

# **HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN**

**February 13, 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**

**February 6, 2014**

**OPENING:** President Matt Schwechel called the meeting to order. Greg Ledesma led the club in prayer. Matt then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Ron Schlitt. Congratulations Ron!

**GREETERS REPORT:** Penny Jo Zagel introduced Jay Fischer from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County as Fred Wittenberger’s guest. Jay is a member of the West Bend Rotary Noon Club.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Matt introduced Allie, Sara, and James as the February Rotary Students of the Month. The students will give a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at the February 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:** David returned to school on Monday. He is really enjoying his second semester class dealing with

**films and the film industry. He enjoyed watching the ads for the super bowl. He has a hard time understanding why so many people enjoy watching American football. He said the rules are hard for him to follow. He thinks rugby is a better game!!!**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Jay Fischer said the Hartford Boys and Girls Club is growing at a faster rate than the clubs in Jackson, West Bend and Kewaskum did. There are already 350 kids in the Hartford Club.**

**The date for this year's wine tasting fundraiser is February 15<sup>th</sup>. At this time, approximately 297 tickets have been sold.**

**John Lonergan, Dorothy Algiers, and Chuck Stienmetz will be presented with their Paul Harris Awards at the February 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>. The District Seminar will be held in Oshkosh on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Matt passed around information about the conference.**

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

**Matt passed around information from the Pool Committee about the potential renovation of the Veteran Memorial Pool in Hartford.**

**Peter Wilk spoke about the Medical Mission to Guatemala. You can view a video on the mission on you-tube.**

**2014 marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hartford Rotary Club. Matt would like to plan a party to honor the Hartford Club. More details**

**about the party will be shared after the Wine Tasting fundraiser is completed.**

**PROGRAM:** Deb Reinbold has been a member of the Hartford Rotary Club for approximately one year. She is the Business Solutions Specialist for Economic Development of Washington County. She summarized the 2013 Annual Report on the organization and the economic impact it has on the area. The Mission of Economic Development of Washington County is to fuel growth businesses and industries for the creation of quality jobs and economic prosperity countywide. Last year there was a 6.7% growth in employment in Washington County – 1<sup>st</sup> in the state. In the annual report the total economic impact was highlighted. (1,471 New Jobs) (\$106,700,000 New Wages) (\$344,600,000 New Sales) She also highlighted the project profile for Kerry Inc. and the economic impact that one new company had in Washington County in 2012-13.

**Rotary Student of the Month, Allie, was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Ed Heck, had a chance to win \$132.00 but he drew the Two of Diamonds instead.**

**Attendance:** Ed Heck reported 10 members absent at today's meeting.

**Sgt. At Arms Report:** Matt Schwechel collected \$30.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.