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**Rotary Edges Kiwanis for Painting Honors**

The decision of the judges is final! The Wabash Rotary Club outpainted the Wabash Kiwanis Club when they faced off recently to apply much needed coats of paint to two downtown Wabash buildings.

Dave Monroe of Dave's Painting, Holly Stein of Wayne's Coatings, and Sam Frazier of Ream Steckbeck judged the efforts of the two Clubs, and while finding that both did admirable jobs, handed the trophy to Rotary based on overall appearance of the storefront at 75 W. Market Street. That building is the former home of J & K Aquariums and Pets. Currently in the storefront windows are the 1994 Norman Mintz drawings of various downtown buildings, being displayed as part of Wabash Marketplace's Window Walk Program.

Kiwanis painted the two storefronts on either side of the Eagles Theater marquee and undoubtedly lost points when they failed to paint the two entrance doors the same color. "How we did that, we will never understand," said Bruce Ingraham and Lisa Traver, both members of the losing Kiwanis team. "Keeping two colors straight is hard. They were really pretty similar," claimed Ingraham, in defense.

Wabash Marketplace and Indiana Historic Landmarks, the occupants of the offices painted by the Kiwanians, are not at all bothered by the fact that the doors don't match. "The Kiwanians did a great job, said J.P. Hall, Marketplace's new executive director. "The improvements they made are wonderful," agreed Cathy Wright, local director of Historic Landmarks.

“Wabash Marketplace is most grateful to these two outstanding service clubs and very much appreciates their support of downtown Wabash,” said Marc Shelley, a member of Marketplace’s board of directors.

Wabash Marketplace is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to fostering community and economic development in downtown Wabash. Anyone wishing to inquire about funding programs, about becoming a member, and/or about making a donation to support the work of Marketplace, should call 563-0975.