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Please note schedule:

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 7 AM at the River Falls Journal.

**THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST**

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

## Club Announcements

*President Kevin Pechacek called the meeting to order and Jim LaPoint led the devotions, concluding with the phrase "God bless Kevin."*

*Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test, the following announcements were made. Thanks to those who set up and greeted.*

**Welcome Guests**

- Lisa Ziebarth, Westconsin Credit Union
- Dean Van Galen, UWRF Chancellor & Visiting Rotarian from a club in Florida
- Melanie Ebertz, Amy Ebertz and Wilbur Quispe—presenters

- Ted Haberg was again a guest, and he submitted his application for membership. *Welcome Ted!*

**Announcements**

- President Kevin reported on his "required" golf outing and the ceremony to induct Newell Krogman as District Governor.
- Scott Jones still needs some help for the River Falls Day booth, July 10th & 11th. Contact Scott if you can assist.
- Dale Jorgenson will be leading the charge to create more delicious Kettle Korn. Come to Riverland Laser on July 7th from 5 to 8 to help.

**Kevin Pechacek turns the gavel over to incoming President Diane Odeen.**





# Happy Bucks

## Guest Bucks

Several Rotarians gave happy bucks for our new member, Ted Haberg, and our other guests. Randy provided instruction to the club on the pronunciation Dean Van Galen's name. (I think it is pronounced as "GAL-lon" as in a "gallon of good Wisconsin milk.")

## Mystery Greeter

President Pechacek indicated that guest artist Wilbur Quispe was the Mystery Greeter. Wilber didn't seem to know about the honor, but Kevin was apparently happy to take our money.

## Changing of the Guard

The club was unanimous in its happiness for the work of President Kevin and in its good wishes for new President Diane. Kevin in turn gave thanks to everyone who contributed to sailing the ship while he was at the helm. He offered special thanks to the members of the outgoing board.

## Miss Bucks

Several members donated for missing meetings and special regrets about missing the picnic. Others reported about the great time and great food provided at the event.

## Milestones

A number of members contributed in honor of Connie Foster's retirement and her work at the university. Steve Schroeder celebrated a birthday and was "treated" to a birthday song. Dean Van Galen contributed in honor of his 25th Anniversary. Steve Schroeder also contributed \$20 to mark the completion of his 120th (!) marathon. Clearly his pains continue to provide gains for the club. Go Steve Go!

## International Connections

Steve Lietch gave good bye to Guillermo and welcome to Wilbur bucks, and noted the incredible connections Rotary provides. John Kremer reported that he had made connections with a Rotary club in Ayachucho, Peru that will help us advance our work in that country.

## Other News to be Happy About

Heather and Amy talked about travel and vacations, and Debbie talked about a canoe trip, but noted there was "so much happiness, but so little money."

Both Bill Montgomery and John Kremer talked about baby-sitting with grandchildren—Bill in Maryland and John in New York City. John noted that a positive aspect of the current economy is that his room in NYC was a big bargain.

Garrett's daughter is attending a Japanese language immersion camp.

River Falls Rotarians continue to have much to be happy about, and, most happily, we have a great group of friends to share that with each week.

## 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 & 2009:	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

Peruvian artist Wilbur Quispe presented Kevin Pechacek with a beautiful hand-woven tapestry of thanks.

“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.”

Photos on page 1 & 3 are courtesy of Tom Garfin.



## Comunidad —The Peru Project

Melanie Ebertz, Amy Ebertz returned to the club to report on the work of the *Comunidad* Foundation in Paccha, Peru. They were again joined by Peruvian fibers artist Wilbur Quispe, who has made several visits to our club.

**History of the Project:** Melanie Ebertz began visiting Peru in the 1980’s and began working with the weavers around Pacha in the late 1990’s. In 2001, she worked to create a family foundation, *Comunidad*, that started a high school in the city and paid teachers to work there. From an initial school of 40 students, the school grew in just 3 years to 165 students. Now the government has taken over the responsibility to run and support the school.

**Recent Developments:** Now that the high school has been firmly established, Ebertz and the foundation have been expanding into other areas. Paccha is the center for about 20 very small hamlets. They now have created four new kindergarten/pre-schools and another new high school. They have also created a meals program that provides essential nutrition to 250 people. (Melanie indicated that the number will go up to 300 by the end of the week.) They also sent 350 lbs. of educational materials this week.

**Preschools:** The foundation is carefully monitoring the impacts of the pre-school programs. The schools provide instruction in the local language and begin to introduce Spanish. They also provide instruction about basic hygiene, like tooth brushing and washing, in addition to basic food groups, to help the students be more healthy. Skills are significantly improving, and there is also significant improvement in the weight and nutrition of the students.

