

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

December 6, 2018

“Be The Inspiration”

“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:

12/6/18 Club meeting @ Noon. Program speaker - Rosie Wolbrink.

12/16/18 Club Christmas Party @ Tom and Di's Rustic Inn. Cocktails @ 5:00 PM/Dinner @ 6:00 PM.

12/20/18 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Rotary Student of the Month speeches.

Sgt at Arms Schedule

December - Mark Smits

January - Matt Schwechel

February - Scott Moore

March - Joe Konrad

April - Loni Jaeger

May - Tom Hostad

June - Colleen Baus

July - Laura Schieffer/John Stellmacher

Greeter Schedule

December 6 - Cassie Wimer

December 20 - Mary Brodzeller

January 3 - Cassie Wimer

January 17 - Mary Brodzeller

December Game of Skill Contest - TBA.

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

December Birthdays - Scott Moore, Dave Groves, Julie Wilk, Gretchen Vickney, and Teri Kermendy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING November 15, 2018

OPENING: President Mark Wolbrink called the meeting to order. Scott Moore led the club in prayer. Mark then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday to John Spielmann, Betsy Wittenberger and Steve Volkert. Congratulations John, Betsy, and Steve!!!

GREETERS REPORT: Mary Brodzeller introduced the November Students of the Month Tim, Lucas and Miranda and our program speaker, Mary Beth Sieser from the West Bend Sunrise Club.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Tim, Lucas and Miranda gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today’s club meeting.

Miranda is Co-President of the HUHS Student Council and Secretary of the National Honor Society at HUHS. She is also a member of the Model UN Club, Concert Choir, school newspaper The Hartford Chronicle, and played Audrey in a leading role in the fall musical, “The Little Shop of Horrors.”

Miranda has been recognized with special honors in several areas. She was named an AP Scholar with honors, selected to the HUHS Homecoming Court, received the Jerry Spirit Award for her 2017 role in the school musical “Cinderella”, received a 1st at State Solos and Ensemble, and was selected to perform with the Kids from Wisconsin 50th Anniversary Program.

Miranda has given back to her community by doing volunteer work at HUHS through the National Honor Society and the HUHS Student Council. She also directed and choreographed last year’s Erin School Musical.

After graduation from HUHS, Miranda plans to study musical theatre and dance. At the present time she is auditioning around the nation at the universities she is interested in attending.

Timothy is involved with FBLA / DECA, the Math Club, Math Team, National Honor Society, the H-Club, Skills-USA and the ALL Stars (Athletes Learning Leadership Skills Together As Responsible Students). Timothy participated in football all four years, earning 3 varsity letters and was selected as a captain during his senior year. He has also participated in track and field the past three years and basketball during his freshman year. Timothy received North Shore Second Team All-Conference recognition as an Outside Linebacker, as well as, the We Are Hartford and Captain's Award his senior year. He was also nominated as Academic Player of the Game on "Thursday Night Lights" representing Hartford Football in the game against Slinger High School.

Through H-Club and National Honor Society, Timothy has participated in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Christmas "Toys for Tots" program. He has served as a youth coach for the Hartford Recreation Department's Youth Football program and helped out at the annual "Pink Pumpkin Run", Shamrock Shuffle and Erin School's Fitness Fridays.

After graduation, Timothy plans to attend a 4 year university to pursue a major in either Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. He is interested in attending UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh, or UW-Madison. He also is interested in continuing to play football in college.

Lucas has been involved in baseball and basketball all throughout high school. He will be on the varsity basketball team this winter and the varsity baseball team in the spring. He is also a member of the H-Club and National Honor Society at HUHS. During his career at HUHS, Simon has earned several special awards. He was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist for 2018-19, placed first in the 2017 UW-Oshkosh Mathematical Problem Solving Competition and placed 3rd in the 2017 We the People State Competition.

Through his involvement with The National Honor Society and H-Club at HUHS, Lucas has volunteered his time with the annual Christmas Toys for Tots and Thanksgiving Food Drives, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign, and Habitat for Humanity. He has also helped out with local youth baseball and basketball camps.

Lucas plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at UW-Madison in fall of 2019.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Monika was not in attendance at today's club meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Loni would like donations for the Wine Tasting Fundraiser baskets turned in by the December 6th club meeting if possible. \$25 gift cards from local businesses are also a great idea for basket items. You can bring the items to the next 2 club meetings or drop them off with Nate Schlotthauer at 1st National Bank in Hartford.

Fred Wittenberger promoted “Taste of Washington County” to be held on November 28th to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington County. Last year over 900 people attended the event and it raised over \$120,000. Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased from Fred or Steve Volkert.

Mark Wolbrink shared with the club a thank you note from the Hartford Police Department for our recent donation to the “Shop with a Cop” program.

Tim Algiers reported that the nomination process for next year’s open board positions is almost completed. He will have an update at the next club meeting.

Mark Wolbrink is looking for pictures and articles about club activities and projects for the District newsletter. If you have some, please send them to Mark.

A Christmas collection will be taken place at the December 6th club meeting for the wait staff at the Chandelier Ballroom. Please consider making a donation to thank them for the great food and service they have provided for the club this year.

Penny Jo Zagel will be sending out a email seeking club volunteers for the Salvation Army Bell ringing campaign at the Hartford Piggly Wiggly Store on Saturday, December 1st. Please consider signing up for this worthwhile program.

Dave Wolbrink reported that the bylaw review has been completed. He will be sending out the revised bylaws by email to the membership for their feedback.

This year's club Christmas Party will be held on December 16th at Tom and Di's Rustic Inn in Mapleton. The cocktail hour will start at 5:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. Janean passed around a sign up sheet for the party.

PROGRAM: Mary Beth Sieser presented a program on the Rotary Foundation. She spoke about the 6 focus areas which include: promoting peace, eradicating disease, providing education, providing clean water. The Foundation has a four star rating. She encouraged each member to make a \$100 donation to the Foundation every year. She explained why some clubs did not received district grants this year. It was a difficult decision because there were only \$56,000 of available funds with requests by clubs in the amount of \$82,000. 8 clubs did not receive grants this year. Two key requirements they look at are: Is the grant for a humanitarian purpose and are Rotarians actually doing the work.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Scott Helms, Janean Handel, and Irene Parker were the lucky winners of this week's birthday raffles.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: There were 30 members, 1 guest and 3 students in attendance at today's meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Irene Parker collected \$32.00 at today's meeting.

BEAN BAG GAME OF SKILL: Steve had a chance to win \$43.00 in the game of skill contest but did not get enough points to win.