

# **HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN**

**June 20, 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?”**

**June Sgt. at Arms – Betsy Wittenberger  
June Greeter – Fred Wittenberger**

**HUHS Pickup – None – Summer Vacation**

**June Birthdays - 6/9 – Brian Priestaf, 6/10 - Tom Hostad, 6/16 – Harriet Doerfert, 6/18 – June Ertenberg, 6/21 – Greg Ledesma, 6/24 – Bob Stumpner, 6/28 – Penny Jo Zagel, 6/30 – Dale Anderson.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING**

**June 13, 2013**

**OPENING:** President Penny Jo called the meeting to order. Greg Ledesma led the club in prayer. Penny Jo then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Sgt. At Arms, Loni Jaeger, selected “The Get Together Song” as the song of the day.

**GREETERS REPORT:** Fred Wittenberger introduced our program speakers Leslie Ashford and Laura Henke from the Hartford Garden Club, Assistant District Governor, Brian Monroe and perspective new member Matt Zeman, guest of Ron Schlitt.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Summer Vacation – no students were in attendance.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:** Summer Vacation – no students were in attendance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The Hartford Rotary Club Golf Outing fundraiser is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. So far 60 golfers have signed up. They would like to have 80 to 100 golfers to reach the fundraising goal. Some of the profits from this year's fundraiser have been designated for the Haiti water project.**

**The Changing of the Guard luncheon will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> during our regular club meeting.**

**Penny Jo did the second reading for Melissa Ritger as a potential member. If anyone has concerns about her membership, please let Penny Jo know about them in writing.**

**Penny Jo informed the membership that Brain Priestaf is celebrating the one-year anniversary of his transplant. If the report is good, he plans to start attending our Thursday club meetings.**

**Angie Bingen reported that a host family has been identified for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester for our new exchange student. She is close to finalizing the host family for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.**

**Fred Wittenberger promoted the Hartford Players production of "Fiddler On The Roof". The show will be held at the Schauer Center July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>. Fred encouraged the membership to attend this outstanding show.**

**Fred handed out the Packer Raffle tickets. Please sell your tickets. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. The drawing is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> so please SELL, SELL, And SELL!**

## **PROGRAM:**

**Laura Henke and Leslie Ashford gave a power point presentation highlighting the Hartford Garden Club's new projects from the past 7 years. The community beautification projects include: The Wisconsin Automotive Museum, The Schauer Arts and Activities Center,**

**Centennial Park, The bridge at Willowbrook Park, the Water Pump Building on Hwy 60, and the street light baskets and urns on main street downtown. The club is always looking for additional volunteers to help maintain the sites. They also provided a handout for their new beautification project scheduled for completion in 2017, in time for the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills. The club would like to enhance the pathways and riverbank at Centennial Park near the Jack Russell Library. It is their hope to transform the north riverbank into what is called an “Alpine Landscape”. Large flat rocks would be brought in and used along with boulders to “terrace” the slope. By recreating the bank in this way, the visual beauty of the park will be enhanced and the slope will be more accessible in order to maintain it. This turns out to be an excellent means of dealing with erosion and refining the wild, overgrown appearance. The club is looking for community organizations to get behind this project by providing manpower and financial assistance to complete it by 2017.**

**Ed Heck was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.**

**In the Ace of Hearts raffle, Assistant District Governor, Brian Monroe had a chance to win \$228.00 but he drew the Three of Spades instead.**

**Attendance: Ed Heck reported 46% attendance of our active members and 38% attendance for our Rule of 85 members.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Loni Jaeger collected \$21.00 in fines from the membership today. She also said that Rotary Clubs started the tradition of singing songs at meetings in 1905.**