

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

March 12, 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

March 5, 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 announced that it was “National Multi-Personality Day” and also Library Month.

GREETERS REPORT: Melissa Richards introduced our Rotary Students of the Month, Cecilia and Leah. She also introduced Margaret Smith, Scott Richter of the Slinger-Allenton Rotary Club and our program speaker Judge Todd Martens.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Leah and Cecilia, our March Rotary Students of the Month, will give a brief talk about their accomplishments and future plans at our March 19th club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Maria was out of state traveling so she was not in attendance at today's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

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 announced that March 19th is "Wear Something Green Day". You may be assessed a fine at the club meeting if you are not wearing something green.

Dave announced that the club has donated \$5,573.00 so far to the "Every Rotarian Every Year" campaign.

Dave announced that the month of March has been declared membership month. Everyone should try and bring a guest to a meeting this month. If you bring a guest, your fines will be excused for that day.

John Spielmann promoted the "Toasting and Tasting" fundraising event at the Chandelier Ballroom on March 28th.

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

PROGRAM: Judge Todd Martens presented a program on the heroin problem that exists today from a Judge's perspective. It is a big

problem in Washington County. There were 0 cases reported in 2000. In 2014, 185 cases were reported. As a judge, he hears many cases for possession, drug dealing, and retail theft and credit card abuse. For a first time offender for possession of heroin, the penalty is 18 months confinement, three years probation, and treatment for the abuser. He has no sympathy for the drug dealers. He treats them seriously and his goal is to keep them off the streets so that they cannot deal drugs any longer. For collateral crimes such as theft and credit card fraud, the penalty is restitution to the victim and treatment for the offenders.

Birthday Raffle – Loni Jaeger was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.

Ace of Hearts Raffle – Dawn Mueller had a chance to win \$1,171.00 but she drew the Jack of Hearts. There are only 12 cards left in the deck.

Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 11 members absent without prior makeup at today's meeting.

Sgt. At Arms Report: Betsy Wittenberger collected \$35.00 in fines at today's meeting.