

# **HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN**

**February 27, 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 20, 2014**

**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. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Fred Wittenberger and David.

**GREETERS REPORT:** Penny Jo Zagel introduced host parents of David, Greg Shaw and Laurie Onash.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Matt introduced Sara and James as the February Rotary Students of the Month. The students gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans.

Sara attended Saylesville School before Hartford Union High School. Sara has participated in volleyball, cross-country, soccer, basketball, and softball at HUHS. She enjoys all outdoor activities. She is an active volunteer at her church and also works with young girls in the Little Lady Orioles basketball program. After graduation from high school,

**Sara plans on attending Michigan Tech University to major in Environmental Engineering.**

**James has been active in the FFA and the Robotics program at HUHS. He is also a member of the Pep Band and Marching Band at the school. He loves working with technology programs and currently he is involved in a co-op program and Mantz Engineering. After graduation from HUHS, James would like to pursue a degree in Mechanical Design Technology at WCTC.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends from HUHS and fellow Rotary exchange students. He received nice gifts from his friends and family. He will be moving in with the Wittenbergers tonight. Colleen Baus presented David with several gifts from the club. David was very happy with the new shirt, tie and book.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Matt thanked the wine tasting committee for this year's outstanding event.**

**Representatives from the Enchantment in the Park Board will give a presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup> on the approach they will take next year to decorate Regner Park.**

**Colleen Baus announced that this year's inbound student is from Brazil. A host family has been lined up for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester but she is still looking for a host family for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. If you know of any family that would be interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact Colleen.**

**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.**

**The rescheduled date for take down of Enchantment in the Park is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ron Schlitt sent around a sign up sheet to solicit volunteers. So far, 10 Hartford Rotarians have signed up. Ron will have the sign up**

sheet at Thursday's meeting so please check your calendar to see if you can help with take down.

Matt received thank you notes, on behalf of the club, from the United Way Resource Center, the Guatemala Resource Partnership, The Schauer Arts and Activities Center and Dorothy Algiers.

Matt passed around the Paul Harris data sheets for review by the membership.

The club received a \$215.00 donation from the family of Lou Darin. Lou was a former member of the Hartford Rotary Club.

**PROGRAM:** Matt summarized the key points from Thursday morning's executive board meeting.

- ❖ The secretary and treasurer's report were approved as presented. The financials will be sent out to the membership with next week's bulletin.
- ❖ To date, the board has approved \$14,715.00 in donations.
- ❖ Dave Groves has attended the Pre Pets Conference.
- ❖ The board approved a \$120.00 donation to the Fire Safety Program.
- ❖ The Hartford Rotary Foundation is in good shape financially.
- ❖ May 8<sup>th</sup> has been reserved for this year's Teacher Recognition Program.
- ❖ The Wine Tasting event netted an approximate profit of \$14,671.00. The board approved a donation of \$4000.00 to Family Promise of Washington County and a \$4000.00 donation to the Hartford Garden Club's main street river project. The Ability Center – fitness facility for the handicapped – is high on the list for a donation from next year's wine tasting profits.
- ❖ This year's golf outing is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Hartford Rotary Club and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County will co-sponsor the event. Each organization will guarantee 15 groups.
- ❖ The World Affairs selection process is taking place at the high school.

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

**In the Ace of Hearts Raffle, Loni Jaeger, had a chance to win \$173.00 but she drew the Two of Spades instead.**

**Attendance: Ed Heck reported 16 members absent at today's meeting.**

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