



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter

Newsletter Will be Changing

Our District Governor has asked that we do a weekly bulletin instead of a monthly newsletter. It is a great idea to communicate more frequently for several reasons. And I am pleased to do so.

The weekly format will encourage me to be more concise. I hope to use it as a way to improve communication.

Be looking for information about upcoming events, program ideas, and only brief summaries of past events.

The weekly format will force me to be sure and get the news out on a frequent basis. I have felt terrible about not getting a newsletter printer for the last several months. My regret is even greater because the

Rotary events have certainly been special. Our 66th Anniversary Dinner was truly special. Herb Pigman was recognized with the awarding of a Sagamore of the Wabash. We received a Governor's Citation for the second consecutive year. Carolyn Paulson, Bob Shepherd, Suzann Shackleton and I received our Paul Harris pins. We had many special guests. It was a great time to celebrate our history and look forward to the future.

The Reality Fair was held in April. I do believe that this was the best one yet. Everything went very smoothly, thanks especially to Cindy Mason for all of her great organizational skill. I hope you all got to participate because it may be the highlight of the year.

We had our change over

meeting last week, June 25. Mark Mason expressed his appreciation to several active Rotarians. He particularly noted Bob Shepherd and Suzann Shackleton for their work in getting the Todd agreement finalized. In just the very brief time that I have been aware of Bob and Suzann's responsibilities, I am very impressed. Bob makes frequent reports to Rotary International and keeps all of our records updated. Suzann has been phenomenal in providing outstanding programs. Also, she has done a stellar job in promoting Rotary and recruiting new members to join our fellowship.

Mark has provided us with steady leadership. I am pleased that he will continue to serve as a director and continue to lead and provide loyal, faithful service to our club. *Judy Bush*

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LEND A HAND

The Rotary theme for the new year is "Lend a Hand" Our new Rotary International President is Jonathan B. Majiyagbe from Nigeria. I believe he is the first president from Africa. It is certainly fitting that his theme should be to "Lend a Hand", particularly when he has seen so much poverty and want in his homeland and continent. It is a mission he cares deeply about. One of the main themes RI will stress is to fight poverty. We in Attica-



Lend a Hand

Williamsport are uniquely posed to support such an emphasis with our long history of support for ASK. He is asking that we form a family of Rotary and invite family members and others to Rotary events. We are asked to Lend a Hand in our club, to Lend a Hand in our vocations, to Lend a Hand in our community, and to Lend a Hand in the world. Read the latest *Rotarian* for news about our new president. [At press time his wife died very unexpectedly. He states in the Rotary Web page his great appreciate for the outpouring of sympathy and concern. He is even more committed to carry out the missions of Rotary.]

Special points of interest:

- **District Governor to visit July 30**
- *Rotary meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at Harrison Hills*
- *Lend A Hand to your club, in your vocation, in your community, and in the world.*
- *Save pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House*



Rotary Programs, a Rich Tradition



Our programs have been phenomenal. **Suzann Shackleton** has done most of the planning for them the last two years. We want to continue the high standards she has set. Therefore, more club members will be asked to provide input regarding our programs. **Bob Cole**, our president-elect will head up the Program Committee.

In the last few months the programs have been superb. One was a visit from **Roy Stroud** regarding the CAPE program which provided the support for the Warren County Learning Center, efforts to make the library a county-wide program, professional development for teachers, and stimulation to seek other grants.

Steve Poston shared some very interesting Attica memorabilia from his grandfather including a program from the original dedication of Lewis Bruce Field. **Tom Gilmore** explained the patent process and the work he is doing with a patent to increase the life expectancy of a blades to cut grass at golf courses.

Carol Clark met with and explained the work she is doing as director of LEDO, Local Economic Development Organization (I think). She is in charge of promoting the Warren County economic growth. She also discussed the Work Place Boot Camp for junior high school students.

Jim Graham, Rotarian from Brownsburg, provided a heartfelt program regarding the Group Study Exchange group he led to South Africa last year. They were there 4-5 weeks. He is still in contact with some of the people he met there and is looking for clubs to continue to support

the orphanage that he worked while he was there. He even did a teleconference with the group. There are very grave needs with huge percentage of the population affected by AIDS, leaving many, many orphans.

Lisa Martin, our health careers teacher, shared with the club the unique program that she directs. Students from the four bi-county schools attend the class located at St. Vincent's Hospital Williamsport. The students are juniors or seniors in high school who have an interest in a health related career.

Greg Robinson, Emergency Management Director from Warren County, shared with the group the importance of planning for all types of emergencies. One of the techniques they use is the table top exercise where a team of local individuals plan to solve a scenario.

Randy Beaver of Tippecanoe County also spoke on emergency preparedness. He also provided us with guidelines from FEMA. He stated that the worst natural disaster is flooding in terms of loss of life and property damage.

Cindy Loper is the outreach coordinator for the domestic violence council that serves six counties including Warren. She has also worked closely with Fountain County; Toni McGowen works with Fountain County. In addition to providing shelter for abused persons, she also teaches an anger management program for men.

Tobacco Cessation Awareness Program was presented

by **Teresa Ramey**. The third leading cause of preventable death is second hand smoke. In a survey six of eight places checked were guilty of selling tobacco to under age young people. Most kids start in the 6th grade.

Our own **Rachel Miguel** presented a startling program on strokes. She stated that stroke is the 3rd leading cause of death and is the leading cause of long-term disability. Someone suffers a stroke in the US every 53 seconds. The cost of strokes in the US is from \$30 to \$40 billion a year. Things that can be done to prevent strokes are to control blood pressure, prevent heart disease, and stop smoking.

