

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

September 11, 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?”**

**September Sgt. at Arms – Matt Zeman
September Greeter – Bob Stumpner**

**HUHS Pickup – 9/4 – Deb Rienbold, 9/11 – Melissa Richards, 9/18 –
Dane Schepp, 9/25 – Ron Schlitt.**

**September Birthdays - 9/15 – Loni Jaeger, 9/18 – Brad Traver, 9/30 –
Peter Wilk.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

September 4, 2014

OPENING: President Dave Groves called the meeting to order. Paul Johnson led the club in prayer. Dave then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Dave also announced that it was National Newspaper Carrier Day!

GREETERS REPORT: Brad Traver introduced Karen Buhle, Barb Laabs from the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, and Iris Hulpert from the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club, and Ken Schulman, guest of Dave Wolbrink.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Dave introduced Mitch and Ashley, our September Rotary Students of the Month. They will give a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at our September 18th Rotary meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria enjoys school but it is very different from her experiences in Brazil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Wolbrink's guest needs help with distributing water filters in Haiti in January. If interested in helping Ken out, please contact Dave.

Brenda Johnston and Matt Zeman are working on the paperwork for a student interested in being an outbound exchange student in 2016.

There will be an executive board meeting on September 18th at 11:00 AM before our regular membership meeting. All interested Rotarians are welcome to attend.

Kristin (outbound) leaves on Sept 3rd for Spain. She thanked us all for the opportunity and will report back to us on her progress.

Dave listed the next Programs and events for the club.

September 11, Kathy Fies will speak on the memorial go-kart event, which will be held this Saturday September 6th at Slinger Speedway. See flyer on our web site.

Sept 18 is our Club meeting date, and also Talk Like a Pirate Day???

Sept 19 is Grapes, Hops and Greens. Please sign up your team ASAP. At the present time, approximately six teams are signed up.

Sept 25 speaker is Mayor Joe Dauterman to tell us about the state of the city.

Oct 18 is the date for the District Fall conference in West Bend. All should plan to attend from 8 to noon.

Community U planning is underway. Gretchen is still looking for 3 more Rotarians for shirt sizes. Our Rotarian volunteers will direct attendees to breakout sessions. Our District Governor will be in attendance.

PROGRAM: Tom Hostad presented a program on the downtown restoration project and economic development in Hartford. The committee is working on the future vision for the Hartford Community. They are looking for input from the residents and community groups in the Hartford area. The biggest issue facing employers in Hartford is the large number of retirees in the near future. In the next five years, 30% of the work force in Hartford will retire. In the next 15 years, and estimated 50% of the workforce in Hartford will retire. The plan is to revitalize the downtown area of Hartford so that workers will be attracted to the Hartford community. Karen Buhle presented potential plans on how the future downtown area of Hartford may look.

Birthday Raffle – Tom Doubleday was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Matt Zeman had a chance to win \$536.50 but he drew the Nine of Spades instead.

Attendance: Ed Heck reported 12 members absent at today's meeting without prior makeup.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Matt Zeman collected \$36.00 in fines at today's meeting.