

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

March 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?”

**March Sgt. at Arms – Dale Anderson
March Greeter – Melissa Richards**

HUHS Pickup – 3/5 – Ron Schlitt, 3/12 – Tom Doubleday, 3/19 – Janean Handel, 3/26 – Tom Hostad.

March Birthdays - 3/8 – John Stellmacher, 3/13 – Nate Schlotthauer, 3/14 – Dave Wolbrink, 3/20 – Dawn Mueller, 3/21 – Tim Algiers, 3/27 – Colleen Baus.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

February 26, 2015

OPENING: President Dave Groves called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott Wells led the club in prayer. Dave then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Dave announced that it was “National Carnival Day”.

GREETERS REPORT: Betsy Wittenberger introduced our Rotary Students of the Month, Annah, Mark and Matt. She also introduced Margaret Smith, Pastor Scott Moore, Bill Schubert, our program speaker Buck Blodgett, and Melissa Richard’s guest, Sherry.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Mark, Matt, and Annah, our February Rotary Students of the Month were in attendance.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria' surgery was successful. She can finally bend her fingers. Maria had a good time attending the mid-winter dance at HUHS. This weekend she will be in Oshkosh attending an exchange student event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lisa highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

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

March 12th – Assistant Attorney Generals Dave Perlman and Tara Jenswold's presentation.

March 19th – Club Board Meeting Report.

March 26th – Ray Stelzer from Scoop De Ville.

Dave thanked Lisa Olson for running last week's meeting.

Fred Wittenberger announced that at the present time 23 out of 43 members give to the annual Rotary Foundation campaign.

Dave announced that the board approved a \$200 donation to send a person from Haiti to a Rotaract Conference. Other clubs in our district have also contributed to this cause.

Janean reported that approximately 371 people attended this year's wine tasting fundraiser. The net profit from the event was over \$12,000.

The April 16th club meeting will be held at the Schauer Arts and Activities Center.

PROGRAM: Buck Blodgett presented a very moving program about his daughter, Jessie, her goals in life and her subsequent murder. Jessie had many causes during her short life, but her last great cause the past two years was male against female violence. Buck said that this has been a major societal problem through the ages. He shared several disturbing statistics with the club.

- ❖ 1 out of every 5 women will be assaulted during their life.
- ❖ Three women die each day in the United States at the hands of a man.
- ❖ One million children were sold last year into sex slavery,

He believes the culture in society needs to change. The mission of the “Love-Hate Project” is to end male against female violence. We, as a society, need to spread more love and kindness in the world. He begged everyone for his or her help.

Birthday Raffle – Matt Schwechel was the lucky winner of this week’s birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Betsy Wittenberger had a chance to win \$1,139.00 but she drew the Three of Clubs.

Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 9 members absent without prior makeup at today’s meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Ron Schlitt collected \$22.00 in fines at today’s meeting.