



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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District Governor Visiting July 29/30

One of the customary activities early in a Rotary year is a visit from the District Governor. Karin Blue is our District Governor this year. She and her husband, Wes, and their two dogs, Tahoe and Dusty, reside in Greenfield. She has been president of her club in 1996-97, co-chair of the club Foundation Committee, District Speech Contest chairperson, and Deputy Governor. She is an attorney who practices in the areas of planning, taxation and administration of estates and trusts, probate, general corporate and business law and real estate. She also earned a degree in English and Linguistics including a secondary teaching certification. Her husband has also been very

active in Rotary, serving as District Secretary this year, District Treasurer in 1996-97 and in 2004-05.

She will be here Tuesday evening, July 29, and will meet with the officers, directors and committee chairpersons at that time. That meeting will be at the Apple Inn with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting to follow. The dinner will be \$17 including the tip. Let me know no later than next Wednesday, July 23, if you cannot be there.

Karin will visit with the club on Wednesday and provide the program. We hope that all members can be in attendance for that special meeting.

Farm Progress Show Coming to the Area in September

Our club has been approached to participate in the Farm Progress Show September 23-25 north of Henning, Il. It is approximately 30 miles from Williamsport. This would be a fund raising effort in which we would work in a food booth for a shift from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The potential is there to make between \$600 and \$800 per day, provided we could completely

man a booth for the entire day. Suzann Shackleton attended an informational meeting Monday regarding the project. She will tell us more about the project on Wednesday. Be thinking about whether you could or want to participate in such a project. It could be a demanding activity. Although visiting a Farm Progress Show is a real treat. They need to know within the next week.

Carolyn Paulson with other members of the AHS class of '54 has spearheaded the restoration of the entrance to Lewis Bruce Field. If you haven't ordered your memory brick do it today.

Shep was in sunny Hawaii last week.

What do you know about West Nile Virus?

If you attended Rotary July 9, you probably know more than you did and are less fearful. Audrey Abbott who is charge of infection control at St. Vincent Williamsport was our guest speaker. She certainly dispelled some fears and misconceptions. She relayed to us that our greatest enemy is fear and that the headlines promote or support fear. To fight that fear our greatest weapon is information she asserted.

The West Nile Virus is spread by being bitten by an infected culex mosquito which show up later in the summer or early fall. They are a tiny mosquito that breed in small areas of standing water, such as old tires, clogged gutters, flowerpots, buckets. Less than 1% of individuals who are infected (1 of 150) will get seriously ill. Twenty percent of those affected will think they have the flu. In 2000 there were 21 serious conditions with 2 deaths in the US, in 2001 there were 66 serious conditions with 9 deaths, and in 2002 there were 4156 serious conditions with 284 deaths. In 2002 in Fountain County we had fewer than five probable cases and 3 horses infected and one horse in Warren County.

One should use an insect repellent containing DEET and eliminate standing water in the area.

Special points of interest:

The club will meet in committees July 16. Come prepared.

Rotary meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at Harrison Hills

Directors meet the first Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International, presented our club charter on January 19, 1937, and made three more visits to our club.

Current Officers

- President **Judy Bush**
- Pres/Elect **Bob Cole**
- Secretary **Bob Shepherd**
- Treas. **Suzann Shackleton**
- Directors**
- Mark Mason**, Past Pres.
- Judy Hollander**
- Fred Osborne**
- 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?*