**Other developments:** The first graduates of the high school program have been successful and the foundation has established a scholarship program, supporting 4 students to attend technical schools and 1 to attend college. A fundraiser this spring in Minneapolis was very successful—with great food provided by Kevin. They are also working with a representative from the Ayacucho Rotary Club to develop other projects, like eco-tourism.

**Fiber Artist, Wilbur Quispe:** Wilbur greeted us in Spanish and thanked us for always making him feel welcome and for our generosity. He also presented the weaving (seen above) for being part of “his family.” Wilbur comes to this area for about 2 months every year, demonstrating his art and taking back orders and a sense of pride to his fellow weavers. He recently received a 10 year Business Visa to support this work.

Melanie expressed her sincere appreciation for the support of our club, and shared a number of pictures of the beautiful young people who are benefiting from this work. For more information about the *Comunidad* foundation see <http://www.fundacioncomunidad.org/> Also see the ArtAndes site to find more about the work of Melanie Ebertz: <http://www.artandes.com/about.html>



Pictures from Past Club President Connie Foster's Retirement Party at the University, Monday, June 29th. Interim Dean Faye Perkins and Chancellor Dean Van Galen make presentations at the "Run Foster Run" event. Photos by Jens Gunelson

### Set Ups, Devotions & Greeters

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>
July 7	Steve Leitch	Schroeder / Tack
July 14	Heather Logelin	Tack / Westerhaus
July 21	Amy Luther	Westerhaus / Wulf
July 28	Ted Marsh	Wulf / Young
Aug 4	Brian McQuade	Young / Ainsworth
Aug 11	Terry McKay	Ainsworth / Baumann
Aug 18	David Miller	Baumann / Bloom
Aug 25	Bill Montgomery	Bloom / Bluhm
Sept 1	Scott Morrisette	Bluhm / Boles
Sept 8	Carole Mottaz	Boles / Bump
Sept 15	Patty Nelson	Bump / Cicchese
Sept 22	Max Neuhaus	Cicchese / Cudd
Sept 29	Virgil Nylander	Cudd / Ericson
Oct 6	Pat O'Malley	Ericson / Fisher
Oct 3	Diane Odeen	Fisher / Foster
Oct 20	Alison Page	Foster / French
Oct 27	Kevin Pechacek	French / Garfin
Nov 3	Marti Piepgras	Garfin / Gill
Nov 10	Steve Schroeder	Gill / Griffin
Nov 17	Jerry Tack	Griffin / Hedahl
Nov 24	Tom Westerhaus	Hedahl / Jackson

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>
Dec 1	Wayne Wulf	Jackson / Jilek
Dec 8	Jodie Bakken Young	Jilek / Johnston
Dec 15	Kris Ainsworth	Johnston / Jones
Dec 22	Elaine Baumann	Jones / Jorgenson
Dec 29	Tom Bloom	Jorgenson / Kremer
Jan 5	Samantha Bluhm	Kremer / LaPoint
Jan 12	Joe Boles	LaPoint / Leitch
Jan 19	Rosanne Bump	Leitch / Logelin
Jan 26	Larry Cicchese	Logelin / Luther
Feb 2	Randy Cudd	Luther / Marsh
Feb 9	Tim Ericson	Marsh / McQuade
Feb 16	Carrie Fisher	McQuade / McKay
Feb 3	Connie Foster	McKay / Montgomery
Mar 2	Nelson French	Montgomery / Morrisette
Mar 9	Tom Garfin	Morrisette / Mottaz
Mar 16	Garrett Gill	Mottaz / Nelson
Mar 23	Debbie Griffin	Nelson / Neuhaus
Mar 30	Gorden Hedahl	Neuhaus / Nylander

**NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have these responsibilities covered. Ideally you might find someone to trade with.**

### Program Schedule

July (theme: Membership and Extension)

7th: Gorden Hedahl: travels in Turkey and Europe

14th: Club Assembly, led by Diane Odeen

21st: David Miller: classification talk "Healthcare Administration"

28th: George Oyeho, Woodbury Rotary Club, recipient of Rotary Volunteers

Certificate of Recognition and Pin for launching a program to help build a school and drill wells in his native village of Uluth, Kenya.

August (theme: New Generations)

4th: Sarah Gontarek, Prior Lake exchange student to Bolivia.

11th: Linda Berg, Coordinator, Renaissance Charter Academy

"Alternative Education and Renaissance Academy"

18th: Tom Westerhaus and Carol Mottaz "River Falls School District

Strategic Planning"

25th: Gerald Nolte, UWRF Professor Emeritus, Ag Econ, on his return from Nicaragua with Tony Jilek.

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