

Tidings

Club Announcements



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Please note schedule:

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th.

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?

RF Rotary Vision Statement:
 "Enhancing Opportunities for Youth; Creating a Better World for All."

President Diane Odeen called the meeting to order, and Patty Nelson led devotions with a prayer written by Tom Turpin, a Rotarian from Missouri, that focused on the opportunities and responsibilities that we have as Rotarians to serve. Following the devotions, Diane led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four Way Test, and the following announcements were made. Thanks to those who set up and greeted.

Welcome Guests

- Derek Marvin, Carole Mottaz's brother from England
- Steve Goff, local attorney

Announcements

Raffle Tickets:

Get your raffle tickets for this year's Big Game: the Oct. 5th Monday Night Football game between the Packers and the Vikings. The drawing will be in two weeks, so sell, sell, sell. Get tickets from Steve Leitch or Marti Piepgras.

Strive:

Jerry Tack announced that the Strive program will be getting started on Sept. 16th. Tom Garfin, Tony and Joe will be assisting, but they are also looking for fresh ideas for the regular meetings.

Host Family Needs:

Elaine is looking for host families for the student that is arriving in January from South Africa. Think about getting involved with this great program. (We don't yet know if the student will be a boy or girl.) Because the student will be here from Jan to Dec, everyone is also encouraged to begin thinking about summer events that might include the student.

Spanish Classes

Tony announced that the first meeting for his Spanish II class will be meeting tomorrow night. There will be a sign up for Spanish I next week.

Land Trust Event

Nelson announced an event at the KinninRiver Land Trust on Thursday afternoon to celebrate the selection of KRLT as the Wisconsin Land Trust of the Year.

Fall Gala:

Scott Jones reminded everyone about the Annual Fall Gala scheduled for Friday, Nov 13th. He circulated a sign up sheet looking for donations for the auction, and he announced a new feature. This year for dessert, there will be a Chocolate Bake-Off, titled "Death By Chocolate." Start collecting your favorite recipes and practicing for this scrumptious event. The entries will be auctioned off to some lucky bidders. Bring money and an appetite.

Induction of Jeff Johnson



Debbie Griffin and Terry McKay of the membership committee inducted our newest member, Jeff Johnson, (seen above with his sponsor, Jerry Tack). Jeff is already a Paul Harris Fellow, and has quickly become involved with this community. Welcome Jeff!



Happy Bucks

President Diane announced that Patty Nelson was the mystery greeter. Jodi then proceeded to collect Happy Bucks from the members of our happy and welcoming club.

New Member and Guest Bucks

Almost everyone was happy about welcoming our newest member, and about our guests. Randy was so proud that he remembered his pin, that he instituted a pin check for everyone that followed him. Jerry Tack hit a trifecta, with a missed meeting, missed handshake, and (thanks to Randy) a missing pin. But he wasn't the only one who "thanked" Randy by donating to the missing pin collection.

Nice Weather

Many members commented on the beautiful weather and the extension of summer that we have been enjoying. Tony cautioned however, that the beautiful warm weather has not included any rain and that some things were becoming desperately dry. This reporter can certify that problem—a weekend visit to Minnehaha Falls found Minne-frowning, without a crack of a smile and not a drop of water falling. Derek was happy there was no falling into the water on his trip down the Kinni.

Football Frolics

The weather might still be summery, but football fever is in the air. Steve S. reported that for the first time in 40 years, he actually cheered for the Vikings and "his old friend" Favre. Kevin tried too, but couldn't bring himself to do it. And Dean and Jeff were happy for the Pack, despite the fact that the Vikings won. Jeff was able to do his cheering in person, with a weekend at Lambeau. Ideally both teams will continue to do well. The rivalry will only make those lottery tickets more valuable.

City Events

The Kinni Run, the Art Show and the Barn Dance were all celebrated by several, and Rosanne was happy about the up-coming Chamber events too.

Vacations and other Events to Celebrate

Kris was happy to be back, and that her daughter is buying a house. Ted M. had a great family wedding and vacation. Carrie is getting ready for her husband's return. It is bow hunting season, and Scott J.'s brother got a 12 point buck. Terry's son-in-law was surprised by 60 guests for his birthday. Heather celebrated her 9th anniversary, and both Amy's son and husband celebrated birthdays. Scott M. and Debbie both talked about vacations. Marti's nephew became an Eagle Scout, and her parents were passing the family cabin on to the next generation. (Samantha is looking forward to a visit to that cabin.) Jim brought president's pantry gifts from the Netherlands and Latvia, after visiting 6 countries in 11 days in Europe. Tim spent 10 days in Alaska and brought back an "Alaskans for Boles" shirt along with several buttons. Tom Westerhaus celebrated that fact that he had joined a new club: the Grandparents Club. He was going to donate a dollar for every other grandparent in the club, and but hadn't realized the number of "seniors" the club has. John K is going to London in two weeks to visit his newest grandchild.

OUR OFFICERS

President:	Diane Odeen
Pres Elect:	Tom Garfin
Vice Pres:	Carole Mottaz
Exec. Treasurer:	Marti Piepgras
Secretary:	Dale Jorgenson
Past Pres:	Kevin Pechacek

2009-10 DIRECTORS

Club:	Tom Bloom
Community:	Scott Jones
International:	Heather Logelin
Vocational:	Tom Westerhaus
Youth:	Elaine Bauman
Public Relations:	Terry McKay
Membership:	Debbie Griffin
Programs:	Bill Montgomery
Sergeant:	Jodi Young
Newsletter:	Gorden Hedahl
Technology:	Steve Leitch

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
2008:	Kevin Pechacek

Carole Mottaz talked about her involvement with community efforts to aid the homeless in our community and the development of Our Neighbor's Place.

