

Tidings

Club Announcements



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- ☀ Is it the **truth**?
- ☀ Is it **fair**?
- ☀ Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**?
- ☀ Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

President Kevin Pechacek called the meeting to order and Elaine Baumann read devotions. Following the pledge of allegiance and the four way test, announcements were made. Many thanks to all who set up and greeted!

Welcome Guests

- ~Dean VanGalen, new UWRF Chancellor
- ~Guillermo

Tony Jilek

Spanish Class

Tony is offering a spanish class on Wednesday evenings to Rotarians interested in the language. The location is not yet determined, but the fee is \$100. Proceeds will go to Fast For Hope. To register or for additional information, contact Tony.

Terry McKay & Rosanne Bump District Conference

River Falls Club is hosting The District Conference in April. As part of the planning and experience, the planning committee is looking for host families for home hospitality. To offset the cost of entertaining visiting Rotarians the saturday evening of the conference, the

planning committee is offering a stipend of \$20 per person. To host or learn more about this program, contact Terry, Virgil or Rosanne.

Also scheduled to begin at the District Conference is the car raffle. They are looking for a Rotarian dealer who is also willing to give a cash option. First prize is the "fun" car; second prize will be a scooter and cash prizes.

Diane Odeen

Midterm Training

More than 200 people attended the Rotary Midterm Training, including members Terry, Rosanne and Diane Odeen. The theme for the Midterm was Firehose -- what fires you up? Apparently we singing cheerleaders could not be coaxed into sharing their story.

Tim Ericson

Guilt Bucks from Az.

Tim Ericson, Rotarian wintering in Arizona, sent a newspaper clip with the week's forecasted weather (sun and mid 70s all week) and a "feeling bad about the cold in WI" check to help relieve his guilt. Is it working, Tim?

Presenter and Club Member Pat O'Malley shared his experience of being a B52 pilot during the Cuban missile crisis. In the photo on the right, Pat shared his perspectives on this high-intensity timeframe in our history and the 24 hour flight route.

He also shared a story about his brother who had been called back from duck hunting by the military. He brought back 12 ducks and left them on his mother's kitchen table who proceeded to tell him that "she didn't care if we were going to war, she wanted those ducks off her kitchen table now."



"Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world."


Rotary Foundation and Rotary International

Deadlines to receive a 2008 tax receipt for contributions to Rotary Foundation or Rotary International is December 31. **To Mail:** Contributions sent by mail to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, must be postmarked by December 31, 2008 and received by January 7, 2009. **Online:** Credit card contributions made online through Member Access by midnight December 31, 2008 CST (link to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>.) Rotarians must pre-register their unique email address online and receive confirmation of registration in advance to be able to contribute online. **Fax:** Complete a TRF Global Contribution Form with credit card information and securely fax it to: 1-847-556-2139 by midnight December 31, 2008 CST. Download the TRF Global Contribution form: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/123en_write.pdf. If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation's Contact Center at contact.center@rotary.org or call 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279).

District Governor Nominee

Past District Governor and Chair of the Governor-Nominee Nominating Committee, Clare Lillis announced the selection of Judy Freund (Rotary Club of Hudson Daybreak) as the Governor Nominee for 2009-10 and to serve as Governor in 2011-12. If a written challenge is received by January 16, DG Roy Sjoberg will inform all clubs of the challenging candidate.

Upcoming District Rotary

 April 17 - 19, 2009 District Conference at UW River Falls.



Happy Bucks

Happy for New UWRF Chancellor & Guillermo

Rotarians Joe, Garret, Tom, Steve, Tony, Tom, Nelson, Terry, Rosanne, Steve, Bill, Randy, Scott, Wayne, Pat, Tom, Connie, Kevin, Diane and Samantha were happy for the visit from UWRF Chancellor-to-be, Dean and exchange student Guillermo. Virgil gave an extra special happy buck to have a new chancellor (that's not him). Chancellor VanGalen gave happy bucks for Connie's hospitality and work during the transition.

Nationally Registered EMT Paramedic

Garrett gave thanks for passing the exam making him a nationally registered EMT paramedic. Joe and many friends acknowledged his accomplishment. Congrats, Garrett!

