

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 3, 2019

“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:

1/3/19 Club Meeting @ Noon.

**1/17/19 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon.
Rotary Student of the Month speeches.**

2/16/19 Hartford Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

Sgt at Arms Schedule - 2019

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-2019

January 3 - Cassie Wimer

January 17 - Mary Brodzeller

January Game of Skill Contest - TBA.

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

January Birthdays - Janean Handel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

December 20, 2018

OPENING: President Mark Wolbrink called the meeting to order. Greg Ledesma led the club in prayer. Mark then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to members having December birthdays.

GREETERS REPORT: Mary Brodzeller introduced the December Students of the Month Anna, Kayla and Tate and our inbound exchange student, Monika. Loni Jaeger’s daughter, Cory - our program speaker, was also in attendance.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Anna, Kayla and Tate gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today’s club meeting.

Anna is a member of the National Honor Society, the Hartford FFA, the Varsity Math Team, and an officer for the Math Club. She has been competitively dancing since 6 years old and has participated in dance at HUHS as a member of the Varsity Dance Team. This past summer, Anna was chosen to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State, a week long government leadership camp, held on the UW-Oshkosh Campus.

Anna has been recognized with special honors in several areas. She has earned her FFA Greenhand degree and was a state qualifier for the A.P. Government “We the People” competition. Anna has also received the A.P. Scholar with Honor Award for scoring 4 out of 5 or higher on the A.P. exams she has taken.

Anna has given back to her community by serving as an After School Program Volunteer at the Washington County Humane Society. She is also actively involved with her church, St. Mary of the Hill Parish, where she volunteers for fellowship, youth ministry, the All Saints Meal Program, the Christmas Eve pageant, and Love Thy Neighbor Week.

Anna has been accepted to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and plans to major in Animal Science with a Pre-Vet emphasis. She loves working with animals and would like to pursue a career as a Veterinarian.

Kayla is a member of the H-Club and the National Honor Society. She has been a starter on the HUHS varsity soccer and varsity basketball teams since her freshman year and has gone to two state championships in club soccer. Kayla received All-Conference and All-County Honorable Mention recognition in varsity

soccer and was named twice as the defensive MVP for varsity girls basketball at Hartford.

Through H-Club, National Honor Society, and her varsity sports teams, Kayla has participated in the bell ringing campaign for the Salvation Army, building a house for Habitat for Humanity, raking leaves for people in the community, and caroling at local nursing homes during the Holidays. She has also served as a youth coach at local basketball and soccer camps and helped out at the Lincoln and Rossman Elementary School Fun Fairs and Erin School's Fitness Fridays.

Kayla will attend UW-Madison in the fall of 2019 to major in Wildlife Ecology and be a member of the Women's Rowing Team. In the future, she would like to work as a wildlife ecologist for the National Park Service.

Tate participated in football and wrestling during his freshman year and in soccer and swimming for two seasons. He has been a member of the boys tennis team the past three years. Tate has tried to get involved with as many clubs as possible at HUHS. He is member of the National Honor Society, a four year member of Student Council, and has served a state officer for SkillsUSA Wisconsin. Tate was also a state qualifier for the Veterinary Science Competition in FFA, an actor for the 2017-18 school play "Narnia", and has served as a School Board Student Representative since 2016.

Tate has earned special recognition in several areas. He was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award and an Aurora Certified Nursing Assistant Scholarship. Stoeckmann is an Eagle Scout and represented HUHS at Badger Boys State in 2018.

After high school, Tate plans to attend a university to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. He has been accepted at Marquette University and is waiting to hear from UW-Oshkosh and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He would eventually like to work at a hospital caring for patients coming out of surgery or in a pediatric unit.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: John Spielmann presented Monika a Christmas gift from the club. Happy Holidays Monika!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Loni is in good shape with basket donations but if you still have some items, she will take them. Janean said they are still looking for more table sponsors. Janean would like the money or any unsold tickets turned into her by January 17th if possible.

According to RI constitution, next year's board and officers should be approved at the December meeting. Mark asked for a motion to suspend the rules and move the election to January. Fred Wittenberger made the motion, second by Gretchen Vickney. Motion approved.

Mark Wolbrink passed around collection envelopes for the Chandelier wait staff Christmas gift and the Canine Unit fundraising campaign. Mark presented the gift to the Chandelier Ballroom wait staff and thanked them for the great food and service this past year.

PROGRAM: Loni introduced her daughter Cory to speak about a literacy project that they would like the Hartford Rotary Club sponsor. Mark Wolbrink is very excited about this potential project. The goal is to get books into the hands of families, with young children, at their wellness checkups done at local clinics. The goal is to distribute 11 books to each child from birth to age 5. A bookmark, with reading tips, would be included with each book. Cory shared some interesting facts on the importance of reading at an early age.

- **Reading aloud to a child is the most important activity to literacy acquisition.**
- **A child's brain development grows to 80% by age 3.**
- **Lower income families hear 30 million fewer words than higher income families by age 3.**

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Too many Rotarians to mention were winners in today's birthday/booze raffle.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: There were 29 members, 1 guest and 4 students in attendance at today's meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Mark Smits collected \$29.00 at today's meeting.

BEAN BAG GAME OF SKILL: Betsy Wittenberger had a chance to win \$96.00 in the game of skill contest but did not get enough points to win.