

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

February 6, 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?”

February Sgt. at Arms – Deb Reinbold

February Greeter – Penny Jo Zagel

HUHS Pickup – 2/6 – Ron Schlitt, 2/13 – Tim Algiers, 2/20 – Laurie Barz, 2/27 – Dale Anderson.

February Birthdays - 2/7 – Ron Schlitt, 2/18 – Fred Wittenberger.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

January 30, 2014

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: Betsy Wittenberger introduced Thom Brown, Hartford Mayor Joe Dautermann, and Greg Shaw host parent of David as guests at today’s meeting.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Matt introduced Susan, Matthew, and Savannah as the January Rotary Students of the Month. Students gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans.

Susan has been active in co-curricular activities all four years at Hartford Union High School. She has been a member of the varsity girls swim team for four years (2010-13), a manager for the boys swim team (2013-14), a member of the pit orchestra for two years (2012-13), a member of the pep band for four years (2010-14), Model United Nations

for three years (2011-14), a member of National Honor Society for two years (2012-14), a member of FFA for four years (2010-14), and a member of Student Council for one year (2012-13). Susan was the recipient of the coaches' award for her participation and leadership on the varsity girls swim team. She was also a state qualifier in girl's swimming.

Susan has given back to her community by volunteering her time at St. Benedict's soup kitchen in Milwaukee, as well as at her church and for various National Honor Society events. She has attended a wilderness leadership camp for eight years, and this past summer she went on a 45-day backpacking trip through the Brooks Range in Alaska, where she was able to improve her leadership and facilitating skills.

Susan plans to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado to either major in zoology or animal science with a pre-veterinary focus.

Matthew has been active in co-curricular activities at Hartford Union High School participating in track, Skills USA, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, and the Fall Musical and Spring Play. He has also served as the News Editor and Feature Editor of the HUHS school newspaper The Hartford Chronicle. Matthew received special recognition recently from NEWSPA by placing first in advertisement design.

Matthew has given back to his community by serving on the worship team and student leader team at Northbrook Church. He has also done volunteer work at Harvest House in West Bend. Matthew enjoys music and plays the piano, drums, guitar and violin. He loves to jam with his friends.

After high school, Matthew plans to attend either UW-Eau Claire or UW-Madison to major in business.

Savannah was a member of the varsity girls swim team all four years at HUHS. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Savannah received her athletic letter in swimming and swam at state on various relay teams during her junior and senior year.

Savannah has given back to her community by doing volunteer work at Enchantment in the Park, the Holy Hill Arts and Craft Fair, the St. Mary of the Hill Flea Market and participating in the

Breaststroke Relay for Breast Cancer and the Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics.

After high school, Savannah plans to attend UW-Madison to major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and minor in Biotechnology. Someday, she would like to open her own Veterinary Clinic.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David reported that the infection is gone and he will be able to go back to school on Monday. He did his schoolwork from home the past two weeks. Dave Groves invited David to the chili cook off held at his church last weekend. Dave's chili recipe placed first at the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The take down for Enchantment in the Park has been canceled for February 8th due to the bad weather conditions. We will keep you posted on the rescheduled date.

The date for this year's wine tasting fundraiser is February 15th. Please return any unsold tickets to Janean this week. At this time, approximately 240 tickets have been sold.

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

Colleen Baus is looking for host families for next year's exchange student. If interested in being a host family, please contact Colleen ASAP.

This year's District Conference will be held in Oshkosh April 27th – April 28th. The District Seminar will be held in Oshkosh on April 28th. Matt would like to see a large number of Hartford Rotarians attend the conference or seminar that weekend.

Matt is looking for Hartford Rotarians to attend the District Grant Seminars. One will be held in Oshkosh on February 11th and another one will be held in New Berlin on March 27th. If interested in attending, please contact Matt.

Matt received a note from the Salvation Army thanking us for our involvement in the Christmas Bell Ringing Program this year.

PROGRAM: Hartford Mayor, Joe Dautermann, presented his annual State of the City address. He said the city of Hartford is economically healthy and strong. For the 9th year out of the past 10, the city has a budget with no tax increase. However, the city will be spending 16 million dollars in projects over the next three years with no increase in the tax levy. Some of the projects are the 6 million dollar remodeling project of the Police Department at City Hall, a major sewer line project, and major work done at the Millpond. He said the industry and manufacturing in Hartford pays a lot of bills for the community. He also emphasized that the city has experienced no major layoffs or decreases in services to the citizens of Hartford.

Tim Purman was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Guest Thom Brown, had a chance to win \$112.00 but he drew the Ace of Spades instead.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 14 members absent at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Dawn Mueller collected \$21.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.