Historic Inauguration & MLK

Elaine's devotion began with a tribute to the new leadership in the country and the celebration of Martin Luther King Day at St. B's. Gorden and Elaine had family in DC and Nelson gave happy bucks for his belief that "everything is going to change."

RF Gospel Choir & Grandkids Playing Hockey

Joe gave thanks for the RF Gospel Choir that sang at the MLK breakfast and featured three Rotarians -- Randy, Bill and Gorden. Virgil gave thanks for watching his grand daughter learn to play hockey.

Bad Dog at 2 in the Morning & Amazing 4-Day Weekend

Marti gave a "bad dog at 2 am" buck and Tom gave a good dog buck. Guillermo gave an "amazing 4 day weekend/snow days" buck.

Gorden's Travels and Good News/Bad News

Gorden announced that he had mixed emotion bucks about his last project for UWRF. He'll be presenting the UWRF campus assessment in Chicago which conflicts with the District Conference. Gorden also gave happy bucks for his traveling classroom assignment to London and his upcoming trip to Turkey.

This Kinda Club...

The club cheerleaders (Ro, Terry and Diane, or so go the rumors) reportedly won an award at the Midterm training. Tom Garfin gave a happy buck for an encore presentation, but Terry doubled it to stay quiet. Heather gave a happy buck for belonging to the kind of club that welcomes kids when their parents are running late. Kevin gave a buck to introduce Pate OMalley as Pam Malley. He called Dr. Bloom's office to find out who was presenting and his assistant said it was Pam Malley. Jerry gave thanks for the club's first exchange student from Venezuela who has stayed in touch.

OUR OFFICERS

President:	Kevin Pechacek
Pres Elect:	Diane Odeen
Vice Pres:	Tom Garfin
Treasurer:	Marti Piepgras
Secretary:	Carole Mottaz
Past Pres:	Carrie Fisher

2008 SERVICE DIRECTORS

Club:	Randy Cudd
Community:	Brian McQuade
International:	Heather Logelin
Vocational:	Tom Palmer
Youth:	Elaine Bauman
Membership/PR:	Kris Ainsworth
Programs:	Tom Bloom
Sergeant:	Ted Marsh
Communication	Samantha Bluhm
Bookkeeper:	Marti Piepgras
Photography:	Samantha Bluhm
Website:	Steve Leitch
Club Historian:	Tom Bloom
Grant Writing:	Jim LaPoint

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

2003:	Tom Bloom
2005:	Tom Garfin
2006:	Dale Jorgenson
2006:	Kevin Pechacek
2006:	Jerry Tack
2007:	John Kremer
2008:	Carole Mottaz

PAST PRESIDENTS

1999:	Tom Bloom
2000:	Gorden Hedahl
2001:	David Brassfield
2002:	Randy Cudd
2003:	Bill Montgomery
2004:	Tom Palmer
2005:	Connie Foster
2006:	Steve Schroeder
2007:	Carrie Fisher

Treasurer's Report

from Club Treasurer Marti Piepgras

Outlined below is a Gift Funding-Financial Snapshot updated January 9, 2009.

River Falls Rotary Fundraising goes 100% to gifts.
Gifts Budgets are partially secured by surplus funds raised in prior years. FISCAL YEAR starts July 1.

Nutshell: we are \$1,844 behind in our fundraising, for our current Giving Budget.

FUNDRAISING SINCE JULY 1, 2008 \$15,406

One-time "Possible" Gifts

Leadership River Falls	\$250
Haiti Water Project	\$500
Rwanda Children's Village	\$500
Nicaragua Partners	\$500
R.F. Project Lifesaver	\$250
Feed My Starving Children	\$500
Westside Books	\$750
United Way	\$500
Total	\$3,750

