

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

May 5, 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?”**

May Sgt. at Arms – Gretchen Vickney  
May Greeter – Scott Moore

HUHS Pickup – 5/5 – Colleen Baus, 5/12 – Jeff Millikin, 5/19– Peter Wilk, 5/26 – Tom Doubleday.

May Birthdays - 5/6 – Paul Johnsen, 5/13 – Matt Schwechel, 5/27 – Doug Smith.

**MAY PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 5/5 – Betsy Wittenberger, 5/12 – Ron Schlitt, 5/19 – Club Meeting, 5/26 – Mike Wollner.**

**JUNE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS – 6/2 – Mark Wolbrink, 6/9 – Penny Jo Zagel, 6/16 – Club Meeting, 6/23 – Ron Schlitt – Hartford Rotary Foundation Annual Meeting, 6/30 – Changing of the Guard.**

Ace of Hearts Raffle Volunteer Schedule – May – TBA.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

April 28, 2016

**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.

**GREETERS REPORT:** Bob Stumpner introduced our Students of the Month, Brianna, Hannah, and Connor, and our Rotary Exchange

**Student, Tomas. He also introduced Scott Henke and other members of the Project Management Team for downtown revitalization.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Connor, Heather, and Brianna were in attendance.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Tomas is busy getting caught up on his schoolwork after his recent trip to Hawaii. He is not looking forward to tonight's tennis match. It is too cold!**

**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.**

**The Teacher of the Year recognition program will take place at our May 12<sup>th</sup> club meeting.**

**This year's District Conference will be held May 13-15 at Elkhart Lake. Sign up instructions can be found on line on the District Website and the Hartford Rotary Club Website.**

**The Hartford Rotary Board will meet on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The club's donation guidelines will be reviewed and new ones will be established.**

**Joshua Schoemann, Washington County Administrator, will be our program speaker on May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**This year's Golf Outing fundraiser will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Scott Moore gave an update on the planning going on for the event. Our club needs to lineup 15 foursomes. Each club member is also asked to contribute a bottle of good booze for the booze basket raffle.**

**The Hartford Rotary Foundation annual meeting will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> right after the general membership meeting. The agenda and the minutes from last year's annual meeting will be e-mailed to the membership the next few weeks.**

**The Changing of the Guard program will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Love/Hate Project golf outing will be held at the Mayville Golf Course on June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Boys and Girls Club of Washington County will be sponsoring a 5K Walk/Run on June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Packer Raffle drawing tickets are being printed. The drawing will take place at our July 28<sup>th</sup> club meeting.**

**Lisa announced that Aubrey Faust was the recipient of this year's Hartford Rotary Club's endowed scholarship.**

**Dave Wolbrink expressed concerns about the new by-law changes. Dave Wolbrink made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Spielmann, that a committee be appointed to revise by-laws to permit more club meeting flexibility. A lengthy discussion followed. Lisa did not feel comfortable calling for a vote since Peter Wilk, next year's President, was not in attendance. Dave Groves made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Johnsen, to table the motion made by Dave Wolbrink to a future meeting. Motion passed. Lisa suggested that Dave Wolbrink's motion could be discussed at the May 5<sup>th</sup> club meeting since no program is scheduled for that day.**

**PROGRAM: Tom Hostad and members of the Downtown Revitalization Project Management team presented an interesting program. Hartford has approximately 14% of the workforce in Washington County. However, millennials are looking for rental units. Hartford really needs more hotel and housing diversity. More downtown parking is also critical. Tom Hostad highlighted some of the proposed changes.**

- ❖ A new hotel built across the street from the library. It would have Hwy 60 access. They would like the hotel to be built by 2017.**
- ❖ The Millstream building would be converted into a downtown brew pub/restaurant. The brewpub might be completed by next summer.**
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> floor retail, upper floor luxury apartments at the old Mole Hole building and the old Hilt Hotel building.**

**Birthday Raffle: Penny Jo Zagel was the lucky winner of this week's birthday raffle.**

**The Ace of Hearts Raffle was not held.**

**Attendance: We had approximately 24 members in attendance at today's meeting.**

**Sgt. At Arms Report: Dave Wolbrink collected \$28.00 at today's meeting. Paul Johnsen paid a "Happy Fine" and announced that he had successfully completed his PHD Program.**