

HARTFORD ROTARY BULLETIN

February 4, 2021

“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:

2/4/21 Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speech. Program Speaker - Bob Cobleigh, RU Recovery Chapter

2/18/21 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speech. Program Speaker - Dave Wolbrink - The Greatest Drama of WWII

2/20/21 Wine and Beer Tasting Bag pickup

3/4/21 Club Meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month Speech

3/18/21 Board meeting @ 11:00 AM. Club meeting @ Noon. Student of the Month speech. Program Speaker - Mary Beth Seiser - Rotary Foundation

Sgt at Arms Schedule - 2020-2021

February 2021 - Mary Brodzeller

March 2021 - Teri Kermendy

April 2021 - Dane Schepp

May 2021 - Irene Parker
June 2021 - Matt Schwechel

Greeter Schedule-2020-2021

February 2021 - Greg Ledesma
March 2021 - Jay Triick
April 2021 - Mark Wolbrink
May 2021 - Erin Wilk
June - 2021 - Penny Jo Zagel

Program Speaker Responsibilities

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

January/February - Julie Wilk
March/April - Nate Schlotthauer
May/June - Mike Mally

HUHS Pickup – Scott Helms

February Birthdays - Ron Schlitt, Fred Wittenberger

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROTARY MEETING
January 21, 2021

OPENING: President Steve Volkert called the meeting to order. Steve asked for a moment of silence for Robert Brandt - Past President of the Hartford Rotary Club - who died recently. Tom Hostad led the club in prayer. Steve then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Steve asked each Rotarian to place \$2 in the center of the table.

GREETERS REPORT: Teri Kermendy introduced the January Students of the Month, Irene and Hayley.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: January Student of the Month, Hayley, gave a brief speech about her accomplishments and future plans.

Hayley has participated in girls swim and dive for the past four years and has been on the varsity team the past three years. She has been involved in the spring play for four years and is a member of the art club creatif, the Best Buddies program, the SMART/MAPS team and National Honor Society. Hayley currently serves as secretary of the Best Buddies program at the high school. She qualified for the state sectional swim meet in 2020 and has submitted two art pieces to the National Scholastic Art Competition.

Hayley has been a chair member of the Erin School Fun Fair for the past six years and has helped organize and run the Erin School Fun Run. She has recently been volunteering at a local women's shelter to give back to the community.

After high school, Hayley plans to go into astrophysics or the medical field but at this time is undecided on the school she plans to attend.

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve highlighted the upcoming programs and events for the club.

Tom Hostad spoke about the new membership drive initiative. The three teams are set and captained by Tim Algiers, Ane Ohm and Tom Hostad. He said we need to challenge ourselves to bring in new members to the club. Emails have been sent to the membership with suggestions on how to encourage prospective members to join our club.

Please follow through and make your calls.

Steve shared pictures with the club from Michelle about Rotary events held at the Ballroom from the 1940s.

Steve reported that the first payment of our three year \$25,000 commitment to the Centennial Park project has been made.

Janean Handel reported that sales for the wine/beer bag fundraiser are going well. Only 200 bags will be available to sell. To date, 156 have been sold. All orders must be submitted by February 1st.

Mark Lindborg conducted the 2021-2022 board elections. Scott Helms and Nate Schlotthauer were nominated for the 2 director positions. Tom Hostad made the motion to have Scott and Nate assume the director positions, second by Gretchen Vickney. Motion carried. Tom Hostad made the motion to have Mary Brodzeller assume the position of President Nominee, second by Gretchen Vickeny. Motion carried.

PROGRAM: Ane Ohm and Teri Kermendy gave their classification talks today.

Ane has 2 children and has been married for 27 years. She enjoys animals and got a rescue dog 3 weeks ago. Her family moved to Hartford 25 years ago. They are very involved at St. Kilian Church. For many years, Ane worked for Strong Mutual Funds. She bought Staffing Support Specialists from Pat Frank several years ago. She also owns a 2nd virtual company that sells software nationwide. All employees work from home. Ane envisions that one day this company will grow into a multimillion dollar venture. In September, they purchased the Millstream building on Main Street and plan to move Staffing Support Specialists to that location later this year. Her business will be upstairs allowing them to rent out the rest of the building to other businesses. Ane is thinking about turning part of the building into a Brew Pub.

Teri Kermendy is a 1993 graduate of Hartford Union High School. She earned her undergraduate degree from UW-Stevens Point and her masters degree from Keller Graduate School. They live in Richfield and her children attended school in the Slinger district. Her husband travels a great deal and that has allowed her to see the world accompanying him on several business trips. Before becoming the Director of Communications at HUHS in 2018, she worked for many

years as a marketing consultant for Ralph Marlin and McDermott Q. She has also taught college level marketing courses. She enjoys her job at Hartford and believes HUHS is a great school with wonderful programs for students in the greater Hartford Community.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE: Loni Jaeger was the lucky winner of today's birthday raffle.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: 18 members and 2 students were in attendance at today' club meeting. Ron Schlitt, Peter Wilk and John Spielmann attended the meeting virtually.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT: Tom Hostad collected \$21.00 for the club.

CHASE THE ACE OF SPADES RAFFLE: Fred Wittenberger won a lottery ticket and had a chance to win an additional \$176.00 but he drew the 6 of Hearts and did not win.