

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

February 19, 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

February 12, 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 announced that it was “National Lost Penny Day”.

GREETERS REPORT: Mike Mally introduced our Rotary Student of the Month, Annah. Mark and Matt were not in attendance today. They were performing with the HUHS Concert Choir and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Next year’s Outbound Exchange Student, Katie and our program speaker, Mark Benson was also in attendance as guests of the club.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Mark, Matt, and Annah will be giving a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at our February 19th club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria went skiing again. This time she could turn both ways. She also went tubing for the first time at Sunburst. Our Outbound Exchange Student Katie also spoke to the club. She is excited about going to Brazil. Maria is helping her learn Portuguese. Katie outlined the training steps that she will be going through in the next few months before she leaves for Brazil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

February 12th – District Attorney Mark Benson will speak on Narcotic Abuse and the Criminal Justice System.

February 19th – Club Board Meeting report to the membership.

February 26th – Love/Hate, Dr. Buck Blodgett presentation.

March 5th – Washington County Circuit Judge Todd Marten’s presentation.

March 12th – Assistant Attorney Generals Dave Perlman and Tara Jenswald’s presentation.

Dave Wolbrink reported that the scholarship money to support students in Guatemala has been sent. He thanked the club for its continued support of this worthwhile project.

Dave announced that Lisa Olson would be running next week’s club meeting.

Janean reported that so far 245 tickets have been sold for this year’s wine tasting fundraiser.

The drawing for a Paul Harris Fellowship from the money collected in the “Pennies For Change Project” was held. John Spielmann was the lucky winner.

PROGRAM: Washington County District Attorney, Mark Benson, presented a program on narcotic abuse in Washington County. Heroin is the increasing drug of choice in both the county and the nation. Heroin is now cheaper to use than prescription drugs. The number of Heroin cases in the county has increased ten fold in the past ten years. Benson described the cycle of crime heroin addicts go through to support their habit. First, they start stealing from their families, and then they move on to retail theft, and finally serious robberies. It can lead to death. Today, drug dealers that supply heroin can be charged with murder if a death occurs.

Birthday Raffle – Tim Purman was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Tim Purman had a chance to win \$1,070.00 but he drew the Nine of Clubs.

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

Sgt. At Arms Report: John Spielmann collected \$20.00 in fines at today’s meeting.