

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

March 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?”

March Sgt. at Arms – Dane Schepp

March Greeter – Tim Purman

HUHS Pickup – 3/6 – Colleen Baus, 3/13 – TBD, 3/20 – TBD, 3/27 – Harriet Doerfert.

March Birthdays - 3/8 – John Stellmacher, 3/13 – Nate Schlotthauer, 3/14 – Dave Wolbrink, 3/20 – Dawn Mueller, 3/21 – Tim Algiers, 3/27 – Colleen Baus.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

March 6, 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 Leslie Ashford and Lorraine Neu from the Hartford Garden Club, Karen White, and Mike Phillips from the West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Matt introduced Joshua, Melissa, and Somer as the March Rotary Students of the Month. They will give a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at our March 20th Club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David attended an exchange student weekend in Green Lake last week. He met the outbound exchange students for next year. He also had time to socialize with the other exchange students from around the state. He enjoyed having dinner with the District Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Janean Handel presented a check for \$4,000.00 to Leslie Ashford and Lorraine Neu of the Hartford Garden Club. They hope to get started this summer with the Main Street River Park project.

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 passed around information about the conference.

Brad Traver is looking for volunteers to help him with this year's golf outing fundraiser. It will take place on June 26th. Our club will partner with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County as co-hosts for the event. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Brad.

Step Africa is not available to perform at our Thursday noon meeting on April 10th. However, they will perform at our meeting on Monday, April 7th. John is planning on serving African food at the luncheon. We will most like have a round table on Thursday, March 10th. The Step Africa performance at the Schauer Center is scheduled for Sunday, April 6th.

PROGRAM: Mike Phillips presented an Enchantment in the Park update for our club.

- ❖ He felt that the 4 goals – Feed the Hungry, Present a Unique Experience, Bring Community Groups together, and Promote Rotary were met. 25 other community groups helped with the project.
- ❖ The Hartford, Slinger-Allenton, Menomonee Falls, West Bend Noon and West Bend Sunrise Clubs participated in the project.

- ❖ **Seven food pantries in Washington County benefited from the project. 13,590 food items were collected. This was down considerably from past years. The Enchantment Board gave a \$5000 donation to the food pantries bringing the total items donated to 18,590. The plan for next year is to do a joint promotion campaign with the food pantries to increase the amount of food items donated.**
- ❖ **The total # of cars (7,098) going through the exhibit was up from 2012. The average number of cars per day increased from 241 to 322.**
- ❖ **The surveys were generally positive but adding more lights is a priority for next year.**
- ❖ **Mike presented the plan for setup for next year. Community groups will take responsibility for setting up and taking down the displays in the Park. A reimbursement plan is being established to pay organizations for each display they volunteer to set up and take down. The goal is to decrease the number of hours that the five rotary club members have to commit to the project.**

Gene Wittenberger was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle and with a brand new deck, David had a chance to win over \$60.00 but he drew the Five of Spades instead.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 13 members absent at today's meeting.

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