

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 7, 2016

“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?”

January Sgt. at Arms – John Spielmann
January Greeter – Mark Smits

HUHS Pickup – 1/7 – Laurie Barz, 1/14 – Dave Wolbrink, 1/21 – TBD,
1/28 – Scott Moore.

January Birthdays - 1/3 – Janean Handel.

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

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 2/4 – Dane Schepp,
2/11 – Peter Wilk, 2/18 – Club Meeting, 2/25 – Scott Moore.**

Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule –January – TBA.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 17, 2015

OPENING: President-Elect Peter Wilk called the meeting to order. Paul Johnsen led the club in prayer. Peter then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

GREETERS REPORT: Mark Smits 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 gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today's club meeting.

Emily has been active in co-curricular activities while attending Hartford Union High School. She is in her second year as a member of the National Honor Society. Emily has participated in the fall musical all four years of high school and recently played the role of Minnie Fay in the HUHS production of *Hello Dolly*. Emily has also been involved in the spring plays at HUHS. She is a member of the HUHS concert choir and has competed in the regional and state Solo and Ensemble festivals for the past four years. Emily was nominated for the exemplary soloist award at the state Solo and Ensemble festival. She is also a member of the Math Club and Math Team.

Emily has given back to her community by doing volunteer work for the HUHS National Honor Society and the Hartford Relay for Life. She has been a member of the Hartford Players since the age of 10.

Emily plans to attend UW-Madison as Biology major with a focus on pre-medicine. She later hopes to pursue a career as a geneticist.

Samantha has been very active in co-curricular activities all four years at Hartford Union High School. She has earned varsity letters in Track and Field and Girls Basketball and has served as team captain in each sport. Samantha is a member of the National Honor Society and the H-Club.

Samantha has been ranked in the top ten in her class and on the high honor roll all four years at Hartford. She is also a four time All-State Track Athlete and a three time State Champ. In 2015, Samantha was named a high school All-American and earned a spot on Team USA for the 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships.

Samantha has given back to her community by volunteering her time as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and participating in the annual Toys 4 Tots Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Shamrock Shuffle at HUHS.

Samantha has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in Track and Field for Arizona State University. She has been accepted into the Barrett Honors College and plans to major in Kinesiology and pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

Bryce has been active in co-curricular activities at Hartford. He participated in Football in grades 9 and 10 and has been a member of the Basketball and Baseball programs all four years at Hartford. Bryce has earned varsity letters in all three sports and is the captain of the Varsity Boy's Basketball Team this year. He is a member of the National Honor Society, H-Club, and the DECA and FBLA Clubs. Bryce has been on the high honor roll the first six semesters of high school and recently received an AP Scholar Award.

Bryce has given back to his community by doing volunteer work at the Rossman School Fun Fair, the Toys 4 Tots and Thanksgiving Food Drives at HUHS, and working at local youth basketball and baseball camps.

After high school, Bryce plans to attend a four-year university/college to pursue a career in medicine. He would like to become an orthopedic surgeon.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Peter highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Peter 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.

No club meetings will be held on December 24th and December 31st.

Wine Tasting Basket donation items are coming in. The wine tasting event is scheduled for Saturday, February 20th. Ticket money should be turned in by January 14th.

John Spielmann will conduct a home visit with our first host family tonight.

Mike Mally inducted Rachel Geschke as our newest member at today's club meeting.

Peter Wilk presented the Christmas gift to our wait staff and thanked them for their service to the club this past year.

The nominating committee will present the 2016-17 slate of officers to the membership in January.

On January 7th, Peter and Lisa will conduct a club-planning day. Please prepare your 2 minute elevator speech explaining what Rotary means to you.

On January 14th, Friends of Abused Families will present the program.

January 21st – Club Board Meeting review and Student of the Month Speeches.

Aaron Kocha and Amy Borntrager will present the January 28th program on Exploring Posts.

PROGRAM: Peter Wilk gave a brief summary of Thursday morning's board meeting.

- ❖ **The minutes and financials were approved as presented.**
- ❖ **The board approved a \$6000 donation to the HUHS Scholarship Foundation.**
- ❖ **Peter presented an \$850 check to the Hartford Rotary Foundation from Grand Avenue Dental toward future water projects.**

Birthday Raffle: Janean Handel, Mike Mally, and Greg Ledesma were the lucky winners of this week's birthday raffles.

Ace of Hearts Raffle: Rachel Geschke was the lucky winner of this week's raffle. She had a chance to win \$130.00 but drew the Two of Diamonds.

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

Sgt. At Arms Report: Matt Schwechel collected \$24.00 in fines at today's meeting.

