



ATTICA - WILLIAMSPORT ROTARY CLUB Newsletter



Service Above Self

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Guests Underscore the Family of Rotary Concept, as Important Members of Our Group

The Potawatomi Project was a huge success. Family members and other Rotarians associates contributed significantly to that success. Helpers included Larry DeSutter's wife, Pat; Sandy White's daughter, Christina; Martha Geyer's brother-in-law, Peter; Bob Shepherd's mentee, Anthony; and Joan Fraumann's husband, Ken. We are also grateful to Tom Carney and Rotarian Carl Scott for the use of their golf carts. As always we are indebted to Harrison Hills for the use of two golf carts. Bryant's provided us with the supplies for the popcorn. Others who contributed include Rotarian Bob Green who contributed the water and pop, Rotarian Kathy Turpin who also contrib-

uted water and pop from Neumayr's, Rotarian Steve Poston who contributed the ice. In addition, the Hollanders and Carolyn Paulson made cash contributions since they couldn't help on Sunday.

The program September 17 was given by Judy Hollander. She demonstrated with creativity a plethora of ways to tie scarves to accessorize our outfits. Guests that day included Dorothy Mooar, Alice Rollins, Melinda Shepherd, Jo Pugh, Carolyn Helms, and Pat DeSutter. In addition, we had 21 members present that day. Thanks to Judy for a fun and enlightening program. The guests are an integral part of our club.

Property Taxes — What do the changes Mean? The View from the Assessor Sept. 24/The View from the Auditor October 1

Jan Rolan, Warren County assessor, presented a very interesting program about the property tax reassessment and how it affects property owners in Indiana September 24. She considers herself a public servant. It was clear from her presentation that she works hard to serve the people of Warren County. She explained that reassessment has been required every four years. One of the reasons for the controversy has been inequities in Lake County, followed by court ordered assessment. One of the big changes was to

reassess homes according to the cost to replace a home using union workmen. The assessment on land was based on sale value. The assessment on land raised from \$495 per acre to \$1050 per acre. To ease the impact on homeowners the General Assembly raised the Homestead Exemption from \$6,000 to \$35,000. Tax bills have been sent in Warren County and the first payment was due September 26.

October 1 Patti Smith, Fountain County Auditor, will present the program giving the perspective from the auditor's office and from Fountain County.

Briefs

- * Thanks to Shack for installing the Rotary sign on 41 south.
- * Peter Harris, Martha Geyer's brother-in-law was our guest September 24 and will be with us for a while. It is a pleasure to have Peter who is from England with us.
- * It was neat to have Bob Geyer's perspective on the reassessment since he lived in Lake County.
- * The program for October 8 will feature Anna Cedars, Odyssey Mentoring Program Coordinator for Home Team Advantage mentoring with whom Bob Shepherd works.
- * Gift of Life has sent checks to Clarian Health for \$10,000 for two children. Their actual bills have been over \$136,000.

A Special Thank You to Doug Cripe

The entire club is grateful to Doug for his excellent organization and management of the Potawatomi Popcorn Sales. He paid close attention to all the details and managed all aspects to completion. The location is a premium one, thanks to Doug. The total for the day was \$763.37 with about \$225 of that being donations. It was a fun time, provided the club with resources for doing good in our community and the world. Doug and others have ideas and plans to make next year even more successful. I believe there were fifteen Rotarians who were actively selling or popping corn, etc.

Special points of interest:

Our Centennial Project involves helping ASK to be a sustaining, ongoing sources of hope and service for the community.

Rotary meets every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. at Harrison Hills

Directors meet the first Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Doan Helms had an editorial in the Journal and Courier on The Other Greatest Generation.

Current Officers

President **Judy Bush**
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Mark Mason, Past Pres.
Judy Hollander
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Kathy Turpin
Sandy White

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?*