

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

May 17, 2018

“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

5/17/18 Rotary Board Meeting at 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Faza will give a speech on Indonesia, Student of the Month Speeches.

6/7/18 Club Meeting @ Noon. Robin Pfothauer will speak about the Community Garden at First United Methodist Church.

6/21/18 Rotary Board Meeting at 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Hartford Rotary Foundation Meeting to follow immediately after the club meeting.

6/25/18 Hartford Rotary Club/Boys and Girls Club of Washington County Golf Outing Fundraiser.

6/27/18 “Changing of the Guard” banquet - Chandelier Ballroom. Keep the date open, it should be a fun evening!!!

**May Sgt. at Arms – Dave Wolbrink
May Greeter – Nate Schlotthauer
May Game of Skill Contest - Mark Smits**

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

May Birthdays - 5/3 - Erin Wilk, 5/13 - Matt Schwechel, 5/28 - Mike Wolner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING May 3, 2018

OPENING: President-Elect Mark Wolbrink called the meeting to order. Ron Schlitt led the club in prayer. Mark then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Erin Wilk. Congratulations Erin!

GREETERS REPORT: Nate Schlotthauer introduced the May Students of the Month, Abbie and Katarina, and our inbound exchange student, Faza. Ron Schlitt introduced the other guests in attendance as part of the Teacher of the Year Recognition Program.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Abbie and Katarina will give a brief speech about their accomplishments at HUHS and their future plans at the May 17th club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Faza spoke briefly about some of the highlights of his time here in the states and made some comparisons to life in Indonesia. He will be making a more detailed presentation about Indonesia at the May 17th club meeting. He said he had a great experience recently at an inbound exchange student weekend in Whitewater. He is also enjoying taking pictures with his new camera. He spent some time recently taking pictures at Holy Hill. He said he really enjoys the people he has met in Hartford and thinks that the food here in the states is “lovely”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Mark shared a thank you card with the club for our donation of \$1,500 to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus Fund.

Start lining up your foursomes for the June 25th golf outing fundraiser. The event will be held at the Hartford Golf Course. You will be contacted in the next few weeks to see if you want to be a hole sponsor or donate items for the silent auction. An envelope will be passed around at the May 17th for you to list any Silent Auction Items you want to donate or you can make a cash contribution.

The “Changing of the Guard” dinner/social will be held on Wednesday, June 27th, at the Chandelier Ballroom. The cocktail hour will start at 5:30 PM/Dinner at 6:30 PM/program to follow. Sign-up sheets will be available at our upcoming meetings. Please bring your spouse or a guest to the event. You can also let Ron Schlitt know if you plan to attend via email.

PROGRAM: Ron Schlitt started the Teacher of the Recognition Program by introducing the Rotary Students of the Month in attendance and parents able to attend. 16 of the 18 Rotary Students of the Month were able to attend the luncheon. 12 parents were also in attendance. Each student was asked to introduce their parents and then share their greatest achievement or what they liked best about their time at HUHS. They also shared their future plans and the university they planned to attend in the fall.

Ron Schlitt then introduced the 2018 Teacher’s of the Year and their guests in attendance. He read a short bio about each teacher before presenting them with a plaque and gift from the club.

The Educator of the Year for Hartford Union is Dan Dobner. Dan’s wife Molly was in attendance at the luncheon.

Mr. Dobner received his Bachelor's degree from UW-Whitewater in Business Education. His first teaching assignment was in East Peoria, IL teaching Business while coaching football and track. After one year in IL, Mr. Dobner moved back to Wisconsin and worked at Waunakee High School, outside of Madison, for seven years as a Business teacher and coached football and track. Mr. Dobner has worked at HUHS for the last 16 years. He came to Hartford Union High School as an administrator in 2002. He has been an Associate Principal, and for the last eight years the principal. The best part of being a principal at HUHS is making those connections and relationships with students, staff, parents, and community members.

Mr. Dobner lives in Hartford with his wife Molly, and daughter Megan, who is a freshmen at HUHS. His son Jacob, is an HUHS alumni, and a freshmen in college.

The Teacher of the Year for Peace Lutheran School is Amanda Harvey. Amanda's husband Adam and Principal Ben Washburn were also in attendance at today's luncheon.

Mrs. Harvey has only been teaching at Peace for three years; however, her impact has been profound. Mrs. Harvey was added to the Peace staff in 2015 to help co-teach a large Kindergarten class. During the past three years she has looped with this class learning new content and curriculum and developing new lesson plans each year. She is known for her tireless work ethic, her kind and caring way, and for implementing new and exciting methods. Her second-grade students regularly use their Chromebooks, ask "Alexa" for help when needed, and have even published their own narrative stories online, and their parents get regular updates through Class Dojo and texts.

The Teacher of the Year for School District of Hartford Jt. #1 is Susanne Gebben. Susanne's husband Dan, daughter Cassandra and Principal Joseph Viste were also in attendance at today's luncheon.

Mrs. Susanne Gebben received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI in 1983, where she majored in Elementary Education with an endorsement to teach Learning Disabilities. She was hired by the School District of Hartford Jt. #1 in 1998 as a Learning Disabilities Teacher at Central Middle School.

Mrs. Gebben has a passion to help her students improve on a daily basis and goes above and beyond to help her students grow, not only in their academics but also as good citizens. Her great ideas for helping her students LOVE learning are endless. Her enthusiasm and ongoing outstanding ideas help make her school a better, brighter place for staff and students! Her students and co-workers learn much from her and truly value her compassion, dedication and enthusiasm. She has a contagious laugh and her energy is always positive. Every day

she makes decisions that are without a doubt on the needs of her students. In 2017, Mrs. Gebbens committed her efforts and the efforts she instilled in the school and community to get Central Middle School to donate over 164,000 items to Goodwill and won a visit from Donald Driver. Mrs. Gebben put in countless hours of extra time simply to do something positive for her school and students.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Rotary Student of the Month, Hannah, was the lucky winner of today's birthday raffle.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: There were 28 members in attendance at today's meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Dave Wolbrink collected \$50 at today's club meeting.

BEAN BAG GAME OF SKILL: The game of skill will be worth \$175.00 at the next meeting. The game was not run today due to the Teacher of the Year Recognition luncheon.