

ROTARY BULLETIN

December 15, 2011

“Reach Within To Embrace Humanity”

“Four Way Test – 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?”

**December Sgt. at Arms – Loretta Klassen
December Greeter – Mark Smits**

HUHS Pickup – 12/1 – Mike Mally, 12/8 – Jeff Millikin, 12/15 – Irene Parker, 12/22 – Brian Priestaf – 12/29 – No School.

December Birthdays - 12/4 – Dave Groves, 12/14 – Gretchen Vickney.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 8, 2011

OPENING: President Tom Doubleday called the meeting to order. Tom then led the club in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Sgt. at Arms, Betsy Wittenberger selected “Smiles” as the song of the day. The club also sang “Happy Birthday” in honor of David Groves. Tom asked attending Rotarians to put \$2 in the center of their table.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Tom introduced Dean, Greg and Anamaria as the December students of the month. The students will give a brief speech about themselves at the December 22nd club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Laura reported that she did not do anything special this past week. She opened her daily advent presents and spent some time making Christmas decorations with her host family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Greg reported that the attendance at the Ballroom Dancing Event was less than desirable. He thanked Loni, Irene and Tom Doubleday for their help that evening. The desserts were wonderful.

Our club workdays for Enchantment are December 22nd and 29th. At this time Gretchen has all the slots filled. Ron said the scheduled dates for takedown of Enchantment in the Park are January 7th and 8th. Please keep these dates open on your calendar. He will bring sign up sheets to the meetings the next few weeks.

Lisa Olson will be collecting the Christmas gifts for the needy at next week's meeting. Please attach the tag to the gift. They should not be wrapped.

Penny Jo thanked the club volunteers that worked the Red Kettle Campaign for the Salvation Army at the Hartford Wal Mart store on Saturday, December 3rd.

A Night of Wine and Specialty Beers fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th. Loni has e-mailed the details about the basket donations to our club members. Please turn in your donations to Loni in the next few weeks. Janean and Loni are looking for table sponsors and any additional baskets that club members can donate toward the project.

Tom Robbins promoted the Holiday Raffle Fundraiser for the Schauer Center. He encouraged the members to buy raffle tickets to support the Schauer Center. The Schauer Center served 23,000 kids through the School of the Arts and the School Matinee series last year.

Fred promoted the Hartford Players dinner show that will be playing the first three weekends in January at the Schauer Center.

PROGRAM: Jay Fischer spoke about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County. Jay said it is a national organization serving 5 million kids. Major League Baseball supports it heavily. There are 26 organizations currently in the state. Jay has been the director in West Bend for the past 13 years. At the present time, there are clubs in West Bend, Jackson and Kewaskum. Currently, there are 1500 members in the West Bend Club, 600 members in Jackson and 600 members in

Kewaskum. The cost is \$50 per year and is open to kids ages 6-17. St. Aidans Church will be the initial location for the Boys and Girls Club in Hartford. At this time, the plan for Hartford is to work with kids in grades 1-5. Eventually, the organization would like to see a stand-alone facility in Hartford. Hartford Rotarians, Tom Hostad and Fred Wittenberger serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County.

Guest speaker Jay Fischer was the lucky winner of the Birthday Raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Laurie Barz had a chance to win \$430.00 but she drew the Ace of Spades instead.

Ed Heck reported that there were 9 regular Rotarians and 7 Rule 85 Rotarians absent without prior makeup.

The Sgt. at Arms Betsy Wittenberger collected \$27.00 in Sad and Happy fines from the membership today.