

# **HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN**

**February 5, 2015**

**“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?”**

**February Sgt. at Arms – John Spielmann  
February Greeter – Deb Reinbold**

**HUHS Pickup – 2/5 – Tim Algiers, 2/12 – Dale Anderson, 2/19 – Laurie Barz, 2/26 – Colleen Baus.**

**February Birthdays - 2/7 – Ron Schlitt, 2/18 – Fred Wittenberger.**

**Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule – February – Ron Schlitt,  
March – Deb Reinbold, April – Loni Jaeger, May – Harriet Doerfert,  
June – Dane Schepp.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING**

**January 29, 2015**

**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 Kazoo Day and National Cowboy Poetry Day”.

**GREETERS REPORT:** Tim Algiers introduced Margaret Smith and our Rotary Students of the Month, Nina and Nolan.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Jessica was not in attendance at today’s meeting. Nina and Nolan gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans.

**Nina lived in Greece with her family from 2005 to 2012. Since returning to Hartford, she has been active in co-curricular activities at Hartford Union High School. Nina is a member of the girl's varsity track team and girl's gymnastics team. She was a state qualifier in both the 1600 and 800-meter relays and was named Co-MVP in girl's track at Hartford in 2014. Nina is a member of the National Honor Society and H-Club at Hartford.**

**Nina was a major organizer and leader of a gymnastics camp held recently for 80 children at the Boys and Girls club on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation in Kansas. She has also been active in service projects in the Hartford Community with the Hartford Girls Gymnastics Team.**

**After high school, Nina would like to pursue a career in Physical Therapy.**

**Nolan has been active in co-curricular activities while attending Hartford Union High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in the sports of soccer, basketball, cross-country and track at Hartford. Nolan was named senior captain of the boys cross-country team this past season and was a state qualifier to the Wisconsin State Track Meet in 2014. He also represented Hartford Union High School at Badger Boys State.**

**Nolan has given back to his community serving as a dog walker at the Washington County Humane Society, volunteering as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, and doing property chores at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.**

**Nolan has been accepted to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He plans to study mechanical engineering and compete in track and cross-country while at Platteville.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria went skiing for the first time last weekend. She can turn left but had difficulty turning right. She enjoyed serving as a judge for the chili cook off.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – Hartford Police Sgt. Jim Zywicki will speak about Police Explorer Post 9910.**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – District Attorney Mark Benson will speak on Narcotic Abuse and the Criminal Justice System.**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Club Board Meeting report to the membership.**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> – Love/Hate, Dr. Buck Blodgett presentation.**

**Dave received thank you notes for our donation to the Restoration Bag Project and from the Salvation Army for serving as bell ringers.**

**Ron Schlitt announced that the Hartford Rotary Foundation received a check for \$4000 in Brian's name. The money will be used to award a \$1000 scholarship over the next four years to a student from Hartford Union High School pursuing a career in the technology field.**

**Matt Zeman reported that next year's Outbound Exchange Student, Katie, would be going to Brazil.**

**Fred Wittenberger said that our board with membership input would be discussing the flexible club pilot program. The club will need to make a few by-law changes with the goal to increase membership.**

**PROGRAM: Maria presented an interesting program on Brazil. She discussed the currency, climate, ethnic diversity of the country, and the economy of Brazil. She lives in a city approximately 50 miles from Sao Paulo. Her city is the safest city of Sao Paulo. It has a population of approximately 600,000 and is growing due to the manufacturing in the area. Maria hopes to study medicine in college.**

**Birthday Raffle – Nina, one of our students of the month, was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**Ace of Hearts Raffle – Jeff Millikin had a chance to win \$984.50 but he drew the Three of Hearts.**

**Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 7 members absent without prior makeup at today's meeting.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Laurie Barz collected \$25.00 in fines at today's meeting.**