The club was most fortunate today to have a distinguished member of the Associated Press as our speaker. Bob Daugherty began his full-time newspaper career at age 16 with the Marion, Indiana Chronicle-Tribune. He retired from the Associated Press in 2007 after 43 years with the AP and 50 years all together. His education did not go beyond high school but he is another example of how to succeed with subject passion alone; his passion is for photography.

He had a distinguished career with the Associated Press which began when he was offered a job while working at the Indianapolis Star. This position with the AP took him to Boston, but he was only there for about nine months before moving to Washington, DC where he was a staff photographer until 1979. He was then promoted to chief photographer holding that position until 1991. He assumed the position of Assistant Chief of Bureau/Photos until 1997 when he then became the first director of the newly formed AP State Photo Center. He retired in 2007 and lives in Noblesville on Morse Lake.

Here is a rundown of some of his assignments:

- Accompanied Richard Nixon on his historic visit to China
- Covered Watergate hearings and the resignation of President Nixon
- Covered 37 Kentucky Derby horse races
- Covered 22 political conventions
- 23 Masters golf classics
- Photographer of 9 presidents before, during or after their terms in office: Ike, Truman, JFK, LBJ, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Regan and George H.W. Bush
- He has covered several summer Olympics since 1976 including the 2008 Beijing Olympics
- Countless Gemini, Apollo and space shuttle launches along with many astronaut recoveries at sea.
- Three months in Saudi Arabia covering Desert Storm
- Several baseball World Series
- Several Super Bowls

This is a man who has seen the world and lived to tell about it!

Here are some of his awards:

- Oliver Gramling Achievement Award (top AP employee award) along with a check for $10,000 – 1999
- White House News Photographers Lifetime Achievement Award, 2009
- Named to the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame, 2015

Here are a few of his works:
The Beetles Come to the Coliseum

Tragedy at the Track

LBJ Writing His “No Second Term” Speech
KY Derby

Nixon Meets Premier Zhou Enlai in China