

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 26, 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?”

**December Sgt. at Arms – Brenda Johnston
December Greeter – Dane Schepp**

HUHS Pickup – 12/5 – John Stellmacher, 12/12 – Bob Stumpner, 12/19 – Brad Traver, 12/26 – No School.

December Birthdays - 12/4 – Dave Groves, 12/14 – Gretchen Vickney.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 19, 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: Dane Schepp introduced Dave Grove’s wife, Denise as his guest at today’s meeting.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Matt introduced Allen, Jessica, and Margaret as Rotary Students of the Month for December. Each student gave a brief speech about their activities at HUHS and their future plans.

Margaret has participated in the sports of soccer, volleyball and basketball at Hartford. She is also a member of the choir, National Honor Society and Peers for Peers group. Margaret represented HUHS at Badger Girls State at UW-Oshkosh last summer. Margaret enjoys science and plans to study nursing next fall at UW-Green Bay.

Jessica lives in Rubicon on a 120-acre tree farm with her family. She loves spending the summers there participating in recreational activities with her family. She has participated in tennis, soccer, and the math club at HUHS. Jessica is also active in the SMART TEAM PROGRAM (Student Modeling A Research Topic) at Hartford. After graduation, Jessica plans to attend a four-year college in Wisconsin or Minnesota to major in biology and psychology.

Allen is a member of the boy's tennis team, robotics team, chess club and the National Honor Society at HUHS. He has lettered in tennis and plans to participate again in the spring season. In his spare time, Allen works at Culvers in Hartford and for his dad at his shop in Iron Ridge. After graduation from high school, Allen plans to attend UW-Platteville to major in either electrical or mechanical engineering.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David spoke about his experiences Christmas shopping at Mayfair. He enjoys the Christmas spirit displayed in the United States. David said it is not the same back home. He recently received a gift package from his family in France. He shared the cookies and chocolates with his host family and friends at school. Colleen Baus presented David with an Under Armour Sweatshirt as a Christmas gift from the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our club has committed to work at Enchantment in the Park on December 27th. Please check your calendars to see if you can help out on that date. Twelve to Fifteen people are needed to work at the event on the 27th. The take down dates for Enchantment in the Park are tentatively scheduled February 8th and 9th. Please mark those dates down on your calendar. We need your help!!!!

The date for this year's wine tasting fundraiser is February 15th. Loni and Janean would like to complete the table sponsor signup by the end of the month. Janean passed out tickets to sell to the members present.

Matt reminded the membership that meetings would be held on December 26th and January 2nd.

Matt received a plaque from the Hartford Police Department for our participation in this year's Shop With A Cop Program.

Matt presented the 2014-2015 Hartford Rotary Club Slate of Officers to the membership. President – Dave Groves, President Elect – Lisa Olson, Vice-President – Peter Wilk, Past-President – Matt Schwechel, Secretary – Ed Heck, Treasurer – Gretchen Vickney, Asst. Treasurer – Doug Smith, Directors – Ron Schlitt, Brenda Johnston, Tim Algiers, Janean Handel, Brad Traver, and Matt Zeman. A motion was made by Mike Mally to approve the slate of officers as presented, second-Ed Heck. Motion Carried.

PROGRAM: Matt highlighted the key points from Thursday morning's board meeting.

- ❖ The minutes and financials were approved as presented.**
- ❖ The board approved a \$1500 donation to the Hartford Police Explorers. They have worked many hours for our club at Enchantment in the Park.**
- ❖ A motion was made to purchase two Rotary Plaques to be displayed at the gazebo on Hwy 60. The city is not planning to put up the sign at the park until 2015 after the new road construction is completed.**

Doug Smith was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Melissa Richards had a chance to win \$798.50 but she drew the Ace of Spades.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 5 members absent at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Brenda Johnston collected \$31.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.

