

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 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?”

**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 Day.

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

December 4, 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 Cookie Day”. It was also Dave Grove’s birthday. Congratulations Dave! Tom Hostad was the lucky winner of a bathroom singing Santa presented by Dave to commemorate Dave’s birthday.

GREETERS REPORT: Tim Purman introduced Katie Morrow, our guest speaker. He also welcomed back Doug Smith and his wife Margaret. It was good to see Doug in attendance at today’s meeting.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Dave welcomed Marco, Miriam, and Maddie, our December Rotary Students of the Month. They will give a

brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at our December 18th club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria enjoyed her five-day vacation over Thanksgiving. She celebrated her first Thanksgiving with her host family and 35 other guests.

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 Schauer Arts and Activities Center for our donation to the "Page to Stage" program.

Matt Schwechel announced that John Stellmacher has agreed to assume the duties of treasurer on next year's board. The nominating committee is still seeking a candidate for Vice-President. The vote to finalize next year's board will take place at our December 18th club meeting.

Janean distributed the tickets for this year's wine tasting fundraiser to be held on February 21st. All money or unsold tickets should be returned to her by January 8th.

Dave Wolbrink encouraged our club members to volunteer to help Ken Schulman distribute water filters in Haiti. He will be leaving for Haiti the second week in January. Dave also announced that anyone interested in making a donation to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of the Haiti water project should do it this week.

Brenda Johnston announced the passing of Gretchen Vickney's grandfather and Ken Pike. Please keep them in your prayers.

Doug thanked the club members who sent him cards and visited him during his recent illness.

Verlin Wandrey just got out of the hospital after undergoing a long treatment for an infection from his pacemaker. Ed Heck is also having back issues. He welcomes phone calls and can be reached at 262-547-0311.

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

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

December 12th is our evening to work at Enchantment in the Park. All members should report to Regner Park at 4:30 PM.

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

December 18th – Board Meeting report.

December 25th – No Meeting - Merry Christmas!

January 1st – No Meeting – Happy New Year!

January 8th – A person from the Wisconsin Attorney General’s office will speak on the “Fly Effect” program.

PROGRAM: Katie Morrow spoke about the “Teen Challenge” Program. She is the women’s program director for the Teen Challenge Center in the Milwaukee area. It is a national program. The men’s center in Milwaukee opened in 1983. The women’s center in Milwaukee opened in 2001. Teen Challenge is a faith based 1-year program for adults with addictions. Katie is a graduate of the program. Currently, there are 28 women and 45 men enrolled in the program. The program has a very high success rate. 96% of the Teen Challenge program graduates stay drug free. 91% of the graduates are employed and a large percentage goes to church after graduation.

Birthday Raffle – Brenda Johnston was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Fred Wittenberger had a chance to win \$821.00 but he drew the eight of Diamonds.

Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 8 members absent without prior makeup at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Matt Schwechel collected \$16.00 in fines at today's meeting.