

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

July 3, 2014

“Light Up Rotary”

**“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?”**

**July Sgt. at Arms – Peter Wilk
July Greeter – Harriet Doerfert**

HUHS Pickup – None – Summer Vacation

July Birthdays - 7/15 – Ed Heck, 7/16 – Laurie Barz.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

June 26, 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. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Dale Anderson, Penny Jo Zagel, and Bob Stumpner. Congratulations Dale, Penny Jo, and Bob!

GREETERS REPORT: Mark Smits introduced Kristin, Rona, and Sarah as guest of Dave Groves.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: No students present due to summer break.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Matt thanked Brad Traver for organizing this year’s golf outing fundraiser. For the first time in many years we had a full field for the

event. It was very successful. A financial report on the event will be presented in the next few weeks.

Matt congratulated Fred Wittenberger on his recent induction as new Assistant District Governor. Fred will be responsible for the Rotary Clubs in Washington County.

Fred reported that the club is at the break-even point in the Packer Raffle Fundraiser. So far 11 club members have sold tickets. Please continue selling your Packer Raffle tickets. The drawing will be held on August 14th.

Matt received a thank you note for our recent donation to the Wisconsin Bookworm Program.

A fresh batch of Rotary pins has arrived. If you need a new pin, contact Ed Heck.

Fred Wittenberger honored Penny Jo Zagel as the club's first Bequest Society Club member. She included the Rotary Foundation in her will.

PROGRAM: Matt conducted the Changing of the Guard Program. Matt thanked the board members and membership for their participation in our major fundraisers. Because of our efforts, the club was able to donate over \$27,000 to area organizations. Donations were made to the Hartford Police Explorers, United Way, Saint Aidan's Haiti food pack program, Support the Troops, Elevate, the Best Scholarship Fund, Shop With a Cop, the Wisconsin Bookworm and the Big Read Program, Family Promise, Clean Water Projects in Haiti and Guatemala, the Guatemala Medical Mission and Guatemala Student Scholarships, and the Hartford Garden Club. It was a very successful year!

Matt then swore in Dave Groves as our new club President and the rest of the Board. Dave gave a short speech on his vision for the upcoming year. This year's Rotary theme is "Light Up Rotary". The highlights of his speech are listed below.

- ❖ The club will continue to have the same three major fundraisers.**

- ❖ **He will present a modified approach for our club's involvement in Enchantment in the Park next year.**
- ❖ **The club will continue to support clean water projects.**
- ❖ **The club will add at least one new member during his Rotary year.**
- ❖ **Dave would like to see and increase in Rotary Foundation Donations. He would like members to toss their extra change each week into a water jug. The money collected will be donated to the Rotary Foundation at the end of his year.**
- ❖ **Dave would like to work with the other local service clubs in the Hartford community.**
- ❖ **Dave would like to work with Elevate to do more education on drug and heroin addiction for the Hartford community. Numerous programs will be presented at club meetings to educate members on this crisis.**

Birthday Raffle – Matt Schwechel, Brad Traver, and Loni Jaeger were the lucky winners of this week's birthday raffles.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Lisa Olson had a chance to win \$366.50 but she drew the Seven of Diamonds instead.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 10 active and 4 Rule of 85 members absent at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Matt Zeman collected \$31.00 in fines at today's meeting.