

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

October 5, 2017

“Rotary: Making A Difference”

“Four Way Test – Is It The Truth? Is It Fair To All Concerned? Will It Build Goodwill And Better Friendships? Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?”

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

New Meeting Location – Chandelier Ballroom

9/28 Rotary Pot Luck Dinner at the Gazebo followed by trap shooting experience at the Hartford Gun Club.

10/4 China Lights outing!

10/5 Hartford Rotary Club Meeting/Rotary Haiti Mission Trip Program/Jay Trick

10/9 Hartford Rotary Board Meeting @11:00/Club Meeting at Noon. Student of the Month Speeches.

11/2 District Governor Jeff Reed will be visiting our club.

October Sgt. at Arms – Dawn Mueller

October Greeter – Loni Jaeger

October Long Putt Contest - Greg Ledesma

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

October Birthdays - NONE.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

September 21, 2017

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.

GREETERS REPORT: Joe Konrad introduced our September Students of the Month, Sheridan and Brandon, our new exchange student Faza, parent of Sheridan, Hollie Schmitt and Hartford Chamber of Commerce Director, Scott Henke.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Sheridan and Brandon gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today's meeting.

Sheridan is a member of the HUHS National Honor Society, the DECA and FBLA Clubs, and the SMART TEAM (Students Modeling a Research Topic). She received the National Honor Society's Spade award, which recognizes top academic performance in the junior class. Sheridan placed first at FBLA Regionals the past two years for business presentations. She placed fifth at state in business presentations during her sophomore year. During her freshman and sophomore year, Sheridan also participated in Girl's Volleyball, Girls Varsity Basketball, Girl's Varsity Softball, and Mock Trial.

Sheridan has given back to her community by volunteering her time serving during mass and at the annual fall festival at her local parish, St. John's in Rubicon. She has also volunteered her time at local fundraising events for individuals within the community.

Sheridan is currently taking her CNA course at Moraine Park Technical College in Beaver Dam. She is not sure which university she will attend in the future, but she has been accepted into the Direct Admission Program for Nursing at Bradley University. Eventually, Sheridan wants to become a Nurse Practitioner. She also enjoys traveling and has been to Spain and Peru. She hopes to incorporate Spanish into her future educational plans as a second language to better prepare her to help patients in her medical career.

Brandon is a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Club, the Drum Major of the Marching Band, and President of the FFA Club at Hartford Union High School. He received a gold rating on the FFA beef and sheep production proficiency awards and has been a sectional qualifier for multiple FFA speaking contests.

Brandon has given back to his community by volunteering his time with the Hartford Special Olympics program and with the Hartford Christmas Project. He also enjoys showing pigs and sheep at the County Fair and working on his parent's farm. Brandon is also involved in his own sheep raising business.

In the fall, Brandon plans to attend UW-Madison to pursue a major in Dairy Science. He hopes to be able to complete internships with animal nutrition companies in the United States and internationally. Eventually, Brandon would like to earn a PH.D. in Dairy Science with an emphasis in nutrition.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Faza has now been in school for two weeks. He is adapting well to his new environment except, he doesn't like cold weather. He mentioned that in Indonesia, the students stay in the same classroom and the teachers move. Faza is 16 years old and enjoys playing soccer. He had a great experience at the Green Lake conference with his fellow exchange students a few weeks ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

The next Board Meeting will be held on October 19th at 11:00 AM at the Chandelier Ballroom.

The nominating committee consisting of Mark Wolbrink, Ron Schlitt, Peter Wilk, and Greg Ledesma will be contacting the membership soon to organize the slate of officers for the 2018-19 Rotary board. We also need a Vice-President for this year. The goal is to have the slate of officers selected by December 31st.

The Social Committee presented details on two events. On September 28th, a pot luck dinner is being planned at the Gazebo at Rotary Park to be followed by a trap shooting outing at the Hartford Gun Club. On Wednesday October 4th, an outing is being planned to attend the China Lights exhibit at the Botanical Gardens.

PROGRAM: Hartford Chamber of Commerce Director, Scott Henke, spoke to the board this morning about potential projects the club could

get involved with in the Hartford Community. Projects could be done at Centennial Park, Hartford Rotary Park and possible sponsorship of the Hartford Fourth of July Fireworks. Scott also shared with the membership the mission statement of the Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce and his major responsibilities in leading this organization. Handouts about the Chamber were provided to the members at each table.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Steve Volkert was the lucky winner of today's birthday raffle.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: 28 members and five guests were present at today's meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Jay Trick collected \$21.00 at today's meeting.

GOLF PUTTING GAME OF SKILL: Dave Wolbrink had a chance to win \$16.50 in the golf putting game of skill contest but he did not sink the putt.