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PRIVILEGED TO HAVE COMPELLING PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL INTEREST

India, Unity in Diversity was the title of the program that Sony Mascree prepared for us January 12. He is an engineer at Harrison Steel who earned his Masters at the University of Missouri. He became active in the community with Rotary involvement and formed a seminar for foreign students. When he went to New Jersey he longed to return to the Midwest so he was referred to Geoff Curtis who encouraged him to come to Attica. We are definitely pleased that he is part of our community. He is helping us to see the world through his eyes. His home in India is in the state of Kerala on the west coast where there are beautiful beaches. He pointed out that the Indian flag shows the solidarity, the unity in diversity, with the red representing the Hindu impact, the green the Muslim influence and the white the minorities. He shared with us the history of India. He spoke very respectfully of Mohandas Gandhi as the father of the nation. Gandhi as we know practiced pacifism to effect change. Hinduism is the largest religion in India with 81.3% being Hindu. Twelve percent are Muslim and 2.3% are Christian. There are other religions with small percentages. Sony will return **February 16** to continue his presentation. You won't want to miss it.

Even though we didn't have an evening celebration for our **anniversary meeting January 19**, it was certainly special with the tables appropriately decorated, an anniversary cake,

highlights of our history and pertinent interesting history by Steve Poston. It appears that we have had seven GSE teams visit our club. We were club 4115 when chartered in January 1937. Steve has some of the original letters from RI and others welcoming our club. We were the first club to serve more than one town. The chartering dinner was on the 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mudlavia Hotel. Special Thanks to **Martha Geyer, Suzann Shackleton**, and, of course, **Steve Poston** for making our **68th Anniversary Special**.

R.A. DeSutter had a compelling presentation January 26 on the **Gift of Water**. He has been actively involved in the project in Haiti through his church St. Thomas in West Lafayette. The need for clean, safe water is dire in much of our world. Every 8 seconds a child dies from a disease related to the lack of clean water. In fact, 80% of diseases are related to poor drinking water. One of their main missions is to distribute and teach the use of water purifiers. The parts are assembled in Florida but the Haitians make the purifiers. Haitians are trained to make home visits and teach the people how to use the purifiers. They also are accountable to monitor the use. It is most definitely a faith based initiative but their practice is needed by following up with more information about how we can make a difference. Thanks, R.A.

100th Anniversary Celebration — Febr. 23, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

Briefs

- Guests January 12 included **Allison Poston, Andy Van Hyfte and Donna Tiger**.
- Guests January 19 were **Chris Gilmore, Daniel Askren, and Donna Tiger**.
- **Jim Graham** from the Brownsburg Rotary Club was our guest January 19. He is the Deputy Assistant Governor for 2005-06. He especially wanted to help celebrate our 68th Anniversary.
- **Judy Hollander and Judy Bush** will be Assistants to the Governor next year.
- Guests January 26 were **Angela Rusk, Daniel Askren and R. A. DeSutter**.
- Great to welcome **Bill Craft** back from Sunny Florida on the 26th. Looking forward to seeing Shack back, too.

Future Programs

- * **"History of the Poston Brick Plant"** will begin our February solid programs. It will, of course, be presented by our resident historian, Steve Poston.
- * Kay Montes will share insights with us about **"European Child Adoption"** February 9.
- * **Sony Mascree** will return February 16 and continue his presentation about his homeland — **India, "Unity in Diversity"**. It was a most interesting beginning on January 11
- * February 23 is the **Anniversary** of the first Rotary meeting. We will meet in the evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Beef House.
- * Harold Long will be with us March 2 and share **"Murders of Fountain County"**.

Special points of interest:

The meetings are 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Harrison Hills.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION February 23 at the Beef House. Let Karen Milligan know how many you will be bringing. Reception at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 p.m. Area clubs will be there.

Directors meet at 6:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month.

Our Centennial Project is to work for the sustainability of A.S.K.

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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?*