

ROTARY BULLETIN

January 10, 2013

“Peace Through Service”

“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?”

**January Sgt. at Arms – Loni Jaeger
January Greeter – Greg Ledesma**

HUHS Pickup – 1/3 – Nate Schlotthauer, 1/10 – Matt Schwechel, 1/17 – Bob Stumpner, 1/24 – Gretchen Vickney, 1/31 – Bill Weston.

January Birthdays - 1/1 – Verlin Wandrey, 1/3 – Janean Handel, 1/25 – Angela Bingen.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING January 3, 2013

OPENING: President-Elect Matt Schwechel called the meeting to order. Paul Johnsen led the club in prayer. Matt then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Sgt. At Arms, Loni Jaeger, selected “I’m Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover” as the song of the day. The club then sang “Happy Birthday” to Janean Handel. Congratulations Janean!

GREETERS REPORT: Loni Jaeger introduced our guest speaker, Kathleen Christenson from Family Promise and Paul Johnsen’s son Ted visiting from New Jersey.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Matt introduced Andrea, Jack, and Emma as December Students of the Month. The January students of the month will start attending with the January 10th club meeting. The students gave a brief speech about themselves. The key points are highlighted below.

Jack has been very active all four years in co-curricular activities at Hartford Union High School. He has participated in cross-country, golf and swimming at HUHS. Jack lettered four times in swimming and qualified for the WIAA State Swimming meet in 2011. Jack is also actively involved in National Honor Society and Student Council. He is a member of the Marching Band and Jazz Band at Hartford. Jack has participated in the spring play the past two years and was a member of the cast “Anything Goes” and “West Side Story”.

Jack has given back to the Hartford community through his participation with the Hartford City Band, Enchantment in the Park, and a youth mission trip through St. Kilian Church in Hartford. Jack also received special recognition by being elected to the Supreme Court at Badger Boys State this past year.

Jack plans to attend Marquette University, the University of St. Thomas or the University of Chicago next fall. At this time, he has not decided on a major.

Emma has been very involved in co-curricular activities at HUHS. Emma has earned letters in dance and track at HUHS. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Team, DECA, and FBLA and is the current secretary of Student Council.

Emma has been on the high honor roll all four years and recently received an Advanced Placement Scholar Award.

Emma has given back to her community by doing volunteer work at Enchantment in the Park, St. Ben’s Soup Kitchen, the Hartford Women’s Craft Fair, and various youth group activities through Redeemer Lutheran Church.

After high school, Emma plans to attend UW-Madison but is undecided on her major field of study at this time.

Andrea has been very active all four years in co-curricular activities at Hartford Union High School. Andrea is a member of the varsity girl’s tennis and track teams, Student Council, H-Club, and the Math Team. She is a four-time letter winner in both tennis and track.

Andrea has received numerous special honors while attending Hartford Union High School. She qualified for the WIAA State Track meet in 2009 and 2010. Andrea was also selected to the WLT All-Conference Tennis 1st Team in Singles in 2012 and to the WLT All-Conference Tennis Second Team in Singles in 2010 and 2011. She was named captain of the track team in 2011 and 2012 and represented HUHS at Badger Girls State in 2012.

After graduation, Andrea plans to attend UW-LaCrosse to pursue a major in biology and a minor in nutrition.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Marek enjoyed winter break. He celebrated Christmas several times with family and friends. Over break

he visited Chicago and spent four days with his host family in Door County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Loni and Janean are in need of donations and basket items for the Hartford Rotary's 11th Annual Wine tasting Event. Cash or check donations and baskets items or decorative boxes must be turned into Loni or Colleen by Thursday, January 10th. The following items are some ideas for these baskets for the Basket Raffle at the event. Wine, Liquor, Tickets to Events and Shows, Sporting Event Tickets, Restaurant Gift Certificates, dinner at your home, decorative items, handmade quilts, toys children's games are all great ideas. Be Creative! It works well to keep the baskets within the \$35 - \$60 value.

Matt passed around the plaque the club received from the Hartford Police Department for the donation made to the "Shop with the Cop" program.

Penny Jo is looking for a volunteer coordinator to replace Tom Doubleday for the Enchantment in the Park project. If interested, please contact Penny Jo.

Mike Mally inducted Dawn Mueller as our newest club member.

PROGRAM: Kathleen Christenson, the Executive Director of Family Promise of Washington County, thanked the Hartford Rotary Club for selecting their organization as a designated charity for the 2013 Wine Tasting Event. Family Promise is a community response to prevent families from becoming homeless. Their mission is to rebuild lives with compassion by providing resources and services to homeless families. In 2012 over 3,500 nights of shelter were provided to 28 families, including 38 children. Their average length of stay is 42 nights before moving on to independent living. Hartford saw and increase in the number of households served with more than 35% of total homeless families served coming from the Hartford area. 28 Churches in Washington County serve as network members. Family Promise started in 2010 in response to the increased demand for homeless services in Washington County. In 2013 the Coalition looks to improve

24-hour emergency shelter services and increase supportive housing options for singles and families coming out of shelter.

Janean Handel, John Spielmann and Matt Schwechel were the lucky winners of this week's Birthday Raffles.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Lisa Olson had a chance to win \$893.50 but she drew the Eight of Diamonds instead.

Ed reported 68% attendance of our regular members.

Sgt. At Arms, Loni Jaeger, collected \$26.00 in Sad and Happy fines from the membership at today's meeting.