

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

November 5, 2020

“Rotary Opens Opportunities”

“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:

11/5/20 Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month Speech. Program Speaker - Brett R. Bennett “Creating Brighter Futures” Brett is in the Vision Care Industry.

11/19/20 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speech.

12/3/20 Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month Speech.

12/17/20 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speech.

Sgt at Arms Schedule - 2020-2021

November 2020 - TBD

December 2020 - Loni Jaeger

January 2021 - Tom Hostad

February 2021 - Mary Brodzeller

March 2021 - Teri Kermendy

April 2021 - Dane Schepp

May 2021 - Irene Parker

June 2021 - Matt Schwechel

Greeter Schedule-2020-2021

November 2020 - Dawn Bondhus
December 2020 - Dale Anderson
January 2021 - Teri Kermendy
February 2021 - Greg Ledesma
March 2021 - Jay Triick
April 2021 - Mark Wolbrink
May 2021 - Erin Wilk
June - 2021 - Penny Jo Zagel

Program Speaker Responsibilities

November 5, 2020 - Irene Parker
November 19, 2020 - Nate Schlotthauer
December 3, 2020 - Mary Brodzeller
December 17, 2020 - Tom Hostad
January 7, 2021 - Loni Jaeger
January 21, 2021 - Mark Wolbrink
February 4, 2021 - Dave Wolbrink
February 18, 2021 - Betsy Wittenberger
March 4, 2021 - John Spielmann
March 18, 2021 - Fred Wittenberger
April 1, 2021 - Janean Handel
April 15, 2021 - Dawn Bondhus
May 6, 2021 - Ron Schlitt
May 20, 2021 - Tim Algiers
June 3, 2021 - Colleen Baus
June 17, 2021 - Tom Doubleday

Chase the Ace Duties

November/December - Jeff Walters
January/February - Julie Wilk
March/April - Nate Schlotthauer
May/June - Mike Mally

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

November Birthdays - Mark Lindborg, Irene Parker, Dane Schepp, John Spielmann, Steve Volkert, Mark Wolbrink, and Betsy Wittenberger

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING October 15, 2020

OPENING: President Steve Volkert called the meeting to order. Dave Wolbrink led the club in prayer. Steve then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Steve announced that Ane Ohm brought in a unique gift for her birthday. He said it was better than money!!!

GREETERS REPORT: Tom Doubleday introduced our program speaker, Adam Majerus from Hartford Jt.#1, Students of the Month, Robert and Ella and Robert's father Bob and grandmother, Barb.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: October Students of the Month, Robert and Ella gave a brief speech about their accomplishments and future plans at today's meeting.

Robert has been active in the Spring Play productions, the HUHS Concert Choir, Solo and Ensemble and the Boys Swimming program at Hartford. He is a four year member, team Captain, and State Qualifier for the Boys Swimming Team. Robert has also participated in State Solo and Ensemble and is a WSMA State Honors Choir Priority Alternate.

Robert has given back to his community by volunteering as a music volunteer, liturgist and computer helper at First United Methodist Church. He has participated in mission trips to Virginia and Michigan. Robert has been active in local Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. He also works as a lifeguard for the Hartford Recreation Department at their outdoor and indoor pools.

Robert plans to attend college and has an interest in pursuing a possible major in Sociology, Political Science, or Social Work. At this time, he is interested in UW-Madison, Lawrence University and St. Olaf College among others.

Ella is a member of the National Honor Society, H-Club, Student Council (4 years), Varsity Cross Country (4 years), Varsity Ski Team and state qualifier (3 years), School Musical (3 years), Varsity Track (2 years), Girl's Soccer (1 year) and the HUHS Concert Choir. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Student Council, Captain of the Ski Team, and is a member of the State Honors Choir.

Ella has helped at St. Kilian with funfest, the basketball tournaments, repairing bicycles, making blankets, and singing in the church choir. She has volunteered at the Pink Pumpkin Run and the Washington County Fair. Through her involvement in Student Council, Ella has co-chaired and volunteered for the Veteran's Breakfast, volunteered at blood drives, and assisted in putting together Hartford's Homecoming activities. She has rung bells for the Salvation Army, volunteered during the Hartford High School's food drives, and assisted during local school fun fairs and field days.

Ella is currently undecided on her major but is looking at majoring in either engineering or a health related field. She is also looking at schools which would allow her to continue her running career.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Steve announced that we will continue to have hybrid meetings until further notice. Invite a friend to join us virtually.

Mark Lindborg taking a pie in the face for polio is on video. Steve Volkert took a pie in the face at today's meeting. He challenged Fred Wittenberger or Colleen Baus to take one for polio.

Steve announced that the club will undertake a new method to increase membership. The club will be divided into three teams of approximately 10 members and a team captain. They will receive a list of businesses to contact via phone and invite them to an upcoming

meeting. The team that makes the most contacts and brings the largest number of potential members to future meetings, will receive a wonderful prize for their efforts.

Mark Lindborg announced that the Gazebo facia will be stained when the weather is acceptable. He is looking for volunteers to help with the project.

At today's board meeting, a \$500 donation to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a \$1000 Scholarship for Guatemala were approved.

The Wine Tasting fundraiser scheduled for February has been postponed. The committee is looking to reschedule the event either in May or June.

A picture was taken of Mike Hermann receiving a check from the club for the \$25,000 donation (spread over three years) toward the Centennial Park project.

PROGRAM: Adam Majerus, business manager for the School District of Hartford Jt.#1 was our program speaker. Adam is starting his second year as business manager. He is originally from Lomira and has a background in the banking industry. Adam spoke about the effects of Covid 19 on the district. The district had some savings last year because students were not in the building. This year, however, there have been added costs due to added technology. Every student in the district has a chrome book. There are also increased costs to keep the buildings sanitized. The district provides four educational options for the students. 1) Attend all day face to face 2) Attend alternate weeks/face to face and virtual 3) Attend virtually all day 4) Independent study. Adam said the teachers and students are doing a great job adapting to the situation.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE:

ATTENDANCE REPORT: 18 members and 3 guests were in attendance at today' club meeting. Ron Schlitt, John Spielmann and Mark Smits attended virtually.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Janean Handel filled in for Mark Wolbrink and collected \$11.00 for the club.

CHASE THE ACE OF SPADES RAFFLE: Dave Wolbrink won a lottery ticket and had a chance to win an additional \$92.50 but drew the Six of Spades.