



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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Welcome Bob and Martha Geyer to the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Family

From “get acquainted/fall in love/ to get married/be happy” the story of Rotarians Martha and Bob Geyer reads like an international romance novel. Born in Columbia, SA, the oldest of Daniel and Carmen Ocazonez’s nine children, Martha Ocazonez first came to the U.S. as an exchange student to Highland High School. Martha met – you guessed it, fellow student Bob Geyer – and they began dating. After both graduated in 1963 and Martha had accomplished her main goal, to learn English, she returned to Colombia to continue her education and get on with her life. She received her teaching certificate and began teaching English to children at the Colombian American Institute. And (surprise, surprise!) she and Bob continued their relationship by mail. In the summer of 1965 Bob came to Colombia. The wedding bells were soon ringing. He and Martha were very grateful that his parents attended as they were able to take financial responsibility for Martha, because Bob was not yet 21. His parents pledged that in the event the newlyweds were unable to support themselves, they would take over that task so Martha would never have to become a ward of the State. Otherwise she would not have been allowed to accompany her new husband back to the U.S. Everything worked out great for the newlyweds, which just proved that true love CAN run smooth!

Bob and Martha moved to Terre Haute where both attended ISU. Son Robert was born in

1967. He and wife Kimberly have three sons, Robert 8, Benjamin 5, and Gustav 2 1/2 and are expecting their fourth son in Nov. Robert, an award winner writer and English professor, is changing careers to take over management of the Geyer business. Bob and Martha are delighted that Robert and his family have recently moved to Northern Indiana.

Bob and Martha’s next offspring was Claudia, who is now in Internal Medicine and a Family Practice Physician at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, where she lives with her husband Brian and their three year old daughter Martha Luisa.

Now for Bob and Martha’s business. In 1969 they moved to Highland and began their industrial filter service company. They have their own line of industrial filters – Endustra Filter Manufacturers. Today they design and manufacture over 2,000 kinds of industrial filters and sell them throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Twelve years ago Bob and Martha bought property two miles North of Veedersburg, to be used as a “weekend getaway”. The weekends got longer and longer and three years ago they decided to build a proper house. And that’s where they live today, still working on the house and enjoying this beautiful part of Indiana they call their Little Paradise. They love the area and the wonderful people, and they hope to be of service and contribute to the community through Rotary. Submitted by Doan Helms

ROTARY LEARNS ABOUT NEW BUSINESS IN THE AREA

Alice Rollins was our guest speaker August 13. Her husband, Bob is a skilled candle maker. They are neighbors of Larry and Pat DeSutter who may actually help with the business. Alice explained the process in making candles which are sold by order, youth groups and soon in the new store south of Attica, Brown’s Accents and Country Store. Not only will the wide array of candles be sold but also dipped flowers, pumpkins and gourds, antiques, dipped Teddy bears, soap and smelly jellies. The store should be open by the first of September. The candles are all scented and come in a variety of shapes and containers. The red, white, and blue swirl ones are particularly popular. Thanks, Larry for providing a very interesting and informative program.

Follow-up on Dental Express

Cindy Mason reported that the Dental Express visit was a huge success with far more children than the group could manage. The dentists found many of the children in serious need of dental help. There were so many children that they stayed over and are planning to return to Fountain County.

Need Popcorn Poppers, Potawatomi Parade Coming Soon

Doug Cripe announced that we will need to locate the popcorn poppers for the parade, September 21. Mark your calendars for a fun day with your Rotary friends.

Special points of interest:

Credit Card Applications are available. Earn \$25 for our club to use for routine expenses. Judy Bush has the applications.

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

Directors meet the first Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Let Judy Bush know if you plan to attend the Meet the Coaches meeting luncheon August 26.

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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?*