

Tidings

Club Announcements



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- Feb 24 - Fast for Hope
- March 3 - Club Assembly
- March 10 - Ed Vlack
- April 17 - District Conference

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 Tom Bloom 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

- ~Tom Hollan
- ~Allen Tuckenhagen

Virgil Nylander 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 to entertain visiting Rotarians by inviting them to their home or hosting a dinner out. The home hospitality is being offered on Saturday, April 18. To offset the cost, the planning committee is offering a stipend of \$20 per person.

The committee is also looking for volunteers to help direct traffic, help with set up and other event logistics. To host, volunteer, or learn more please 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.

For additional information, please see the District email communications.

Jerry Tack Strive Banquet

Jerry Tack announced the STRIVE banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the UWRP University Center. Jerry is asking for Rotary sponsors for each STRIVE student. Cost is \$38. To participate, sponsor and RSVP, by Feb. 20, please contact Jerry Tack at jtack@fnbrf.com.

February is Fast for Hope Month.

Next training session for Fast for Hope will be held at Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson on Monday, March 16 – Deadline for reservation is March 13. The session will be led by Elena Hendricks from Kairos, our partner in Nicaragua. Fee is \$9 and can be paid at door.

Scott Jones was officially “pinned” by President Kevin Pechacek and Membership Director Terry McKay. The program for the day was Scott’s Classification speech.

“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.”



District Rotary Awards Seek Nominations

District 5960 Service Above Self Award - Award recognizes individual service provided, both in their role as Rotarian and other volunteer efforts.

Criteria: The nominee must have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Service rendered by the nominee through Rotary must have been on a continuing basis. The award will not be given solely in recognition of one’s performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment. Personal financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation or any individual project are not relevant considerations for this award.

This award will take the place of what was the Touching Hearts Award, and the District will submit a maximum of 3 nominations from our district for the RI Service Above Self Award. The awardees will be recognized at the Rotary 5960 District Conference and at their individual clubs for their service.

District 5960 Best Cooperative Projects Award

Award honors Rotary clubs that have successfully cooperated with non-Rotary organizations, to include projects undertaken by multiple Rotary clubs in cooperation with other non-Rotary clubs. Awardees will be recognized at the Rotary 5960 District conference and at the club level. Recognition of service efforts provided in collaboration with groups outside of Rotary, integrating our efforts as Rotarians with other organizations, and benefitting from the multiplier effect of combined resources and efforts.

Criteria: Project must have been a service activity that addresses a humanitarian need; Projects that were designed to promote a fundraiser are not eligible; Those projects that require active involvement of Rotarians will be given priority; and the project must have been well established during the 12 months prior to March 15th.

District 5960 Significant Achievement Award

Award recognizes a single club activity that addresses a community problem or need, to encourage new projects on the part of every club, and to promote increased awareness of the importance of exemplary club efforts. Awardees will be recognized at the Rotary 5960 District conference and at the club level. **Strategic purpose:** To encourage all clubs to identify community needs, and to undertake activities to address one or more needs in local communities.

Criteria: Address a significant problem or need in the local community; Involve most or all of the club in personal rather than monetary service; Be commensurate with the size of the club and the resources available; Enhance the image of Rotary in the community; and Be able to be emulated by other Rotary clubs; Be currently active or reaching a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is being given.

Deadline for submission to Rotary 5960 District Governor is April 1st.

Questions? Contact District 5960 Awards & Recognition chair, Susan Hommes at 612 624-8800 or by e-mail at shommes@umn.edu



Happy Bucks

Hats Off to the Scotts!

Scott Morrissette was happy for the job he accepted in New Richmond. Nearly every Rotarian was happy for our newest member Scott Larson.

Missed, Mystery and Scoot Bucks

Several Rotarians gave scoot and missed bucks and many of us missed the mystery greeter Kris Ainsworth.

Guest Bucks

Rotarians Ted, Terry, Tom, Tony, Leitch, Jim, Garfin, Kevin, were happy for our guests. (Tom, Allen).

Shortest Distance Between two Points

Kevin announced the board approved the membership of Scott Larson at 7 a.m. on Thursday. At 7 a.m. on Tuesday, we pinned and welcomed him and at 7:20, he gave his classification speech. Could be the award for the shortest distance between membership approval and classification. Many of us were happy for Scott's membership into the River Falls Club. and his presentation. WELCOME!

Ice Fishing

Tony gave thanks for the nice weekend ice fishing. Jerry and Scott both wanted Tony's secret to success.

Tom's Rescued Kayak

Tom Garfin won a kayak at the Rotary Banquet last November and took it on an inaugural run a few weekend's ago down the Kinni. He had to ditch the kayak and announced he had rescued it.

Primary Election

Joe introduced his friend and guest Allen who was on the school board ballot. Alison gave thanks for the democratic process

Out of Retirement...

Kris announced she was coming out of retirement to start a mediation business working with families. Was also happy her mom's new knee is doing well.

Clubs Like This...

Steve gave thanks for Virgil and Jerry Tack for their work on District Conference and STRIVE, respectfully. Amy and Debbie were happy for the sunrise and Diane was happy for additional daylight. Kevin didn't have any dollars, but negotiated with club by selling West Wind \$4 drink tickets for \$2 to donate drinks to the Scotts.

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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