“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.”



“OUR NEIGHBOR’S PLACE”

Our own Carole Mottaz began her presentation by talking about another of the “hats she wears” in our community. (This hyper-busy woman will probably have add an addition to her house to store all of the hats!) Today she was addressing the issues of homelessness. There are many common stereotypes about the homeless, but the fastest growing group of the homeless is families with children. One of the major motivating factors for the Minneapolis public school system adopting a common curriculum was the fact that so many students had unstable home situations and were changing schools so often. These issues are extending to River Falls. Carole said she occasionally had students who would spend time living in a car, and many more are living in places that are unsafe or unstable. Last year the River Falls School District had two families living at Grace Place in Somerset (the closest homeless shelter). By law, the RF School District was responsible for transportation every day to the schools here.

As several citizens became aware of these issues, they began to explore the possibility of developing a Homeless Shelter in River Falls. Regional social services agencies have indicated that River Falls has a significant need for a homeless shelter. Grace Place is always full, with a waiting list, and the needs are increasing. In addition to housing, there also has to be work to provide support services, assistance with financial planning, and support for literacy programs. Consequently, the group worked with the River Falls Community Fund and established “Our Neighbor’s Place.” The title clearly establishes the fact that these people are our neighbors, and that few are immune to the situations that loss of a job, or illness can bring.

Together with several partners, the group is establishing a Day Center on River Walk that will begin providing services. It will be staffed by two social workers that are being provided by the West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, and will be open in October. The place will serve people from Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

They are also establishing a transition house provided for now by St. Bridget’s, and they are looking for longer term solutions. Mary Jo Sutton is working to coordinate efforts, but Carole is the fund-raising chair, and she is looking for donations of materials and continuing financial support for “Neighbors Helping Neighbors.” She will be sending out separate appeals for this important effort, and you are encouraged to think carefully about what you might be able to do to help.





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Set Ups, Devotions & Greeters

Date	Devotions	Greeter/Setup	Date	Devotions	Greeter/Setup
Sept 22	Max Neuhaus	Cicchese / Cudd	Feb 2	Randy Cudd	Luther / Marsh
Sept 29	Virgil Nylander	Cudd / Ericson	Feb 9	Bill Montgomery	Marsh / McQuade
Oct 6	Pat O'Malley	Ericson / Fisher	Feb 16	Carrie Fisher	McQuade / McKay
Oct 3	Diane Odeen	Fisher / Foster	Feb 3	Connie Foster	McKay / Montgomery
Oct 20	Alison Page	Foster / French	Mar 2	Nelson French	Montgomery / Morrisette
Oct 27	Kevin Pechacek	French / Garfin	Mar 9	Tom Garfin	Morrisette / Mottaz
Nov 3	Marti Piepgras	Garfin / Gill	Mar 16	Garrett Gill	Mottaz / Nelson
Nov 10	Steve Schroeder	Gill / Griffin	Mar 23	Debbie Griffin	Nelson / Neuhaus
Nov 17	Jerry Tack	Griffin / Hedahl	Mar 30	Gorden Hedahl	Neuhaus / Nylander
Nov 24	Tom Westerhaus	Hedahl / Jackson	April 6	Nate Jackson	Nylander / O'Malley
Dec 1	Wayne Wulf	Jackson / Jilek	April 13	Tony Jilek	O'Malley / Odeen
Dec 8	Jodie Bakken Young	Jilek / Hagberg	April 20	Ted Hagberg	Odeen / Page
Dec 15	Kris Ainsworth	Hagberg / Jones	April 27	Scott Jones	Page / Pechacek
Dec 22	Elaine Baumann	Jones / Jorgenson	May 4	Dale Jorgenson	Pechacek / Piepgras
Dec 29	Tom Bloom	Jorgenson / Kremer	May 11	John Kremer	Piepgras / Schroeder
Jan 5	Samantha Bluhm	Kremer / LaPoint	May 18	Jim LaPoint	Schroeder / Tack
Jan 12	Joe Boles	LaPoint / Leitch	May 25	Steve Leitch	Tack / Westerhaus
Jan 19	Rosanne Bump	Leitch / Logelin	June 1	Heather Logelin	Westerhaus / Wulf
Jan 26	Larry Cicchese	Logelin / Luther	June 8	Amy Luther	Wulf / Young
			June 15	Ted Marsh	Young / Ainsworth
			June 22	Brian McQuade	Ainsworth / Baumann
			June 29	Terry McKay	Baumann / Bloom

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

September

Sept. 22nd: Steve Leitch, introduction to and suggestions for use of Facebook for our club
 Sept. 29th: Kim Wojcik, Executive Director of Turningpoint, Inc. for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

October

Oct. 6: Club Assembly
 Oct. 13: Ted Hagberg classification talk
 Oct. 20: Andrew Kerr, Development Coordinator for Hands On Disaster Response. His work will be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Rotarian*.
 Oct. 27: Tony Pedriana, author of *Leaving Johnny Behind*, retired teacher and administrator for 35 years in Milwaukee; has been researching the discrepancies between reading ideology and reading science; his mission is to increase unity of purpose among reading practitioners.

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