



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



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Appreciation of Community and Opportunities Highlight Programs

Linsay Nern is a 2004 Seeger graduate and served as a 500 Princess this year. She had never been to the 500 and researched the opportunity on the Internet. She was our special guest presenter May 11. She shared that the selection is not a pageant but based on interviews and public speaking. Thirty-three princesses were chosen from 193 being interviewed. She has learned a great deal from the experience — giving presentation to 4th grad classes, supporting the mini marathon, devoting 18 days in May to doing something for the Speedway. She related that the 500 is the single most attended sporting event in the world.

Our most valuable historian, **Steve Poston**, again provided us with most interesting bits of our history on May 18. He has a wealth of primary sources and presents them in a way that is very engaging. He began his presentation singing some of the songs that the members used to sing during club meetings. He read directly from the minutes and letters; for instance on Feb. 7, 1937, the members marched into the room to sounds of the Rotary marching song. Our gavel was presented June 27, 1937, and was made from a black walnut tree in Williamsport. Throughout our history there has been a huge tie with 4-H with Rotary hosting the 4-H conference on two occasions. He found at least 15 presentations on the Indy 500.

Future Programs

- * June 1 **Claude Johnson**, who is from Crawfordsville Rotary Club, will share with us the Fire Truck to Mexico Project.
- * The Website, www.usps.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.
- * No Meeting June 29, **Change-over at The Beef House Sunday, June 26.**

The new Rotary Year Begins in July. Cindy Mason will be in charge of programs. Give her suggestions or provide a program for her. We want to maintain the great programs that we all enjoy.

A program in 1954 was on Iraq and described it favorably as a friendly country. He had a picture of his dad and another boy doing a magic show. There were many items about WWII. In fact, a program in 1937 was an assessment of European leadership and then in 1939 on the totalitarian state in Germany. Thanks, Steve, for sharing your wonderful treasures.

ICAAN Visits

Sally Irwin, Executive Director of Indiana Canine Assistant and Adolescent Network, was our guest presenter May 25. She is the founder of the not-for-profit organization which benefits persons with physical disabilities by providing them with assistance and increased independence by providing them with a canine assistant. The dogs also help at-risk juveniles and criminal adults who are incarcerated and train the dogs. The dogs are in 5 Indiana correctional facilities and provide a calming effect for the inmates. The program started at the Rockville facility and there are 12 dogs there now being trained. www.icaan.net

Briefs

- **Valerie Maus** will be inducted as a new member very soon. She is being sponsored by many of her Rotarian friends.
- **Aaron Munson** was our guest May 25. He played his guitar as background music for our meeting. He will be a Todd Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa in 2006.
- **Mike Crowder, Bryan Holland, and Patrick Milligan** were guests May 25.
- If you haven't given to The Rotary Foundation this year you need to get your check into Bob Shepherd right away.
- **Dues are \$100 per member per year.** They should be sent or given to Sandy White by June 10.
- The **Change-Over** is at 1:00 at The Beef House on June 26. Cost is \$20 and includes tax, tip, guests, and entertainment. Our District Governor will be our special guest.
- Our official visit from the governor is September 7.
- We will be placing a letter from our club in the time capsule at the Centennial Celebration in Chicago.
- See Judy Bush to sign up for the **Lafayette Rotary Club Golf Scramble** on June 30. Proceeds go to support Polio Plus.

Special points of interest:

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

Directors meet monthly. They are the governing board of Rotary.

All Rotarians receive The Rotarian, the magazine of Rotary International monthly.

One can still attend the Rotary Centennial Convention by doing an on-site registration, www.rotary.org/centennial.

- Current Officers**
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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?*