

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 18, 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 11, 2014

OPENING: President Dave Groves called the meeting to order. Greg Ledesma 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 Noodle Ring Day

GREETERS REPORT: Tim Purman introduced our guest speaker, Carol Redders, her husband John, and her friend, Susan Booth. Doug Smith’s wife, Margaret, was also in attendance. Matt Zeman brought Andrew Powers, as his guest, to the club 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 attended the performance of the “Nutcracker” at the Schauer Arts and Activities Center. After the show, Brenda Johnston introduced her to some of the dancers in the show. Maria said she really enjoyed the experience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Melissa Richards will be collecting Christmas tip money for the wait staff at the Hartford Golf Club at next week’s meeting.

Matt Zeman read a thank you letter from Katie Slickman for our club sponsorship as an out bound exchange student next year. He also thanked Andrew Powers for his donation of 16 computers that will be sent on to Guatemala for students to use there.

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

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: Carol Redders spoke about the “Restoration Bag” program that she is involved with through the Micah Ministry at her church. She attended a two-day conference and learned a great deal about the sex trafficking issues in the United States and around the world. The mission of the program is to restore dignity and provide hope to women and children who are victims of sex trafficking. Since

November of 2013, 900 hundred-restoration bags have been shipped nationally. Each bag costs approximately \$90.00. Each bag contains clothing items, personal hygiene items, slippers, flip-flops, and a blanket. Since August, her local group has sent 10 bags to the Milwaukee Police Department and 3 bags to the Milwaukee FBI office. She is looking for money from local organizations to help sponsor the restoration bag program. Her organization does a follow-up every six weeks to assess the need for additional restoration bags in the area.

Birthday Raffle – Greg Ledesma was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Fred Wittenberger had a chance to win \$853.00 but he drew the Nine of Hearts.

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

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