

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 5, 2017

“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:

1/5 Club Meeting @ noon.

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

January Sgt. at Arms – Mark Smits

January Greeter – Fred Wittenberger

HUHS Pickup – 1/5 – Dave Wolbrink, 1/19 – Colleen Baus

January Birthdays - 1/3 – Janean Handel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 15, 2016

OPENING: President 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. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Gretchen Vickney. Congratulations Gretchen!

GREETERS REPORT: Bob Stumpner introduced our December Students of the Month, Monica and Jordan. He also introduced Dale Anderson’s guest, Jay Trick.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Monica and Jordan gave a brief speech about their interests and future plans at today’s club meeting.

Monica has been a member of the Girls' Swim Team at HUHS all four years and earned a varsity letter and served as varsity captain this past season. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Math Team, and the SMART Team (Students Modeling a Research Topic).

Monica has given back to her community by volunteering for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life and co-captaining a student youth team for the past six years. Her team has raised over \$8,600 and was recognized as the top youth fundraising team at the local Hartford/Slinger Relay for Life in June 2016. Monica has also volunteered her time as a pianist to provide background piano music at the National Honor Society spaghetti fundraising dinner, the Holiday House Fundraiser for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and the Hartford Union High School retirement luncheon last spring.

As a pianist, Monica has received several special honors. She has been playing piano for thirteen years and has qualified for the Wisconsin Federation of Music State competition the past four years. Monica placed first overall in both the solo and duet divisions the past two years. Last summer, she also had the opportunity to have one of her original compositions recorded and published.

After graduation from HUHS, Monica plans to attend either UW-Eau Claire or UW-La Crosse to pursue a career as a Physician Assistant and minor in music.

During his time at HUHS, Jordan participated in Track and Football all four years. He is also a member of the Math Club, the National Honor Society, the H-Club, FBLA, the Forensics Team, and is the current treasurer of the HUHS Student Council. Jordan represented HUHS at Badger Boy's State and placed fourth at the State FBLA Competition during his junior year.

Jordan has given back to his community by serving on the Pastoral Council for St. Mary of the Hill parish and on the Hartford Christmas Committee. He has also volunteered his time coaching youth flag football for the Hartford Recreation Department.

After high school, Jordan plans to attend UW-Madison to pursue a degree in Actuarial Science.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Peter highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Loni ran a Christmas song icebreaker activity to get the club into the Christmas spirit. Each table had to list as many songs as they could in a two minute time period. Great activity Loni!!!

Janean announced that the wine tasting fundraiser would take place on Saturday, February 18th. 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 January 5th.

The nominating committee is looking for interested Rotarians to fill a few key positions on next year's board. Positions that are open include: Vice-President, Secretary, and three director positions. If interested in serving on next year's board, contact Matt Schwechel, Dave Groves, or Penny Jo Zagel.

Peter received a plaque recently for the club's involvement with the "Shop with a Cop" program.

Peter presented Chris and the wait staff at the Hartford Golf Course with a special Christmas gift from the club.

Peter will be organizing a membership recruitment meeting sometime in January to develop the action plan for the club. We need to find ways to publicize the greatness of the Hartford Rotary Club.

Peter presented a \$1000 check to Tim Algiers toward the HUHS Spanish Club Service Project Trip this summer.

PROGRAM:

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Dane Schepp was the lucky winner of today's birthday raffle.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: 26 members were present at today's meeting.

SARGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Gretchen Vickney collected \$23 in fines at today's meeting.

PING PONG BALL GAME OF SKILL: Fred Wittenberger won \$80.00 in today's ping-pong skill game. A new game will start at the next club meeting.