

# HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 17, 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**

**12/7 Hartford Rotary Club Meeting @ Noon. Dave Wolbrink presentation on the Roosevelt Declaration.**

**12/10 Hartford Rotary Club Christmas Celebration. Hartford Community Chorus Concert/Dinner @ Little Red Inn.**

**12/21 Hartford Rotary Board Meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club Meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month Speeches.**

**December Sgt. at Arms – Fred Wittenberger**

**December Greeter – Mark Smits**

**December Long Putt Contest - Tom Doubleday**

**HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms**

**December Birthdays - 12/3 - Scott Moore, 12/4 - Dave Groves, 12/8 - Julie Wilk, 12/14 - Gretchen Vickney.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING**

**November 16, 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:** Gretchen Vickney introduced the November Students of the Month, Holly and Zachary, and our exchange student Faza. Also in attendance was our program speaker Tom Chiron, guest of Nate Schlotthauer.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:** Holly and Zachary gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today's club meeting.

Holly was a Cheer team member during her freshman year. She has been nominated for National Honor Society and has been a member of the HUHS Dance Team during her sophomore, junior, and senior years. Holly was named Captain of the Competitive Dance Team this year. Her leadership responsibilities are to communicate to the team, choreograph routines, demonstrate proper dance techniques, and lead proper stretching exercises. Holly also represented HUHS at the We The People: The Citizen and Constitution State Finals Competition at Marquette Law School during her sophomore year.

Holly has given back to her community by volunteering her time with her Church Youth Group. She ushers and serves as an acolyte during church worship services, helped with the highway cleanup program, baked and decorated cookies for the cookie fair, designed, painted, and decorated youth rooms for the Boys and Girls Club, and participated in the Haiti Food Pack Program. She also volunteers her time as a Girl Scout Program Aide and served as a humanitarian volunteer in Nicaragua donating school supplies and repainting student desks at a local elementary school.

In the spring, Holly plans to take CNA classes at Moraine Park Technical College. In the fall, she plans to attend Carroll University to pursue a major in Exercise and Science. Holly's ultimate goal is to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Zachary has participated in Boys Cross Country, Boys Swimming and Boys Track and Field at HUHS. He has served as Captain of the Boys Cross Country and Boys Swimming team.

**Zachary is also active in the Music Program at Hartford playing trombone in the Jazz and Marching Band and sings with the Concert Choir.**

**Zachary has given back to his community by volunteering his time at the local Food Pantry and at St. Kilian Church and St. Mary of the Hill Church. Zachary has also been very active in the Boy Scout program, recently earning Eagle Scout status.**

**Zachary believes students do not need four years of college to become successful. After graduating from Hartford Union, Zachary plans to attend either UTI to become a certified automotive technician or WCTC to become an electrician.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Faza attended the City of Hartford Christmas Parade. He said it was very cold. He also attended the HUHS Musical production of Cinderella and said it was a great show. On Sunday he went shopping for some warm winter clothes.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**The nominating committee consisting of Mark Wolbrink, Ron Schlitt, Peter Wilk, and Greg Ledesma will be contacting the membership this month to fill the slate of officers for the 2018-19 Rotary year. We need to fill two director positions and the Vice-President position for the next two years. Please consider helping out our club by serving on the board.**

**Penny Jo Zagel is looking for volunteers to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign on Saturday, December 2nd.**

**Ron Schlitt will collect monetary donations for the wait staff at the December 7th meeting. The club will present the gift to the wait staff on December 21st.**

**Peter gave an update on the “Blessings in a Backpack” project. The recommendation is to sponsor 50 students per year at a cost of \$5,000 per year. The commitment to the project would be for three years. The board will look at this request at the December 21st board meeting.**

**Julie Wilk informed the club that Ken Schuman will be taking 62 lbs. of books donated by Hartford School District Jt.#1 to Haiti in January for a literacy project. The literacy committee suggested that a \$100 honorarium be paid to Ken for his help in getting the books there.**

**Erin Wilk is looking for old photos of various Rotary projects to be included in the club marketing video. Mike Mally suggested that she should look at the Hartford Rotary Club materials stored at the Auto Museum.**

**Fred promoted the Taste of Washington County Fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County. It will be held on November 29th at Fair Park. The cost is \$45 per person.**

**Loni would like all wine tasting donations given to her in the next month. Gift certificates to local businesses are always welcome.**

**PROGRAM: Nate Schlotthauer introduced his guest and program speaker Tom Chiron from the American Funds. He has been with the company for 14 years. His topic was the Outlook on the Global Economy.**

- **The U.S. and emerging economies, with growth accelerating, are standouts in an improving landscape.**
- **Manufacturing, capital spending and earnings are all strengthening.**
- **The current growth cycle is longer than average, but the growth rate has been lower than average.**
- **Survey points to expanding manufacturing activity all over the world.**
- **Emerging markets have soared since January 2016, but valuations remain relatively attractive.**

**BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: The following people won prizes. Steve Volkert \$10, Erin Wilk Bottle of Wine, Zachary cowpie/\$10, Mike Mally Bottle of Wine, Ron Schlitt cowpie/\$10. The following people won 6 packs of beer: Scott Moore, Dane Schepp, Dave Groves, Julie Wilk, Dave Wolbrink, Joe Konrad, Irene Parker, Betsy Wittenberger, and Scott Helms.**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT: 27 members and 4 guests were present at today's meeting.**

**SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Dave Groves collected \$24.00 at today's meeting.**

**GOLF PUTTING GAME OF SKILL: Mike Mally had a chance to win \$48.00 in the golf putting game of skill contest but did not sink the putt.**