



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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STEVE POSTON — THE HISTORY OF POSTON BRICK COMPANY

Steve does a terrific job of sharing interesting facts, stories, and artifacts as we learn significant aspects of the Attica community and his family. Thanks, Steve. The brick factory, a large operation, produced bricks used widely in the U.S. The Purdue Hall of Music was built with Poston brick. The Brickyard 500 has Poston brick. The Attica Post Office has Postonium Brick. In the early days of the plant, people worked 12 hours a day six days a week. During the depression they kept the plant open selling for \$8 what cost \$15 to make. They used horses for maneuverability throughout the history. The plant was constructed beginning in 1907, the Postons sold it in 1960 and it closed in 1963. Some of the remains can still be seen north of town.

100th Anniversary Celebration with Area Clubs

Our meeting February 23 will be at the Beef House **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** We will be hosting the clubs from Boswell, Fowler, and Otterbein. It is the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International so we will be highlighting the history of all four clubs. Total cost for the meal is \$17. Please bring a guest.

We'll have entertainment, good fellowship, good food, good memories to share and promise for the future.. Let Karen Milligan or Martha Geyer know how many you will be bringing.

Future Programs

- * An international family within our community: Kay Montes will share insights with us about **“European Child Adoption”** February 9.
- * **Sony Mascreen** will continue his presentation about his homeland — **India, “Unity in Diversity”**. You won’t want to miss this one.
- * 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”**.
- * March 9 is a Fellowship Meeting.
- * **John Collier**, Purdue’s Director of Campus Planning will share aspects of his challenging position March 16.

Centennial Rotary – A 21st Century Glimpse

What a fascinating project! A Rotary club in Hungary is organizing a 21st way to crystallize the internationality of Rotary. Do check out the special web site they have developed for the project. They are proposing that clubs hold their meetings at noon on the 23rd and have a 24 hour world wide celebration They will have a 24 hour meeting that day. Clubs can get on their chat room and do a video chat. On their web site they have listed clubs which are participating and pictures with descriptions of the clubs from all over the world. It is extensive.

www.centennial.rotary.hu

Briefs

- Mark your calendar. **Reality Fair dates have been set.** They are Tuesday, **April 12**, and Wednesday, **April 13**.
- The new edition of the District Newsletter is on the website, <http://rotary6560.org/newsletter/> Our celebration is mentioned there. Do read about the Anderson clubs’ celebration. **It is worth attending on Feb. 17.** The entire community is involved in their project, **“Peace Matters”**. Special guests will be Colin Parry, who received this year’s Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, and Peter Yarrow of *Peter, Paul and Mary*.
- February 20 is a **NID**, National Immunization Day in India. Here is the magnitude: 2.3 million vaccinators, 200 million doses of Polio vaccine, 6.3 million ice packs, 191 million homes visited, **171 million children immunized in just one day.** They are looking for volunteers.
- Shack is back.
- Guests February 2 included **Carolyn Carlson, Andy Van Hyfte, Daniel Askren, Donna Tiger, and the entire Poston family— Kathleen, Allison, Katherine, and Kelly.**
- **Daniel Askren** was approved for membership February 2. We are most pleased to welcome him to the club. He is an associate in the Melinda Shepherd Agency.
- The club voted to give straw to Hope’s Way . If not needed, a \$100 gift will be sent.
- The Mason’s will be celebrating their daughter’s (Sara) wedding this summer.

Special points of interest:

The meetings are 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Harrison Hills.
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION February 23 at the Beef House. There will be no early morning meeting.
Directors meet at 6:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month.
Attica-Williamsport hosted the District Conference in Oct., 1959.
Our Centennial Project is to work for the sustainability of A.S.K.

- Current Officers**
 President **Judy Bush**
 President-Elect **Bob Geyer**
 Secretary **Sandy White**
 Treas. **Karen Milligan**
 Sgt. **Judy Hollander**
 At Arms **H.J. Shackleton**
Directors
Doug Cripe
Mark Mason,
Steve Poston
Suzann Shackleton

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?**