

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

September 10, 2015

**“Be A Gift To The World”**

**“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?”**

September Sgt. at Arms – Penny Jo Zagel  
September Greeter – Loni Jaeger

HUHS Pickup – 9/3 – Melissa Richards, 9/10 – Colleen Baus, 9/17 – Brad Traver, 9/24 – Gretchen Vickney.

September Birthdays - 9/15 – Loni Jaeger, 9/18 – Brad Traver, 9/30 – Peter Wilk.

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 9/3 – Tim Algiers, 9/10 – Dawn Mueller, 9/17 – Board Meeting, 9/24 – Colleen Baus.**

**OCTOBER PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 10/1 - Tom Doubleday, 10/8 – Janean Handel, 10/15 – Club Meeting, 10/22 – Loni Jaeger, 10/29 – Paul Johnsen.**

Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule –September - TBD.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

September 3, 2015

**OPENING:** President Lisa Olson called the meeting to order. Betsy Wittenberger led the club in prayer. Lisa then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We did not celebrate any birthdays at today’s meeting.

**GREETERS REPORT:** Loni Jaeger introduced our September Students of the Month, Austin and Taylor. Joe Conrad, the new Executive Director at the Schauer Arts and Activities Center was also in attendance.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Taylor and Austin, our September Students of the Month, attended their first meeting today. They will give a brief speech about their interests and future plans at the September 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

Lisa reminded club members to check the website for program assignments. You should also let Fred or Lisa know when you have finalized a program speaker so it can be put on the calendar of events.

Chamber of Commerce Director, Scott Henke, will be our program speaker on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Erin Wilk will speak about the Pink Pumpkin Run at our September 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Lisa will also summarize the topics covered at the board meeting.

Ben Baus will speak at our September 24<sup>th</sup> club meeting. His topic will deal with the Milwaukee Fire Department.

The October 1<sup>st</sup> program will deal with the Westphal Mansion in downtown Hartford.

Lisa announced that this year's "Community U" would take place on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Hartford Union High School.

This year's "Grapes, Greens, and Hops" golf outing will be held at the Washington County Golf Course on September 11<sup>th</sup>. So far 32 people have signed up. We are looking for more participants. Registration will

**start at 4:00 PM with the shotgun start at 4:30 PM. Dinner will start at 7:30 PM.**

**PROGRAM: Tom Double day spoke about his recent family trip to Germany to visit former exchange student Marek. Tom's son Garrett spent the semester studying abroad staying with Marek's family. They spent 6 days with Marek's family. Marek's father is a beekeeper and Tom enjoyed watching the honey making process. Marek still plays soccer and plans to carry on the family business. Tom and his family also spent some time in Austria and the Netherlands.**

**Todd Rusniak then spoke about the Hartford Youth Football Program. Todd has been on the board for approximately 7 years. Currently there are 130 athletes participating in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade program. The numbers have been declining in recent years due to concussion fears. Todd summarized the costs involved in reconditioning equipment each year and the costs associated with fitting each player with the safest equipment. For example, helmets cost \$150, practice pants cost \$12, game pants cost, \$32.00 and game jerseys cost \$70.00. The club spends between \$2500 and \$3000 a year to recondition the helmets. It is an expensive program to run and he thanked the club for its support and recent donation for the program from the proceeds from this year's golf outing fundraiser.**

**Birthday Raffle – Mark Smits was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**Ace of Hearts Raffle – Tim Algiers had a chance to win \$81.50 but drew the Three of Spades.**

**Attendance: 71% of the membership was in attendance at today's meeting.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Penny Jo Zagel collected \$20.00 at today's meeting.**