 2008, noon at Carolina Cherry in Vincennes, Indiana.