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ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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Program Summary - Mar. 19, 2025

John Mather

**Executive Director, Programs & Reentry
Indiana Department of Corrections**



Last week, Rotarian Donnie Emerson invited his colleague John Mather to speak to our club about the Indiana Department of Corrections' (IDOC) programs regarding preparing inmates for release from prison. John directs IDOC's re-entry programs. He shared that approximately 10,000 convicts are released from Indiana prisons each year. About 33% of those released go back to prison in the future. The IDOC maintains a Case Management program for each inmate. These programs assist incarcerated individuals in making life/behavior changes during their time in prison and facilitate their preparation for re-entry into the community by utilizing partnerships and commu-

nity resources. Case Management uses evidence-based principles combining assessments with a multi-disciplinary approach to reduce criminal thinking and behavior. Programs are tailored to the specific situations and needs of each inmate. They look at the individual's unique needs, risks of re-offense, how responsive they might be to various programs, and what intervention techniques have proven themselves to work with what type of person.

Statistics tell us that in Indiana, an incarcerated person who has not completed a GED is 2.8 times more likely to become a recidivist offender than one who has a high school credential. More specifically, the levels of recidivism increase as the level of education of the offender decreases: 56% of Below High School education offenders return to prison; 46% of High School educated offenders return; 31% of College educated offenders return. Further, the fact of having a job waiting for the released inmate is another major contributor to the likelihood of recidivism. An unemployed released inmate is 1.5 times more likely to return to prison than one who has found employment. At its core, post-release employment is a major predictor of recidivism, regardless of the nature of the individual's offense (i.e., violent, non-violent, drug, or sex offenses).

To effectively address the issue of reducing recidivism through employment post-incarceration, Indiana has a number of programs that provide training to inmates while in prison - making them better qualified for employment upon their release. Most of the jobs available to released inmates are in the fields of Construction, Warehousing, Manufacturing, and Restaurants. IDOC offers vocational certifications in fields related to these industries, such as Culinary Arts, Welding, Building Trades, Logistics, Recreational Vehicle Maintenance, Horticulture, Barber/Cosmetology, and Business Technology. In addition, some inmates are able to further enhance their employability by obtaining advanced certifications outside of the corrections facilities in the areas of Welding, CNC Mill or CNC Lathe Operations, and Certified Production Technician. IDOC has a Division called HIRE (Hoosier Initiative for Re-Entry) that works with employers to place released inmates into full-time, benefitted employment. HIRE has its own "Traffic Light" referral system that evaluates each inmate with a Green, Yellow, or Red light before being submitted to a prospective employer. To date, HIRE has more than 20,000 placements. In short, helping the inmate get a good job upon release greatly increases the likelihood that they will not visit an IDOC facility in the future...

Charlie's \$2 Worth

QUOTES ABOUT OVERCOMING...

"One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity." - Albert Schweitzer

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - Thomas A. Edison

"To succeed, we must first believe that we can." - Michael Korda

*"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."
- Eleanor Roosevelt*

*"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."
- Bo Jackson*

*"Regardless of who you are or what you have been, you can be what you want to be."
- W. Clement Stone*

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."
- St. Francis of Assisi*

*"Change your thoughts and you change your world."
- Norman Vincent Peale*

*"Every moment is a fresh beginning."
- T.S. Eliot*

*"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."
- Ronald Reagan*

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Mar 26 - Dennis Reagle - Lindsey Ellison & Mark Eaker, Indiana Correctional Industries re: building job skills for reentry**
- Apr 2 - Max Hank - presentation on multiple Indy 500 winners**
- Apr 9 - Board meeting - all Club members welcome**
- Apr 16 - Scott Olinger - (meeting @ Imagination Lab)**
- Apr 23 - Daniel Kinnamon - Rob Pritchard, Redemption Ranch K9 Rescue**
- Apr 30 - Susan Ament**
- May 7 - John Baer**
- May 14 - Joe Bennett**
- May 21 - Board planning meeting - incoming Board only**

Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

February 01, 2025 through February 28, 2025

Member Name	Feb 5 2025	Feb 12 2025	Feb 19 2025	Feb 26 2025	%
Ament, Susan Beth	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Baer, Janet S		Y	Y	Y	75
Baer, John M	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Bell, Danielle Renee		Y	Y		50
Bennett, Joseph D	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Biehn, John-Paul E					0
Burks, Diane Arnold				Y	25
Carter, Royce	Y			Y	50
Culp, Brian N	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
DuBois, Brad					0
Emerson, Donnie					0
Graham, John		Y	Y		50
Hank, Max C	Y	Y	M		75
Kinnamon, Daniel L				Y	25
Klinger, Andrew					0
Olinger, Scott	Y		Y	Y	75
Pies, Daniel Adam					0
Poray, Reann	Y		Y		50
Rash, Ryan Allen			Y		25
Reagle, Dennis J. Jr.					0
Sichting, Sherry D	M	Y	Y	Y	100
Turner, Dean F Jr.					0
Wielenberg, Margaret	Y		Y	Y	75

HAPPY FAMOUS HOOSIER BIRTHDAYS!

MARCH

Strother Martin - Mar 26, 1919

Wes Montgomery - Mar 6, 1923

Frank Borman - Mar 14, 1928

Steve McQueen - Mar 24, 1930

Howard Schnellenberger - Mar 16, 1934

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Mar 12-18 - Royce Carter
 Mar 19-25 - Joe Bennett
 Mar 26-Apr 1 - Max Hank
 Apr 2-8 - Brian Culp
 Apr 9-15 - Diane Burks
 Apr 16-22 - Susan Ament
 Apr 23-29 - Brian Culp
 Apr 30-May 6 - Joe Bennett
 May 7-13 - TBD
 Please check supply, refill as needed.
 Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
 Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



UPCOMING

SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Nov 6	Joe Bennett	Jun 18	Daniel Pies
Nov 20	John Baer	Jun 25	John-Paul Biehn
Dec 4	Jan Baer	Jul 2	Rocky Turner
Dec 18	John-Paul Biehn	Jul 16	Jan Baer
Jan 15	Andrew Klinger	Jul 23	Andrew Klinger
Jan 22	Royce Carter	Jul 30	Royce Carter
Jan 29	Danielle Bell	Aug 6	Danielle Bell
Feb 5	Diane Burks	Aug 20	Dennis Reagle
Feb 19	Ryan Rash	Aug 27	Ryan Rash
Feb 26	Brad DuBois	Sep 3	Brad DuBois
Mar 5	Sherry Sichting	Sep 17	Sherry Sichting
Mar 19	Donnie Emerson	Sep 24	Donnie Emerson
Mar 26	Dennis Reagle	Oct 1	Diane Burks
Apr 2	Max Hank	Oct 15	Max Hank
Apr 16	Scott Olinger	Oct 22	Scott Olinger
Apr 23	Daniel Kinnamon	Oct 29	Daniel Kinnamon
Apr 30	Susan Ament	Nov 5	Brian Culp
May 7	John Baer	Nov 19	Reann Poray
May 14	Joe Bennett	Dec 3	Joe Bennett
May 28	John Graham	Dec 17	John Graham
Jun 4	Reann Poray	Jan 7	John Baer

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?
- (5. IS IT FUN?)

Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising :

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sichting

Membership: Brian Culp

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Brian Culp

PR & Website: John Baer

Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Royce Carter

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Susan Ament

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sichting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks