

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 15, 2016

## **“Rotary Serving Humanity”**

**“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?”**

### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

**12/15 Board Meeting @ 11:00/Club Meeting @ noon.**

**1/5 Club Meeting @ noon.**

**1/19 Board Meeting @ 11:00/Club Meeting @ noon.**

December Sgt. at Arms – Gretchen Vickney

December Greeter – Matt Schwechel

HUHS Pickup – 12/1 – Scott Moore, 12/15 – Irene Parker

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

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING**

**December 1, 2016**

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

**GREETERS REPORT:** Bob Stumpner introduced our December Students of the Month, Monica and Jordan and our exchange student, Tomas. Also in attendance were Tim Algiers' parents, James and Dorothy Algiers, his daughter Olivia, Bob Stumpner's wife, Sue, Dave

**Wolbrink's wife, Rosie, Dave Wolbrink's neighbor, Don Rogers, and Peter Wilk's wife, Julie.**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Monica and Jordan will give a brief speech about their interests and future plans at the December 15<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:** Penny Jo presented Tomas with a gift from the club and brought a going away cake in honor of Tomas for today's meeting. He returns to Argentina on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Janean announced that the wine tasting fundraiser would take place on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of the proceeds from the event will be donated to Support the Troops – Honor Flight. Please turn in your basket donations to Loni by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**The club Christmas Party will be held at Melissa Richards' home on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to attend, please contact Loni or Janean.**

**The Membership Drive seminar has been rescheduled for Saturday morning from 8-Noon on December 10th. He would like to have at least 25 Hartford Rotarians attend this dynamic seminar. It will be held at the Hartford Theatre.**

**Joe Conrad promoted the Shauer Arts and Activities Center Christmas Raffle fundraiser. If you are interested in buying tickets to support the School of the Arts at the Schauer Center, please contact Joe.**

**PROGRAM:** Dave Wolbrink presented a program on the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Dave's neighbor, Don Rogers, served on the destroyer, Aaron Ward, during World War II. The ship and crew fought in both battles. Don joined the navy after graduating from Menasha high school. He was assigned to the Aaron Ward as a machinist. 6,800 Americans were killed during the battle of Iwo Jima.

**14,000 Americans lost their lives during the battle of Okinawa. The Aaron Ward suffered severe damage during the battle from Japanese Kamikaze attacks. 45 men were killed and 49 men were wounded out of a crew of 363 on the Aaron Ward. Don was very thankful to survive the intense battle. At the meeting, Don held up the actual flag flown at the decommissioning ceremony of the Aaron Ward after the war.**

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Colleen Baus, Mike Mally, Melissa Richards and Bob Stumpner were the lucky winners of today's birthday raffles.**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT: 30 members were present at today's meeting.**

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Gretchen Vickney collected \$41 in fines at today's meeting. Paul Johnsen paid a happy fine to announce the birth of twin grandchildren.**

**PING PONG BALL GAME OF SKILL: Mike Mally had a chance to win \$68.00 but he was unable to bounce the ping-pong ball into the bucket.**