

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 16, 2014

**“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

January 9, 2014

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

**GREETERS REPORT:** June Ertenberg introduced Olivia Algiers, Rosie Wolbrink, Mark Wolbrink, and Russ Brandt from the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club as guests at today’s meeting.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Matt introduced Susan, Matthew, and Savannah as Rotary Students of the Month for January. They will give a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at the January 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:** David enjoyed the days he had off from school due to the cold weather. His grandmother is very concerned about him. They do not experience this type of cold weather

back home in France. David enjoyed the time he spent with 12 other exchange students last weekend.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The take down dates for Enchantment in the Park are tentatively scheduled February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark those dates down on your calendar. We need your help!!!!

The Executive Board meeting will be held next Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Hartford Golf Club before the general membership meeting.

The date for this year's wine tasting fundraiser is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help make this fundraising event a success by selling the tickets given to you as soon as possible. Janean would like the money or any unsold tickets returned to her in the next two weeks.

Peter Wilk will be leaving next Wednesday for the medical mission to Guatemala. 43 people are participating this year.

John Lonergan, Dorothy Algiers, and Chuck Stienmetz will be presented with their Paul Harris Awards at the February 13<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**PROGRAM:** Dave gave an update on the water projects in Guatemala and Haiti. The water projects in Olivares and San Rafael Guatemala are going well. Dave gave the same presentation that he is making to the Rotary Clubs in District 6270. The current state of the water in these two villages is good. In 1989-90, District 6270 paid thousands to have 32 wells drilled in Mirebalais. Today most of those wells do not work. Today there is a Rotary Club in Mirebalais enthused about restoring the wells in the area. Mirebalais Rotary estimates that 20 of the wells can be restored. Each well serves on average approximately 100 families. If each family pays less than 1\$ per month, the wells can be sustained indefinitely. The project costs about \$53,000 for parts, expert work on each well, and construction of a concrete block pump house with steel door that will keep animals, children and vandals from making them unsanitary. Dave expects the project to be eligible for

**District Funds and is working on a matching grant application to the Rotary International Foundation. However, to get those funds, \$28,000 must be raised in order to get approximately \$25,000 in grant money. The Hartford Rotary Club has committed \$10,000 toward this project.**

**Janean Handel was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Dave Wolbrink had a chance to win \$890. He did draw the Ace of Hearts!!!! Congratulations Dave!**

**Attendance: Ed Heck reported 8 members absent at today's meeting.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Dawn Mueller collected \$28.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.**