Lee Bauerband provided a very interesting lesson on her experience in Africa teaching her granddaughter to read. She shared the ceremonial head dress found in the country. Everyone carries things on their head. She said they have two seasons: rainy and dry, both are hot. She also brought a typical dress and noted that it was bright and cool. Baskets are woven with grasses. She also noted that AIDS is a serious problem.

Another former teacher, **Esther Duncan** came and shared with us her research into Louis Braitain, who was a forgotten member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. She was instrumental in getting a marker for Mr. Braitain who is buried in Waynetown. He is the only member of the Lewis and Clark expedition who is buried in Indiana. Her dialogue and her breath of knowledge of the subject were fascinating.

We've had programs by the National Guard, cancer research at Purdue Research Park, Judge Henderson regarding the Fountain values awareness program and Park Hunter regarding the trivia slides at the Devon.



Dues Are Due Now

During the last year we paid dues to Rotary International and to the District. We also take a subscription to the *Rotarian* for every member. Last year our contributions related to our individual membership total \$74.46 per member. That amount left virtually done of the dues for any expenses we might have; such as meals for guests, gifts, favors, etc. In addition, if someone does not pay dues, then the amount collected is less than what we are paying. We will be raising dues a minimal amount to avoid deficit spending. They are \$80 yearly and may be paid in two installments, \$40 each time.

Fitness Center at Attica High School, Not Just for Student Fitness

Pat Cole, athletic director of Attica High School, will present the program Wednesday on the new fitness center at the high school. The equipment is being provided by the National School Fitness Foundation. The goal of the foundation is to improve the fitness of America's youth. Not only will students use the equipment, but staff members and student-athletes will also use it. In

addition, the community will also have access to the center. Pat will explain to the group how they can access the fitness center. Health precautions are a must with the program. Individuals will be monitored for changes in pulse, blood pressure. The program also provides that students begin healthy nutrition habits.

Pat will be at Rotary Wednesday, July 2, to explain the program. .



ROTARIAN TOM GILMORE, CONTINUING TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Paper has been a major item in the life of fellow Rotarian Tom Gilmore, but you'd be wise to not call him a "paper tiger" -- not when you know he lettered and captained on the football and baseball teams at Southport High on the south side of Indianapolis where he was born and reared.

Muscles were not Tom's only forte, however -- he also put his brain cells to work and graduated from Purdue with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1964. Then came the real test: he had to hide the beloved Gold and Black and choke down the Cream and Crimson at Indiana University, where he earned an MBA in 1970. He deserves an "A" in Resilience for that!

Now let's back up to Tom's unforgettably wonderful year, 1963, when he married Chris. Children? In-laws? Tom has 'em in spades. Son Duncan and his

wife Becky and their three children, Zach, Gavin and Albie, live here in Attica. Then there's son Benjamin and his wife Julie who live in Carmel and have two children, Olivia and Clayton. And there's Alexa and her husband Brent and their son, Henry Thomas, who live in Attica. And Alexa has a twin, Gibson, who lives in Chicago. Truly, Tom and Chris are rich in family.

Tom worked for Union Carbide in Indianapolis for three years and -- remember "paper"? -- at Inland Container for 27 years, retiring from there in 1995. At Inland Tom worked in a paper mill for 10 years at the Rockville, Indiana, plant (where he holds two patents), at the box plant for five years, and on various corporate assignments for 12 years. Since retiring he has worked for several organizations in consulting and capital equipment sales, and is currently partnering with an

engineering friend as a manufacturers rep, selling golf course maintenance equipment and focusing on the development of a new patent they developed for mowers.

Has Tom ever learned to really "goof off"? We don't think so. When his sons were growing up, he was active in youth, coaching football, basketball and baseball at Ben Davis, Avon and Rockville, and he was president and on the board for all three schools. In suburban Indy and in Avon he was active in Optimist Clubs, serving as president at both places. Now he's currently active in church and on the golf course. He is heading up the Rotary Golf event this year.

To what does he attribute his happy disposition? These are his own tender words, Chris: "I consider myself very blessed to have a loving wife who tries her best to keep me presentable, and for my four wonderful children and their spouses and my grandchildren."

Submitted by Doan Helms



Tom headed up the Rotary Golf Event this year.



Service Above Self



Lend a Hand

Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club was chartered January 19, 1937. It was the first Bi-County Club. The first Rotary club was founded in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905. Today there are 30,000 Rotary clubs in 209 different countries. The principal motto of Rotary is Service above Self.

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?*

Current Officers

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| President | Judy Bush |
| Pres/Elect | Bob Cole |
| Secretary | Bob Shepherd |
| Treasurer | Suzann Shackleton |

Directors

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| Mark Mason, Past Pres. | Kathy Turpin |
| Judy Bush | Sandy White |
| Bob Cole | Bob Shepherd |
| Judy Hollander | Suzann Shackleton |

District Governor to Visit July 30

The District Governor will visit with the club on Wednesday, July 30. She will meet with the Directors and other committee chairs on Tuesday, July 29, after dinner at the Apple Inn.

Welcome to New Members

It is our pleasure to welcome three new members into our Rotary fellowship. They are **Bob** and **Martha Geyer** and **Joan Fraumann**.

We will learn more about them in subsequent issues.

Briefs

- ✿ Continue to save soda tabs for Ronald MacDonald House
- ✿ **Judy and Dave Hollander** were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows during the June 25 meeting.
- ✿ Did you know that 57% of our Attica-Williamsport members have been Rotarians less than 5 years.
- ✿ Our Centennial Project will be to work with ASK.
- ✿ Rotary will have contributed about \$500 million to polio eradication.
- ✿ Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month.
- ✿ Every dollar contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent on humanitarian and educational programs.