

ROTARY BULLETIN

February 23, 2012

“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?”

**February Sgt. at Arms – Bob McLean
February Greeter – Betsy Wittenberger**

HUHS Pickup – 2/2 – Matt Schwechel, 2/9 – Mark Smits, 2/16 – John Spielmann, 2/23 – Bob Stumpner.

February Birthdays - 2/7 – Ron Schlitt, 2/16 – Bob McClean, 2/18 – Fred Wittenberger.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

February 16, 2012

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, Paul Johnsen selected “Hey Look Me Over” as the song of the day. The club sang “Happy Birthday” in honor of Fred Wittenberger.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Tom introduced Dan, Kelsey and Sarah as students of the month for February. Each student gave a short talk about his or her interests and future plans.

Dan is taking 3 AP classes this year and took 4 AP classes last year. He has been very active in the choir program and the fall musicals at HUHS. This fall he had a lead role in the musical, “Anything Goes”. Dan has also been very active in the Forensics Program at HUHS. Besides singing, Dan also plays guitar, violin and piano. He plans to attend UW-Stevens Point in the fall and major in Vocal Music and Political Science.

Kelsey is busy this year taking 6 AP classes at HUHS. She is very active in 4H and will attend the National Youth Leadership Conference this year. She is a member of the Math Team, National Honor Society and Vice-President of the Environmental Club at HUHS. Kelsey will be traveling to Haiti this summer to do volunteer work with a 4H group. In the fall, Kelsey plans to attend the University of Minnesota to pursue a degree in medicine. She plans to use her medical degree to help people living in third world nations.

Sarah has been very active playing sports at HUHS, lettering in volleyball and softball. She is a member of the H-Club and an officer in the National Honor Society at Hartford. Sarah loves traveling, snowboarding and skiing in her spare time. She plans to attend UW-LaCrosse in the fall to pursue a degree in Biology and Nutritional Sciences.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: On Friday evening, Laura attended the Vocal Trash concert at the Schauer Center. She said they were a very “Scary Group”. On Saturday, she went to Ripon College and attended the musical production of “Spelling Bee”. She also said she had a great Valentines Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Night of Wine and Specialty Beers fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 18th. Janean said that at this time, 350 tickets have been sold for the event.

Tom did the second reading of Heidi Schaefer, owner of Signworks of Wisconsin, as a proposed member.

The Vision House Banquet is scheduled for May 24th and the Teacher of the Year Luncheon is scheduled for May 31st. The events will take place during our noon meeting on those dates.

The District Assembly is scheduled for April 14th at Central Middle School in Hartford.

The District Conference will be held the last weekend in April at the Heidl House in Green Lake.

PROGRAM: Tom introduced Brandon and Louis to give an update on this year's Vision House. At the present time, the students are busy installing doors; trim and doing some touch up painting. They will start siding the house soon. Brandon is the architect of this year's home. He said it has been a phenomenal experience seeing his design for the home come to life. He plans to pursue a degree in architecture next fall. His grandparents are interested in purchasing this year's home. Louis would like to pursue a degree in Sport's Journalism next fall.

Pastor Paul Johnsen gave his classification speech at today's meeting. Paul and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 31 years. They are both First United Methodist Church ministers. Paul is a minister in Hartford while Sarah is a minister in Brown Deer. Previously, they served as ministers in Superior, the Fox Cities, Platteville and Green Bay. Their oldest son, Ben, is a graduate of UW-Platteville with a degree in business. Their second son, Ted, has a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Currently, he works for Drew University in New Jersey producing video interviews for the university.

Tom then summarized the highlights of the February 15th Board Meeting.

- ❖ Matt's treasurer's report was forwarded on to the membership by Fred. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matt.
- ❖ Penny Jo is looking into the concept of a Rotary Radio Hour once a month through WTKM Radio.
- ❖ Donations requests of \$100.00 for Fire Safety and \$250.00 to Nova Services were approved.
- ❖ Donation requests from Citizen's Advocacy of Washington County, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County, and the Veteran's Memorial at Sawyer Park were tabled until next month's meeting.
- ❖ 8 scholarships totaling \$1100.00 were sent to support students in Guatemala.
- ❖ The Board approved 50% of the profits from this year's wine tasting fundraiser will go to Support the Troops.

Ed Heck was the lucky winner of this week's Birthday Raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Laurie Barz had a chance to win \$644.50 but she drew the Seven of Hearts instead. There are 19 cards remaining in the deck.

Ed Heck reported that there were 12 Rotarians absent without prior makeup.

The Sgt. at Arms Paul Johnsen collected \$34.00 in Sad and Happy fines from the membership today.