

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

May 1, 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?”

**May Sgt. at Arms – Paul Johnsen
May Greeter – Nate Schlotthauer**

HUHS Pickup – 5/1 – Tom Hostad, 5/8 – Loni Jaeger, 5/15 – Paul Johnsen, 5/22– Brenda Johnston, 5/29 – Greg Ledesma.

May Birthdays - 5/6 – Paul Johnsen, 5/12 – Brenda Johnston, 5/13 – Matt Schwechel, 5/27 – Doug Smith.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

April 24, 2014

OPENING: President Matt Schwechel called the meeting to order on both days. 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 the Hartford Rotary Club in recognition for its 90th Anniversary. The Hartford Rotary Club’s was founded on April 24th 1924.

GREETERS REPORT: Greg Ledesma introduced former Hartford Rotarian and Past President, Sandra Kelly as a guest at today’s meeting.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: The students were not in attendance due to spring break.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: David enjoyed Easter attending services at Northbrook Church and then went to brunch with Fred and

Betsy Wittenberger. Loretta Klassen presented David with an historical map of the Native American tribes of North America. Loretta's great grandfather was half-Cherokee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brad Traver is looking for volunteers to help him with this year's golf outing fundraiser. It will take place on June 24th. The flyers are out. Brad is looking for hole sponsors and prizes. Our club is committed to 17 foursomes for the event, so please start lining up your teams.

Matt informed the club that Brian Priestaf would be finishing his last rounds of chemo in June. His spirits are good. He hopes to start attending meetings in the near future.

The Teacher of the Year Recognition luncheon is scheduled for May 8th. The club will present plaques and a gift to Pete Kelly of Hartford Union High School, Kevin Goelz of Hartford School District Jt.#1, and Michael Marquardt of Peace Lutheran School. Please keep this date open on your calendar.

The Hartford Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary Party will be held at the Chandelier Ballroom in the Fireside room on Sunday, May 4th. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:00 PM and dinner will follow at 6:00 PM. At this time 70 people have signed up to attend. There will be a short program on the history of the club presented by Mike Mally and six Paul Harris presentations.

PROGRAM: Fred Wittenberger gave a power point presentation on the history of the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is the giving arm of Rotary International. Four members including Paul Harris founded rotary International on February 23, 1905. Arch Klumph, the 6th President of Rotary International came up with the idea of an endowment fund in 1917. In 1928, it became the Rotary Foundation. Paul Harris Fellowship designation was created in 1957 to recognize contributions of \$1000 dollars to the Rotary Foundation. At this time, the Hartford Rotary Club has 29 Paul Harris Fellows. Donations can be made to the Rotary Foundation through the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and through Polio Plus. 88.4% of donated

money goes to programs. Very little money is spent on administrative fees. The Rotary Foundation is very well respected internationally as the giving arm of Rotary International.

John Spielmann the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

In the Ace of Hearts Raffle Betsy Wittenberger had a chance to win \$159.50 but she drew the Eight of Spades instead.

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

Sgt. At Arms Report: Brad Traver collected \$24.00 in fines from the membership at today's meeting.