



RI Theme 2010-11  
"Building Communities -- Bridging Continents"

# The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

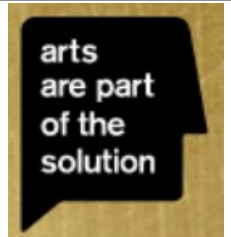
PO Box 908, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Club 2673 District 6220



## April 13, 2011



Rotary Club of Stevens Point  
Welcomes  
Anne Katz, Executive Director  
ARTS Wisconsin



[www.culturaldata.org/about/](http://www.culturaldata.org/about/) [www.artswisconsin.org](http://www.artswisconsin.org)

## "Cultural Data Project"

Program Host: Ann Huntoon



## Greeters

April 13 – Deb Freeberg & Brenda Diamond



Apr 20 – Bob Stack & Randy Zietlow; April 27 Ann Huntoon & Sharon Stratton  
May 4 – Cheryl Breit & LeRoy Heiser; 11 – Kathy Brandy & \_\_\_\_\_; 18 Ann Huntoon & John Billings  
May 25 – Rick Jansing & \_\_\_\_\_  
June 1 – Cheryl Breit & LeRoy Heiser; 8 – Julie Mouw & \_\_\_\_\_; 15 Ann Huntoon & \_\_\_\_\_

## Coming Events



April 15-17, District Conference-Sturgeon Bay

May 23-25, Rotary Intl Conference-New Orleans



Status of Rotary Polio Programs <http://www.rotary.org/en/EndPolio/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Rotary Basics – great site – check it out!

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEMBERS/NEWMEMBERS/ROTARYBASICS/Pages/TheOrganizationofRotary.aspx>

## APRIL 2011 RI THEME – 'THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE'

Rotary International's 106th Year and Our Club's 94th

Rotary Intl: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) District: [www.ridistrict6220.org](http://www.ridistrict6220.org)

Our Club: [www.stevenspointrotary.com](http://www.stevenspointrotary.com)

UWSP ROTARACT – <http://students.uwsp.edu/nepsi810/rotaract/>

Morning Club – Greater Portage County [www.portagecountyrotary.com](http://www.portagecountyrotary.com) [Comfort Inn, Plover, Friday 7 a.m.]



# Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



## G

### uests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarian - None
- RYE – Diego is in Hawaii
- Guests
  - Emily Wagner, UWSP 'Y' Intern [Comm/Intl Studies majors]

## A

### nnouncements

- New Members:
  - David McHone, VP, Travel Guard-Chartis [sponsor Jim Anderson]
  - Shelly Martin, DigiCopy [replaces Jen Larson]
- **Membership drive extended to April 6 because of the snow cancellation. Speaking of snow – will try to work with Senator Kohl for a reschedule**
- **Summer RYE** – our first applicant is Soren Anderson, Amherst HS; Soren is a Junior Olympics Cross Country competitor and really enjoys Spanish, reading and pre-calculus, and [naturally] skiing. Candidates must be 15-18 yrs old; spend a month overseas and share your home for a month with your RYE sister/brother when you return - applications to John Bergin by February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **OUTBOUND GSE to District 2710, central Japan [not in disaster area] – need four non-Rotarians [or related] 25-40, working in their profession. Will leave October 2 and return October 30, led by AG Roy Valichka of Appleton Downtown. Roy is FIL of Pres. Shari of the morning club. Incredible opportunity, all expenses [other than personal] paid by RI Foundation. Ask Sara Brish, Rick Zahn, Dave Ladick, veterinarian Mike Rosek or StePt police officer Alan Raasch of their experiences.**
- **RYLA – our club will sponsor 4 for the fall's week-end program, Oct 14-16. If you have any candidates let Brenda Diamond know. We do have one candidate so far – all schools plus home schooled are eligible; sophomore or junior; adult Rotarians needed also or former RYLA to serve as mentors. Brenda has excellent brochure used jointly w/our and the morning club.**
- **NEED PROGRAMS FOR APRIL 20, JUNE 1, 8, 15 & 22**
- **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Sale 2011** will be Sweetest Weekend, Oct 13-15. The coordinating team will be working on a website for credit card/PayPal ordering.
- **Esteli** [José Murillo] –we have 12 contributors [business and individual. The entire school project has been funded by District, our club, the Esteli club and individual Rotarian contributions through the Community Foundation.
- **50-50 Raffle** – José Murillo had the right number but no joker.

**Member Minute and Presenter** – Dave Morgan, StePt 'Y' director gave a great update on the transition from the old YMCA to the NEW Y.

- Programs are still directed at 1] Youth; 2] Social Responsibility; and, 3] Healthy Living
- There is naturally a strong continuing need for financial assistance for the many Y program.
- Each Y is autonomous; there are 900 regional associations with 2600 facilities in the US alone. Former StePt Rotarian, PHF and past president Dan Newhouse is the State Resource Director, with a target to increase total reciprocity among the state Y's.
- Our Y first started in the old firehouse on Strongs, then moved to the former Pacelli building in '72, did \$1M renovation, other improvements and reservations and now involve in a \$3.5 capital campaign; \$1M for more renovations, moving BIGS offices to the Y front area [a great combination] and expanding Camp Glacier Hollow which the Y now owns outright.
- Dave's PP is attached to this Bulletin email; should trigger a lot more questions to Dave.

