

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

October 31, 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?”

**October Sgt. at Arms – John Stellmacher
October Greeter – Dawn Mueller**

HUHS Pickup – 10/3 – Irene Parker, 10/10 – Tim Purman, 10/17 – Deb Reinbold, 10/24 – Dane Schepp, 10/31 – Ron Schlitt.

October Birthdays - We do not have any club members listed on the calendar with October birthdays.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

October 24, 2013

OPENING: President 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.

GREETERS REPORT: Dawn Mueller introduced our guests Iris Hulpert of the Slinger-Allenton Club and Ellie, daughter of Penny Jo.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Matt introduced Briana, Weston, and Abigail as Rotary Students of the Month for October. Students gave a brief talk about their interests and accomplishments at Hartford Union High School.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David enjoyed reading and thinking about a potential project he would like to work on to help people in West Africa. He feels that education is the key to cultural

advancement in these areas. David will not be in attendance at next week's meeting. He will be enjoying a week's vacation in Florida.

Briana has been on the varsity soccer team all four years at HUHS. She has also participated in girl's basketball, cross-country and is a member of the Math Club, the H-Club and the National Honor Society at Hartford. She has given back to her community by volunteering her time with the Special Olympics organization and the Haiti Food Pack Program at St. John's in Rubicon. After graduation from HUHS, Briana plans to major in biomedical sciences or nursing at either Marquette University or UW-Madison.

Weston is very active in the music program at HUHS. He is a member of the Symphonic Band, the Marching Band and the Pit Orchestra at the school. He will be traveling to Europe this year to perform. Weston was named to the Wisconsin Little Ten All-Conference team in doubles last year. He is also a member of the varsity boy's basketball team at the school. Weston enjoys taking science classes and after graduation from HUHS he plans to attend UW-Platteville to major in mechanical engineering and biology.

Abigail is also very active in the music program at HUHS. She is a member of the Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Pep Band at the school. She has also been involved in the fall musicals at HUHS since her sophomore year. You can see her perform this fall as part of the chorus in "Bye Bye Birdie at the Schauer Center. Abby has lettered in girls cross-country and is a four-year member of the girl's varsity soccer team at HUHS. She is a member of the National Honor Society at Hartford and also served on Student Council at the school during her junior year. Abby has been accepted to Michigan Tech to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Your help is needed for the third big work weekend on Saturday November 1st and Sunday November 2nd. Work starts at 8:00 AM on Saturday and 9:00 AM on Sunday.

A nomination meeting for next year's board will be held on November 21st. The election for next year's board will take place at the December 19th club meeting. The members of this year's nominating committee are Penny Jo Zagel, Tom Doubleday and Ron Schlitt.

The District fall seminar will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at Moraine Park Technical School in West Bend. Matt sent around a signup sheet with information about the seminar for those interested in attending.

October 24th is Polio Eradication Day. A collection was taken up at today's meeting for this project.

Signup sheets were sent around for the December 7th Christmas Party at the Ledesmas and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing project, which will also take place on December 7th.

Matt Zeman would like the membership to look for additional lap top computers that could be sent to Guatemala later this year. Dave Wolbrink left earlier in the week to take the first batch of computers to Guatemala.

PROGRAM: Matt summarized the key points from last week's board meeting. The minutes from that meeting are attached below for you to review.

President's Remarks:

- Paul Harris awards have been ordered. We will invite the recipients to join us for meetings when they arrive.**
- Table scanner reviews were not great from the West Bend club.**
- Nomination for future officers due in November with the vote to occur in December.**

Officers Reports:

• Secretary: Ed was absent. September minutes were approved with one correction, Tim Algiers was absent & excused. Motion by Janean, second by Penny Jo. Unanimous approval. Rule of 85-attendance rule was clarified. Motion by Matt, second by Ron to include Rule of 85 members in our attendance report only when they are present. Absent Rule of 85 members will not be counted against our overall attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board also asked that weekly meeting attendance be reported as # of absent instead of % of absent going forward. Move to accept by Peter, second by Lisa. Unanimous approval.

❖ Treasurer: Matt presented the financials in Gretchen's absence

• President Elect: Dave reported on a possible new fundraiser idea modeled after the Fall Festival, which was run in his hometown.

• Vice President: Lisa

Motion to approve \$500 donation to Rotary Guatemala Medical Mission by Ron, second by Penny Jo. Unanimous approval.

The Best Scholarship Committee had to restructure their donation process. Motion was made to donate scholarship funds directly to the Best Scholarship Committee for 2014 by Tim, second by Janean. Unanimous approval. Lisa and Ron abstained.

Committee Reports:

• International – Ron Schlitt: no updates

• Foundation Future Vision – Ron: Vision program looking at Football ticket booth and possibly the River Park redesign as potential projects.

• Community Service – Peter Wilk: Peter is going to be auctioning off Packer tickets with proceeds going towards Breast Cancer research.

• Vocational – Laurie Barz: absent no update

• New Generations, Club Service – Paul Johnson: absent, no update

- **Projects Service – Janean Handel: Motion was made to donate Wine Tasting proceeds to the River Park project for an Arbor and also to Family Promise by Janean, second by Ron. Unanimous approval. Dave Groves abstained.**

- **Membership – Tim Algiers: nothing to report.**

- **Enchantment – Ron: Enchantment unloading and construction has begun. Ron Schlitt and Dane Schepp earned make-ups for helping with the Enchantment project the weekend of October 12th.**

New Business: Matt Zeman provided the board with updates on the Guatemala laptop project. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for charity pricing on software from Microsoft. However, Matt identified an organization out of New York who we might be able to partner with to help facilitate sending future laptops to Guatemala and getting the necessary software loaded on the machines.

Dave Groves was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Ed Heck had a chance to win \$603.50 but he drew the Seven of Hearts.

Attendance: Ed reported 18 members absent at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: John Stellmacher collected \$18.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.