



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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Bridges of Fountain County

Bob Shepherd's presentation on the Bridges of Fountain County was an extensive look at piece of our history. As is true of most counties we are losing our historical bridges. In 1987 there were 28; by 1999 there were only 16. He mentioned that several were built by the Attica Bridge Company which existed from 1896 to 1913. Bob shared a quote from James Barker, "*These bridges are old yet they express a certain sturdy Hoosier optimism. They are content to do humble but helpful jobs in good style. ... Antique bridges, like antique automobiles, have a certain fascination, a peaceful and happy beauty. Such bridges are machines from the horse-and-buggy era that are still performing their job in a time of Moon landings and nuclear energy. Coming across a fancy old bridge on a country road is like seeing a Model A being driven by an old man and sensing that neither has been restored — they've just never stopped working!*"

Change-Over Meeting June 26 at the Beef House

The date we have been waiting for — when I pass over the gavel to **Bob Geyer** — will be here soon. It is 1:00 at the Beef House. Let's all come out to give Bob a great start. In addition, Cindy Mason will become President-elect and Priscilla Davis President nominee. Our new District Governor, Martin Limbird, will join us. He has promised to play his accordion. It should be a fun time. The cost is \$20 per person which takes care of the meal, tip, tax, guests, and favors. Note: the change over meeting will take the place of our regular meeting on the 29th.

Future Programs

- * Getting closer in our historical timeline. **Steve Poston** will share relevant points in our history through 1960 on May 18.
- * **Sally Irwin**, Executive Director of ICAAN, will explain the value of the ICAAN mission on May 25 — the train and place assistance dogs.
- * **Claude Johnson**, will give us a dynamic presentation on the Fire Truck Project to Mexico June 1. With our financial support a fire truck from Attica will be one of first to be transported.
- * The Website, **www.ups.com** will be the topic of Sandy White's presentation June 8.
- * **Lorita Dillion** will be our guest presenter June 15. Her topic is Tender Care Mobile X-ray Co., Inc.
- * "House Building Mission to Mexico" is the topic for Steven and Devon Odore on June 22.

**NEED A
FOURSOME TO
HELP LAFAYETTE
ROTARY CLUB
HELP POLIO
PLUS**

Lafayette Rotary Club is having an 18 hole California Scramble Thursday, June 30, beginning at 1 at the Lafayette Elks Country Club. Proceeds will go to Polio Plus. The \$50 contribution includes greens fee, cart and prizes. See Judy Bush for more details. If you golf, this is an excellent way to help a partner Rotary Club.

Briefs

- **The Summer Reading Programs** at the Attica and Williamsport libraries will be supported with \$50 to each library.
- **Donna Tiger** was officially welcomed as a member during our May 11 meeting.
- Our club members have given **\$5050 to The Rotary Foundation this year** with \$100 of that amount going to Polio+.
- The board regretfully accepted the resignation of Rachel Miquel since she is unable to attend the meetings.
- **Dues are \$100 per member per year.** They should be sent or given to Sandy White by June 10.
- Guests May 4 included **Carolyn Carlson, Tricia Hargan, and Richard Carty.**
- May 11 our guests were **Valerie Maus and Mike Wriighthouse.**
- **Aaron Munson** has been selected as a Todd Ambassadorial Scholar for the 2006-07 school year. He will most likely be going somewhere in Africa.

Rich Angle, Past District Governor of District 6540

Rich was past district governor of the northern district about two years ago. He was a member of the Boswell club, I believe. He died of cancer last Saturday; only 53. We gave them the chalk drawing that Jo Pugh did at the Centennial Celebration. They are having it framed to be hung in the Boswell Center where their Rotary Club meets. Their daughter will be a Youth Exchanger in another year.

Special points of interest:

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

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

Being in Rotary is a way to join with others to meet community needs.

RI President Estess helped celebrate literacy initiatives in Turkey in April.

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
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?*