



ATTICA- WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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THOUGHTFUL AND DIVERSE PROGRAMS

During the past several weeks we have continued to have programs that are worth coming out for early Wednesday morning and enjoying our Rotary fellowship. February 9th **Kay Montes** put us in touch with some of the harsh realities of life that some children face. The children they have adopted from Bulgaria have been given up by their natural families because of their special needs. She works with the Tree of Life Adoption Services which is located in Portland, Oregon. They have ten children — 7 biological and 3 adopted from ages 2 years to 21 years old.

Sony Mascreeen shared many interesting aspects about his homeland — **India**, “**Unity in Diversity**” Feb. 16. What I remember most is the large number of holidays they have — 165, that weddings are a huge deal with celebrations lasting 7 days, that the food can be very spicy and that most are vegetarians, that newspapers are published in 87 languages, that it is the largest democracy in the world, that they had the first woman prime minister, and that the crime rate is very low. Sony joined us for the 100th birthday celebration also.

Harold Long shared sketches of his book “**Murders of Fountain County**” on March 2. He has done extensive research in preparation for the book which is in high demand at the local library. Mr. Long, a distinguished Attica citizen, was most enjoyable with his clever wit and humor. He promised to return.

Future Programs

- * John Collier, **Purdue’s Director of Campus Planning** will share his joys and challenges March 16. Jim Graham who will be Deputy Governor will join us and provide an update on the **Gift of Life** project and specifically on the boy from Afghanistan.
- * Angela Rusk and Suzann will update us on the **Ambassadorial Scholarship Program**. Angela is a Todd Scholar going to Australia next year March 23.
- * **Attic-Williamsport History** as viewed by Bob Folk will be the topic of our March 30 meeting.
- * The District Rotary Foundation Chair, **Tom Branum** will provide the program on the History of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. Tom is a past district governor and strong advocate of the foundation.

Gift of Life

In addition to Qudrat Ullah, the one year old from Afghanistan who is receiving heart surgery as a result of the Gift of Life program, there are two other children here. Bing Pratt reports the following regarding the Gift of Life program: “We have had another GOL child, Titus Glick who is a 14 month old from El Salvador. He arrived at Riley last week and had surgery on Thursday. His heart condition was not so complicated -- JUST a HOLE in the heart. It was closed and he doing well. Another patient will arrive on Wednesday also from El Salvador — 11 year old, Beatrix Padilla. She will have a heart cath on Thursday to determine abnormality.

Briefs

- Mark your calendar. **Reality Fair** is Tuesday, **April 12**, and Wednesday, **April 13**, at the Beef House. Everyone’s help is needed.
- **April 16** and **17** is the Golf Outing. To be successful we need to get the support of the community.
- Directors are proposing several service contributions March 9., including the **Haiti Clean Water Project, the Seeger Band Uniform Drive, Special Olympics, Attica Fire Truck readied for delivery to Mexico, Gift of Life program.**
- We regret to inform you that **Tom Gilmore’s mother** passed away recently. The Directors are recommending a \$50 gift be given to The Rotary Foundation in her memory.
- Sunday, June 26, is the change over meeting at the Beef House.
- There is a display of Attica-Williamsport Rotary History at the Attica Library.
- Guests March 2 included Bob and Valerie Maus and Melinda Shepherd.
- Allison Poston was our guest February 16.

New Members to Join on March 23

Don’t miss the meeting March 23. Bill McFadden, the district membership chair and past district governor, will be joining us to induct new members into the club. They include **Daniel Askren, Andy Van Hefty, Sony Mascreeen** and perhaps one or two others.

Special points of interest:

- The meetings are 6:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Harrison Hills.
- Nearly 100 Rotarians and guests celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Rotary at the Beef House, February 23, 2005.
- Directors meet at 6:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month.
- Two Attica-Williamsport members have been District Governors.
- 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**
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- Directors**
Doug Cripe
Mark Mason,
Steve Poston
Suzann Shackleton
Bob Shepherd

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?*