



ATTICA- WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



Service Above Self

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Recent Programs Enhance Our Knowledge and Capacity for Growth and Understanding

It was a great pleasure to learn more about the Attica Parks program from Rick Turpin. His presentation was interesting and entertaining. The pictures strengthened appreciation for the beauty of the parks. Thanks to Ranger Bob Shepherd for the pictures and volunteer work he has done. Basically all the work has been volunteer with the City contributing resources as they are able. Guests on the 14th included Rick, Judy and Peter Harris, and Melinda Shepherd.

Peter Harris provided an excellent discussion of the various roles filled by the diplomat corps of which he is a member. The ambassador is officially appointed by the government and is the personal representative of the State or the Head of State such as the Queen. One of the common perceptions is that the ambassador and corps engage in networking at entertainment events, national holidays, or when heads of state visit. They serve a representational role and give speeches and talks promoting their country's interests and culture. Another role is a chancery one in which they provide redress for citizens and serve a political role by promoting their home foreign policy position. They report on what is going on in the country they are visiting. They serve a public affairs role speaking to groups including student groups and a

commercial role by promoting trade, doing market sector analysis, and participating in trade fairs. They are a point of contact for their armed forces. Of course, they perform a consular role by assisting with passports, visas and immigration policy. One of the areas of extreme need is during a major catastrophe in which they assist their countrymen. One of the hardest duties for him has been to notify the next of kin of the death of a loved one who had traveled abroad.

It has certainly been a treat to visit with Peter and Judy. The club presented them with a Attica-Williamsport Rotary sun catcher designed by Randy at the Treasure Chest. They are available for sale and are attractive.

Briefs

- * Mark Mason's father passed away Sunday evening. Visitation is Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Stout and Son Funeral Home in Russiaville.
- * Program for Feb. 11 will be given by Melinda Etchinson on their Bed and Breakfast, The Perrin House.
- * Tom Gilmore is doing much better, able to be out and about on his own.
- * Foundation giving this year from our club totals \$1655 from 6 members, making an average of \$275.83 per member giving and an average of \$55 per member

67th Anniversary — A Meaningful Celebration

A special Thank you to the committee who planned the 67th Anniversary meeting is certainly in order. The committee was composed of Martha and Bob Geyer, Judy Hollander, Steve Poston, and Suzann Shackleton. The food was good. The decorations were stunning, thanks to Dennis Kovar. We welcomed Priscilla Davis as a new member. Byron Jensen gave an informative presentation on the Ambassadorial Scholarship and in particular the Todd Scholarship. Steve Poston had a fantastic display of memorabilia particularly from his grandfather's extensive collection. Steve is going to be compiling all the items and serve as a historian. He intends to be in the community for a long time. Carolyn Paulson was recognized for her recent gifts to the Rotary Foundation. It was a pleasurable afternoon capped by a surprise birthday party for Dave Hollander — Thanks, Judy.

IOPO Announces a Record

A record number of organs were transplanted in Indiana in 2003, 504 given by 156 donors. Both figures are records for Indiana according to IOPO. Associated Press, January 21, 2004

Program Responsibilities

- February 11 — Carolyn Paulson
- February 18 — Doug Cripe
- February 25 — Karen Milligan
- March 3 — Mark Mason
- March 10 — Bill Craft
- March 17 — Martha Geyer

Special points of interest:

February 4 meeting will be at Robie's. The meetings will return to the Harrison Hills Country Club

Our Centennial Project is to work with others for the sustainability of

Directors meet the first Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Sixty-three percent of A-W members are Paul Harris Fellows,

Current Officers

- President **Judy Bush**
- Secretary **Bob Shepherd**
- Treas. **Suzann Shackleton**
- Directors**
- Mark Mason**, Past Pres.
- Judy Hollander**
- Kathy Turpin**
- Sandy White**

The Four Way Test defines our behavior: Of the things we think, say or do

- * *Is it the truth?*
- * *Is it fair to all concerned?*
- * *Will it build good will and better friendships?*
- * *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*