

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 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?”**

December Sgt. at Arms – Matt Schwechel  
December Greeter – Greg Ledesma

HUHS Pickup – 12/3 – Betsy Wittenberger, 12/10 – Dane Schepp, 12/17 – Tom Doubleday, 12/24 – No Club Meeting.

December Birthdays - 12/3 – Scott Moore, 12/4 – Dave Groves, 12/14 – Gretchen Vickney.

**DECEMBER PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 12/3 – Matt Schwechel, 12/10 – Laurie Barz, 12/17 – Club Meeting.**

**JANUARY PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 1/7 – Tim Purman, 1/14 - Deb Reinbold, 1/21 – Club Meeting, 1/28 – Melissa Richards.**

Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule –December – TBA.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 3, 2015

**OPENING:** President Lisa Olson called the meeting to order. Paul Johnsen led the club in prayer. Lisa then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Dave Groves and Scott Moore. Congratulations Dave and Scott!

**GREETERS REPORT:** Mark Smits introduced our program speakers from Hartford Union High School, Ben Skifton and students William,

**Zachary, and Tate from the Freshmen Cohort program. Mark also introduced our December Rotary Students of the Month, Samantha, Emily, and Bryce.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Our December Students of the Month, Samantha, Emily, and Bryce will give a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at our December 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: John Spielmann received this e-mail recently from our Outbound Exchange Student, Katie Slickman.**

**Hi John,**

**Yes I received it, sorry for not getting back to you sooner, I've been pretty busy! Thanks for the update on things back in the states. School recently ended for me, so now I'm in the summer months until the end of February! It's about 70-85 degrees everyday now. Have you gotten any more snow recently? I heard it has all melted!**

**My Portuguese is growing every day and I can understand about 95% of things said. I am also part of the Interact group here, so I participate in their projects and activities as well. I have some really great friends, and a great host family. I will be switching in the beginning of February after I get back from a month long trip in January. In January I will be going on a rotary trip to the northeast of Brasil. We will start in the capital, Brasília, and end in Rio. Almost all inbound exchange students in my district will be going, so we are all excited to be together.**

**Hope you are having a happy holiday season!**

**Tchau,  
Katie**

**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.**

**Bonnie Baerwald will be our program speaker on December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Kyle and Melissa Richards home. It will start at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person. There will be a sign up sheet at next week's club meeting.**

**No club meetings will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Ron Schlitt sent around a "Christmas Gift" donation envelope for the wait staff at the Golf Course. We will continue to collect money on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We would like to present the gift to the wait staff at our December 17<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.**

**Wine Tasting Basket donation items should be turned in to Loni or Janean in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Cash donations are also welcome. Loni also passed out brochures for the February 20<sup>th</sup> event.**

**Lisa did the second reading for Rachel Geschke as our newest member. If there are any objections to have Rachel become part of the Hartford Rotary Club, please contact Lisa.**

**Dave Wolbrink spoke about the Mequon Rotary Club's "Hope Without Borders" program. Lance Parve, who has been instrumental in the success of the program, will be honored at their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Dave invited the members of our club to also attend. If interested, please contact Dave for more details about the event.**

**PROGRAM: HUHS Social Studies Teacher, Ben Skifton and students Billy, Zachary, and Tate presented a program on the new project based Freshmen Cohort program. The Freshmen Cohort model is a teaching and learning method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question, problem, or challenge. Students are enrolled in English 9, World Cultures, Biology, and Health through the Freshmen Cohort. Currently, there are 114 freshmen enrolled in the program.**

**The students spoke about their Prairie Project at Central Middle School and their Food Culture's project.**

**Birthday Raffle: Irene Parker was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**Ace of Hearts Raffle: Joe Conrad was the lucky winner of this week's raffle. He had a chance to win \$109.00 but drew the Three of Hearts.**

**Attendance: Matt Schwechel reported 8 members absent without prior makeup.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Matt Schwechel collected \$26.00 in fines at today's meeting.**