

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 4, 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?”

**December Sgt. at Arms – Matt Schwechel
December Greeter – Tim Purman**

HUHS Pickup – 12/4 – Peter Wilk, 12/11 – Betsy Wittenberger, 12/18 – Fred Wittenberger, 12/25 – No School, Christmas.

December Birthdays - 12/4 – Dave Groves, 12/14 – Gretchen Vickney.

Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule – December – Dane Schepp, January – Janean Handel, February – Ron Schlitt.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING November 20, 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 reminded the club that it is “National Absurdity Day”.

GREETERS REPORT: Nate Schlotthauer announced that there were no guests in attendance at today’s meeting.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Hannah, Kristen, and Jonathan, our November Rotary Students of the Month, gave a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans.

Jonathan has been active in co-curricular activities while attending Hartford Union High School. He is a member of the National

Honor Society, H-Club, the DECA Club, and the FBLA Club at Hartford. Jonathan participated in football and baseball all four years and basketball during his freshman and sophomore years. He was nominated team captain in football his senior year and received the coach's award all four years in football. Jonathan was named to the Wisconsin Little All-Conference 2nd Team in football during his senior year. He recently received the AP Scholar Award for taking nine AP classes while attending Hartford Union High School.

Jonathan has given back to his community by volunteering his time at the local recreation center coaching football and basketball for young athletes ages 8-12. Through the H-Club and FBLA and DECA clubs at Hartford, he has assisted with the Shamrock Shuffle, March of Dimes, and Toy's for Tots and Food Pantry fundraisers.

Jonathan plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison to major in Chemical Engineering.

Kirsten has been active in co-curricular activities at Hartford Union High School. Kirsten has been a member of the girl's varsity soccer team all four years and was named first team all-conference and first team all county during her junior year. She is a member of the National Honor Society, H-Club, and the current Co-President of both the FBLA and DECA Clubs at HUHS. Kirsten represented Hartford Union High School at Badger Girl's State this past summer. She was also a FBLA state qualifier in Business Law during her sophomore and junior year.

Kirsten has given back to her community by volunteering her time as a pre-school Sunday school teacher at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. She has also done volunteer work through the H-Club and the DECA and FBLA clubs at Hartford.

After high school, Kirsten plans to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison to pursue a business degree in finance and investment. She would like to eventually obtain a law degree and then work in the field of Corporate Law.

Hannah has been active in co-curricular activities at Hartford. She is a member of the girl's varsity tennis and soccer teams, earning letters in both sports all four years. Hannah was a state qualifier in tennis her senior year and was named to the Wisconsin Little Ten All-Conference Team in both tennis and soccer. She is also a member of the HUHS Student Council, the National Honor Society, the HUHS Concert

Choir, the H-Club, and the Student Council and is involved in the athletic training program at Hartford.

Hannah has given back to her community by doing volunteer work through St Gabriel's church, and serving as a volunteer patient nurse assistant at St. Joe's Kathy Hospice.

After high school, Hannah plans to attend either Ohio State or the University of North Carolina to pursue a degree in Nursing and a minor in Spanish.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria has joined the gymnastics team at HUHS. She also enjoyed attending the school musical "The Wizard of Oz" last weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Melissa Richards will be collecting Christmas tip money for the wait staff at the Hartford Golf Club the next few weeks.

Loni would like all basket items for this year's wine tasting fundraiser submitted to her by December 11th. Cash donations can also be made in lieu of the basket items. The committee would prefer to have gift cards and certificates from local restaurants and merchants.

The club received a thank you note from the family of Brian Priestaf. The money that was donated to the Hartford Rotary Club will be put toward a Paul Harris Fellowship in Pam Priestaf's name.

Loni passed out flyers with information about the club Christmas party to be held at the Wittenbergers on December 13th. She will circulate a sign up sheet at next week's meeting.

Matt Schwechel announced that the nominating committee is seeking interested candidates for 2 director's positions and some officer positions for next year. He will be sending out an e-mail with more details soon. The vote to finalize next year's board will take place at our December 18th club meeting.

Fred promoted the “Taste of Washington County” fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County, which will take place on December 4th. He encouraged all Rotarians to attend.

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

12/4 – Katie Morrow from Teen Challenge will be our guest speaker.

12/11 – Carol Redders will give a talk on “Dignity Bags”.

December 12th is our evening to work at Enchantment in the Park.

December 13th – The Club Christmas Party will be held at Fred and Betsy Wittenberger’s home.

December 18th – Board Meeting report.

PROGRAM: Dave highlighted the key points discussed at Thursday morning’s board meeting.

- ❖ The secretary and treasurer’s report were approved as presented.**
- ❖ A \$250.00 was approved for the Hartford Christmas Committee Program.**
- ❖ A \$1000.00 was approved for the Schauer Center’s Page to Stage Program.**
- ❖ A donation toward the Dignity Bags Program was tabled until the December 18th board meeting.**
- ❖ A \$750.00 donation was approved for the “Shop with a Cop” program.**
- ❖ A \$500.00 donation was approved for the Clean Sweep Project. This program deals with the collection of prescription drugs in the Hartford area.**
- ❖ A \$7500.00 donation was approved toward the Aquatic Center Pool project. The money will be paid out over a five-year period.**

Birthday Raffle – Colleen Baus was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Harriet Doerfert had a chance to win \$796.00 but

Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 6 members absent without prior makeup at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Penny Jo Zagel collected \$30.00 in fines at today's meeting.