Annual "Promises" Gifts – to date

Exchange Student \$1,800

TOTAL GIVING TO DATE \$5,550

REMAINING FUNDS FOR GIFTS \$9,856

Annual "Promises" Gifts in budget, not yet authorized by Board

STRIVE (RFHS)	\$3,000
RFHS Honors Scholarships	\$2,000
Ren. Academy Scholarships	\$1,000
RFHS Honors Banquet	\$1,000
Rotary Fast For Hope	\$1,000
Comunidad (Peru)	\$900
Rotary Camp Enterprise (RFHS)	\$000
RFHS Holocaust Speaker	\$500
Rotary Camp RYLA (RFHS)	\$500
Model UN - RFHS	\$325
World Affairs Seminar – Ren. Acad.	\$275
Ren. Acad. Service Club Scholarship	\$200
Ren. Acad. Honors Party	\$200
Rotary Rose Bowl Float	\$100
Exchange Student	\$700

TOTAL ADDITIONAL "Promises" GIVING PLANNED \$11,700

SHORTFALL \$1,844

If you have questions or need additional information about this report, kindly contact Treasurer Marti Piepgras at 425-6177.



Set Ups, Devotions & Greeters

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>
Aug 26	Ted Marsh	Wayne Wulf/Jodie Young	Feb 3	Tim Ericson	Dale Jorgenson/John Kremer
Sept 2	Brian McQuade	Jodie Young/Kris Ainsworth	Feb 10	Peter Bloch	John Kremer /Jim LaPoint
Sept 9	Terry McKay	K. Ainsworth/E. Baumann	Feb 17	Thomas Bloom	Jim LaPoint/Steve Leitch
Sept 16	Bill Montgomery	Elaine Baumann/Don Betz	Feb 24	Samantha Bluhm	Steve Leitch/Heather Logelin
Sept 23	Carole Mottaz	Don Betz/Leslie Bleskachek	Mar 3	Sarah Bogel	Heather Logelin/Amy Luther
Sept 30	Patty Nelson	Leslie Bleskachek/Peter Bloch	Mar 10	Joe Boles	Amy Luther/Ted Marsh
Oct 7	Larry Chicchese	Steve Leitch/Tom Bloom	Mar 17	Rosanne Bump	Ted Marsh/Brian McQuade
Oct 14	Max Neuhaus	Tom Bloom/S. Bluhm	Mar 24	Larry Chicchese	B. McQuade/Terry McKay
Oct 21	Virgil Nylander	S. Bluhm/Sarah Bogel	Mar 31	Randy Cudd	T. McKay/B. Montgomery
Oct 28	Pat O'Malley	Sarah Bogel/Joe Boles	April 7	Tim Ericson	Bill/Scott Morrisette
Nov 4	Diane Odeen	Joe Boles/Rosanne Bump	April 14	Carrie Fisher	S. Morrisette/C. Mottaz
Nov 11	Tom Palmer	R. Bump/Larry Cicchese	April 21	Connie Foster	C. Mottaz/ P. Nelson
Nov 18	Kevin Pechacek	Larry Cicchese/Randy Cudd	April 28	Nelson French	Patty Nelson/Max Neuhaus
Nov 25	Marti Piepgras	Randy Cudd/B. McQuade	May 5	Tom Garfin	M. Neuhaus/Virgil Nylander
Dec 2	Jim LaPoint	B. McQuade/Carrie Fisher	May 12	Garrett Gill	V. Nylander/Pat O'Malley
Dec 9	Steve Schroeder	Carrie Fisher/Connie Foster	May 19	Debbie Griffin	P. O'Malley/Diane Odeen
Dec 16	Jerry Tack	C. Foster/N. French	May 26	George Hauser	D. Odeen/Alison Page
Dec 23	Bernie VanOsdale	N. French/T. Garfin	June 2	Gorden Hedahl	A. Page/Tom Palmer
Dec 30	Wayne Wulf	Tom Garfin/Debbie Griffin	June 9	Tony Jilek	T. Palmer/Kevin Pechacek
Jan 6	Jodie Young	D. Griffin/George Hauser	June 16	Dale Jorgensen	K. Pechacek/Marti Piepgras
Jan 13	Kris Ainsworth	G. Hauser/Gorden Hedahl	June 23	John Kremer	M. Piepgras/Jeff Rodewald
Jan 20	Elaine Baumann	Gorden Hedahl/Tony Jilek	June 30	Jim LaPoint	J. Rodewald/Dan Ross
Jan 27	Alison Page	Tony Jilek/Dale Jorgenson			

River Falls Rotary Membership

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