

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

January 16, 2020

“Rotary Connects The World”

“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:

1/16/20 Board Meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club Meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speeches. Program: Slinger Rotary Club’s International Support (Dave Lefeber and Ken Reiser)

2/6/20 Club Meeting @ Noon.

2/15/19 Wine Tasting Event (Club Fundraiser)

2/2020 Board Meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club Meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speeches.

Sgt at Arms Schedule - 2019-2020

**January - Penny Jo Zagel
February - Fred Wittenberger
March - Tom Doubleday
April - Betsy Wittenberger
May - Laura Schieffer
June - Bob Stumpner**

Greeter Schedule-2019-2020

**January - Teri Kermendy
February - Scott Moore
March - Dave Groves
April - Loni Jaeger
May - Irene Parker
June - John Spielmann**

Program Speaker Responsibilities

January - First Meeting - Mike Mally

Second Meeting - Loni Jaeger

February - First Meeting - Dale Anderson

Second Meeting - Scott Moore

March - First Meeting - Ane Ohm

Second Meeting - Lauren Schiefer

Game of Skill Duties

January-March - Game of Skill Contest - Nate Schlotthauer

April - June - Game of Skill Contest - Tom Hostad

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

January Birthdays - Janean Handel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING

January 2, 2020

OPENING: President Tim Algiers called the meeting to order. Bob Stumpner led the club in prayer. Tim then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The club sang “Happy Birthday” to Janean Handel. Congratulations Janean!!!

GREETERS REPORT: Teri Kermendy introduced our inbound exchange student, Lennard, and our Rotary Students of the Month Caroline and Maddy. Also in attendance were Bob Stumpner and his wife Susan.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Caroline, Maddy and Tyler will give a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at the January 16th club meeting.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Lennard spent Christmas with the Hoffmann family. He attended the Christmas Market in Milwaukee. He said it was much smaller than the markets in Germany. He spent New Year’s Eve watching a Christmas movie with his new host family, the Ohms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tim highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Tim thanked Matt Schwechel for hosting and Janean for organizing the December 29th Christmas party. Everyone had a great time!!!

Dave Groves held a membership moment. Nate Schlotthauer was selected to invite Dennis Hegy to an upcoming club meeting.

Tim said that members should continue to list service hours on the attendance sheets. Anything, other than meetings, that you do to promote Rotary in the community qualifies.

Mary Brodzeller reminded members that program speaker sheets need to be turned in so that this information can be added to the club website.

PROGRAM: Mike Mally presented a program entitled “Saving our Schwartz.” The ballroom was built in 1928 on a 10 acre parcel. The Hartford Rotary Club held meetings at the location in the 1930s during the summertime. In the late 90s, the ballroom was up for sale and there was a good chance that it would be torn down and the land sold for development. Dave Rohrer, Dick Zimmerman, Bob Stumpner, John Spielmann, and Fred Wittenberger were some of the key Rotarians that spearheaded the project to save the ballroom. The club felt initially that the site could be used as a club house and a future source of revenue. It might be used as a wedding venue, possibly a hotel with a restaurant or a site for future Vision homes. There were many grand ideas!!! The total cost for buying and updating the site was approximately \$1.3 million. Jim Mohr was the first person to take it over and operate the ballroom. In 1999, the club decided it could not continue to operate it on their own. It was turned over to the Hartford Historic Preservation Board. The ballroom has been very successful as a wedding venue. The debt will be paid off in the next three years.

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT: There were 24 members, 3 students and 2 guests in attendance at today's meeting.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Penny Jo Zagel collected \$34.00 at today's meeting.

BEAN BAG GAME OF SKILL: Mark Smits had a chance to win \$53.50 but did not get enough points to win.