## H

### appy Dollars

- John Bergin took Diego to GB for his flight to Hawaii – leaving at 3:30 a.m was really early but Diego was up, packed and totally ready. He returns just in time for this weekend's District Conference in Sturgeon Bay.
- Terry Arnold

- Was the UWSP ROTARACT guest presenter last week, and was most impressed by the diversity and enthusiasm of the members.
- His article about Libya was send in a separate email as well as his PP from both of his China presentation.
- Ran out of time for other Happy Dollars

## From Rotary International - since this is *Rotarian*

magazine month, check out the latest through the website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and for direct access to current and past issues. By the way back issue are available from the first publication through the link below and you can Google them.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/therotarian/archives/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

## Japanese Rotarians witness devastation

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News – 6 April 2011



A red line indicates the tsunami level on this clinic in Kamaishi, Japan. Toshiro Ueda, a member of the Rotary Club of Otsuchi, Iwate, who runs the clinic, was barely able to escape by running to the fourth floor. *Photo courtesy of Tatsuo Seshita*

"The earth seemed to be shaking forever, and it was so strong," says RI Director Masahiro Kuroda. "I thought I was going to die." Kuroda, a physician, was seeing a patient on the second floor of his medical clinic in Hachinohe, Aomori, Japan, when a 9.0-magnitude earthquake off the country's northeast coast struck on 11 March.

"I escorted her downstairs. Holding each other's arms tightly, we walked down very slowly. After we reached the bottom floor, the earthquake stopped," says Kuroda. "I led all the other patients outside and told them to go home, but she said she was too scared to leave and wanted to stay in the clinic. I didn't know what to say -- she was so frightened. She left a couple of hours later and safely arrived home."

The quake, the largest to hit Japan in recorded history, triggered a tsunami that swept 6 miles inland, destroying entire villages. Kuroda and several staff members stayed at the clinic overnight after hearing on the radio that the waves had come close to the building. Kuroda's home and clinic were spared, but just a couple of miles east, the tsunami and quake had caused major destruction.

"All I was trying to do was to prepare for the night and get heat," he says. "It was very cold. I tried to find some oil and batteries for the stove and candles. The electricity went out, so it was dark and hard for everyone to walk around. There were constant aftershocks, really strong ones. We all were very scared." Kuroda says he couldn't reach fellow Rotarians at first. "Landline phones, cell phones, and e-mail were down for three days, We were completely isolated," he says. "In the hardest-hit areas of District 2520 [Iwate and Miyagi], we don't know all the details of the damage. There are still Rotarians we haven't been able to contact yet."

Naoki Narayama, governor of District 2520, visited some of the affected villages soon after the earthquake. "Our district, especially its Pacific coastal areas, sustained very severe damage. The devastation is much bigger than what we are seeing on TV," he says. "Search and rescue efforts continue. In the areas hit by the tsunami, there is an acute shortage of food, water, gas, and medical supplies." Narayama fears that the death toll, already estimated at more than 12,000, will rise. But he is encouraged by the response of Rotarians. "In this darkest hour, I have received numerous heartwarming messages from Rotarians all over the world," he says. "Their considerate inquiries and kind offers of helping hands have greatly encouraged us to tackle this daunting destruction."

Tatsuo Seshita, governor of District 2550 (Tochigi), says his district wasn't hit by the tsunami but was badly damaged by the quake. "I kept under my desk. I was afraid that the shaking would continue forever," says Seshita. "When the big pillar in my office cracked, I thought it was going to fall down on top of me. Luckily it stood, but I thought my time had come."

Seshita traveled to the city of Kamaishi on 2 April to deliver relief supplies to a medical clinic run by Toshiro Ueda, of the Rotary Club of Otsuchi, Iwate. Ueda was barely able to escape to the fourth floor of the clinic during the tsunami, which reached up to the third floor.

Kuroda says Rotary clubs are doing what they can to support those affected by the disaster. "Despite the shortage of gasoline, many Rotarians are driving to deliver supplies to the areas most in need," he says. "We all, as Rotarians, are working together. I am deeply moved by what I'm seeing Rotarians do."

Click on one of these hyperlinks for more details:

- [Read about Rotarian efforts to aid Japan](#)
- [Learn about the Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund](#)
- [Rotary International](#) on Facebook

## **F**uture Programs -

- When you have a program please let PDG Dick Judy know so it can be entered in the schedule.
- If you need a projector and screen call the SPCC in advance.

APRIL	2011	ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH
15-17	District Conf	Stone Harbor Inn, Sturgeon Bay, WI
20		
27	Cheryl Breit	Andrew Soucek, CAP Jobs & Bus Coord "CAP and Business Development & Expansion"
MAY		PREPARATION FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR
1	Charter Day	Rotary Club of Stevens Point receives its charter, May 1, 1917
4	Ann Huntoon	Danny Mitchell, Nashville Recording Artist, <a href="http://www.dannymitchellmusic.com/">www.dannymitchellmusic.com/</a> 'The Nashville Scene'
11	Mary Williams	Rick Reyer, WI Regional Mgr, WPR [Wausau]
18	Ann Huntoon	Brad Gegare. DM Interactive, GB - 'Helping Us Join the Cyber Age' <a href="http://www.dminteractive.com/">http://www.dminteractive.com/</a>
25	Terry Arnold Foundation Ch	Rotary Scholarship Presentations - SPASH, Pacelli, UWSP & MSTC



## The 4-Way Test

Adopted by RI in 1943

**Of the things we think, say or do ---**

- 1 - Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3 - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**