

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

August 1, 2013

“Engage Rotary, Change Lives”

“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?”

**August Sgt. at Arms – Lisa Olson
August Greeter – Brenda Johnston**

HUHS Pickup – None – Summer Vacation

**August Birthdays - 8/2 – Tom Doubleday, 8/6 – Gene Wittenberger,
8/8 – Jeff Millikin, 8/26 – Lisa Olson, 8/29 – Mark Smits.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING July 25, 2013

OPENING: President Matt Schwechel called the meeting to order. Greg Ledesma led the club in prayer. Matt then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

GREETERS REPORT: Betsy Wittenberger introduced 6270 District Governor Dan Christianson and his wife Ruth and Assistant District Governor Brian Monroe. Betsy also introduced one of our former exchange students, Laura, who has been visiting friends in the Hartford area for the past month. Laura will be starting her last year of high school in the fall in Denmark. Her classes are very difficult. All of her classes are in English. Laura has gone on some wonderful trips since returning to Denmark. She also has a boyfriend and they have been dating for the past 11 months. Laura is not sure of her future plans after high school.

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

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fred promoted the Packer Raffle Fundraiser. The drawing will take place on August 1st. Please turn in any tickets you have sold as soon as you can. Don't wait until August 1st.

Dave Wolbrink is traveling in Haiti for the next ten days doing well assessments.

Colleen Baus needs a club member to help her out with the Youth Exchange Program. She is also still looking for a second host family for the second semester – January thru July 2014.

Matt will be hosting a Margaritaville chat at Casa Tequila on Wednesday, August 14th at 5:30 PM. A sign up sheet was sent around at today's meeting. He will send around the sign up sheet again at next week's meeting.

PROGRAM: District Governor Dan Christianson was the guest speaker at today's meeting. Dan joined Rotary in 2005 and is a member of the Whitnall Rotary Club. Dan and his wife Ruth attended the International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal this past year. He enjoyed the experience and highly recommends that if you get the chance, you should try and attend an international convention. Recruitment and retention of members is very important to him. He believes clubs need to think outside the box to recruit new members. Some clubs are starting to organize after hour's clubs as satellite clubs to your normal Rotary Club. Some members might meet in the evenings but would be part of your club's membership roster. Dan believes that Rotary is a service organization. All Rotarians have something to give to their club, and Rotary has something for everyone. Dan also promoted the District Conference to be held in Oshkosh April 25 – April 27, 2014.

Dawn Mueller was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts raffle, Ron Schlitt had a chance to win \$325.00 but he drew the King of Hearts instead.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 50% attendance of our active members and 46% attendance for our Rule of 85 members.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Mike Mally collected \$22.00 in fines from the membership today.