

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 2, 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?”

**January Sgt. at Arms – Dawn Mueller
January Greeter – Brad Traver**

HUHS Pickup – 1/2 – Gretchen Vickney, 1/9 – Peter Wilk, 1/16 – Betsy Wittenberger, 1/23 – Fred Wittenberger, 1/30 – Dave Wolbrink.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING December 26, 2013

OPENING: President Matt Schwechel called the meeting to order. Verlin Wandrey led the club in prayer. Matt then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

GREETERS REPORT: Dane Schepp introduced Laurie Onash (David’s host Mom), Ellie Zagel, Tom Fuhop (Mike Mally’s son-in law).

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: The students of the month were not in attendance due to Christmas vacation at the high school.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David told us that he enjoyed celebrating Christmas with his host family and commented that the Christmas spirit was much more abundant here than in France. He also told us that for New Years, he hopes to be able to participate in the Polar Bear experience by jumping into Lake Michigan!

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.

There is a United Airlines contest going on right now online and Rotary International is listed as one of the possible recipients of the prize. Matt will email the membership a link to the contest website so that we can go online and vote for Rotary!

Matt read an update from the District website regarding the current status of the fight against Polio. The update is as follows:

- **December 2013 - Countries across the Middle East are launching special campaigns to vaccinate 23 million children in response to the polio outbreak in Syria, while cases have tapered off in the Horn of Africa; and progress has continued in the three polio-endemic countries, providing an incredible opportunity to turn off the polio tap at the source. Between them, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan have seen an almost 40% reduction in cases compared to this time last year, and wild poliovirus type 3 hasn't been spotted anywhere in the world in more than 12 months. As the Polio Oversight Board stated recently: "The upcoming low transmission season (November to April) in countries currently affected by polio transmission will be crucial, and we agreed that endemic country plans could be further refined to capitalize on this unprecedented opportunity." –**

PROGRAM: Fred introduced us to the story of "Limping through Life" which is the story of a Wisconsin farm boy who is a polio survivor

and wrote a book detailing his life with Polio. We watched a television interview with the author and were even given a signed copy of his book. Here is the description of the book:

In his most personal book, Jerry Apps, who contracted polio at age twelve, reveals how the disease affected him physically and emotionally, profoundly influencing his education, military service, and family life and setting him on the path to becoming a professional writer. A hardworking farm kid who loved playing softball, young Jerry Apps would have to make many adjustments and meet many challenges after that winter night he was stricken with a debilitating, sometimes fatal illness. In *Limping through Life* he explores the ways his world changed after polio and pays tribute to those family members, teachers, and friends who helped him along the way.

Jeff Millikin was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle and won a copy of the book "Limping Through Life".

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, guest Tom Fuhop had a chance to win \$825 but he drew the Ace of Clubs.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 17 members absent at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Fines were not collected at today's meeting as a Christmas present to the club.