

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

October 16, 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?”

**October Sgt. at Arms – Melissa Richards
October Greeter – Brad Traver**

HUHS Pickup – 10/2 – Nate Schlotthauer, 10/9 – Matt Schwechel, 10/16 – Mark Smits, 10/23 – John Spielmann, 10/30 – John Stellmacher.

October Birthdays - No October Birthdays.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

October 9, 2014

OPENING: President Dave Groves called the meeting to order. Paul Johnsen 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 Moldy Cheese Day!

GREETERS REPORT: Brad Traver introduced Maria and the October Students of the Month. District Governor Mary Beth Seiser and Chuck Steinmetz were also in attendance as guests of the club.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Dave introduced Brady, and Dylan, our October Rotary Students of the Month. Monica Grimm was not in attendance because she was participating at the WIAA sectional tennis meet in Appleton. The students will give a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at the October 16th meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria said her hand is doing much better. She has good motion and it is not painful. She attended homecoming and danced with friends and enjoyed dressing up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave thanked all for their help with Community U. They estimated over 200 in attendance and went through the comment cards and all were very positive. With our year of Heroin, the education quarter is finished, and we are now moving into the advocacy quarter.

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

October 16th - Board meeting and student speeches.

October 18th - Fall Seminar (FREE but sign up please at <http://www.rotary6270.org/>) and Friends of Abused Families event in Woodlawn Park in Hartford.

October 23rd - Speaker on the Hartford Pool Project.

October 30th - Speaker Bill Schubert on the inside scoop of Movie Theaters (wear a costume or be fined?)

11/6 Michael Schaffer on Affiliated Care (also start of NO SHAVE NOVEMBER ladies)

11/6 District Foundation Dinner @ Chandelier Ballroom to honor new Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Bequest Society members and new Major Donors. Speaker will be a Rotary Peace Scholar.

11/13 - \$10,000 give away at the Chandelier Ballroom.

We got thank you notes from The Rotary Foundation for our club \$2000 donation to Polio Plus and from the Guatemala medical mission for our \$500 donation.

We received our first half (\$1500) district grant check for the water project.

PROGRAM: District Governor Mary Beth Seiser was our Assistant Governor from 2008-2011. She thanked us for all we do and told us our Polio donation would be matched twice through the Gates Foundation to bring our \$2000 donation impact to \$6000. The Rotary theme this year is to Light up Rotary and she hopes to help our club be more successful than it already is. The District has 6 goals, the first being membership. We need to value our current members and find ways to keep all members active within the club. We should look for new members seeking people willing to serve. In our Fall Seminar (Saturday 10/18) there will be a membership presenter focusing on retaining and attracting as well as other break out sessions. #2 goal is The Rotary Foundation. Make The Rotary Foundation one of your charitable contributions of choice. If you designate your donation towards the Annual fund, 50% comes back to our district to be awarded as District Grants (which we apply for and get quite often). Also we are 99% rid of Polio in the world. 3rd should be International service. We are participating through our Youth Exchange (inbound & outbound) and water projects in both Haiti and Guatemala. Remember that your money can go a lot further in other countries. 4th seminar or District Conference. They can strengthen and energize club members. 5th Image. Don't hide your light. Make sure your community knows about Rotary and your club. 6th have FUN.

Dave mentioned that the Community U program had a lot of impact. As he was standing on the stage he could see lots of attendees with tears in their eyes. Lisa said that next year's Community U would focus on Mental Health issues.

Penny Jo Zagel said she got a Bell ringing request from the Salvation Army again this year. More information to come in the near future.

Bob Stumpner announced that his wife has been married for 44 years (a portion of them happily) and that he bought 2 new microphones for \$300, which he is hoping someone will reimburse him for. He talked with the Lions and the Golf Course and with Rotary's help; he is hoping to split the cost three ways.

Birthday Raffle – Chuck Steinmetz was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Penny Jo had a chance to win \$640.00 but the deck was misplaced again this week. She will have an opportunity to draw for the Ace of Hearts next week.

Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 3 members absent without prior makeup at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Melissa Richards collected \$19.00 in fines at today's meeting.