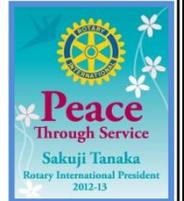


RI Theme 2011-12
"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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Bob Kulp, Kulp's of Stratford

Founder & Business Development Director -- Wausau Chamber 2012 SB of Year

www.kulpenergy.com www.kulproof.com

'Doing the Math - Gasify with CNG [compressed natural gas]'

Program Arrangements: PDG Dick Judy



GREETERS

Aug 15 – Shelly Martin & Bob Stack



Aug 22 - Murillo & Simmons; 29 - Huntoon & M. Johnson

Sep 5 – King & _____; 12 – Huntoon & _____; 19 – Marten & Mouw; 26 – M Williams & Murphy
Oct 3 – Murillo & Cywinski; 10 – Stack & Murphy; 17 – Huntoon & Bertz; 24 – Murillo & _____; 31 _____ & _____

Coming Events

AUGUST 2012 RI THEME – Membership and Extension Month

Rotary International's 107th Year and Our Club's 95th

Rotary Intl: www.rotary.org District: www.ridistrict6220.org

Our Club: www.stevenspointrotary.com

Polio UPDATE Daily - <http://www.polioeradication.org/Home.aspx>



UWSP ROTARACT – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UWSP-Rotaract/153776281332253>

Morning Club – Greater Portage County www.portagecountyrotary.com

Friday 7 a.m. @ Portage County Annex Building, Conf Rooms 1 & 2, 1462 Strongs Ave

Rotary Basics – great site – check it out!

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

Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



Guests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarians
 - Fred Leafgren, Toronto - Forest Hill
 - Jim Campbell, Wausau Noon, perfect attendance 32.6 yrs
- New member – LTC Gary Thompson, UWSP Prof Mil Sci
- Tim Gottlieb- VP Commercial Lending, River Cities Bank, Stevens Point [Nick Inman]

Announcements

- **Zoë Hoche**, our 2012-13 RYE Inbound from France arrived August 13th. Plane was two hours late from Detroit but she looked fresher than the greeters. Check Club FB page for more welcoming shots.
- **United Way 2012 Fund Raising Campaign kicks off August 25 with RUN BIKE UNITE**
This Duathlon features
 - A start at Sentry Headquarters on North Point.
 - It's a chip-timed event with a two-mile run, then a 13-mile bike ride and finishes with another two-mile run.
 - There are competing classes for individual male or female, age groupings and teams for all male, female or co-ed.
 - The courses are flat, scenic, the first run on paved streets.
 - Start time 8:30 a.m.
 - Awards presented by three-time Olympian Suzy Favor Hamilton, our local Olympic Icon.
 - On-line details at www.active.com
- **ROSE SALE 2012 – October 18-20** – looking for new and creative ways to sell roses as our major fund raiser for the year.
- **50-50 Raffle** – Mary Williams, donated lunch \$ to Polio Plus but no joker.



Presenter: Jim Anderson, the construction and building scene in PC

- One of the big surprises for many – there are a lot of job vacancies especially in the skilled trades.
- The construction industry really adds great value to the local and regional economy.
- Mary Williams wanted to apply, but too late probably, though Jim said she might qualify as a cement finisher.
- Ellis is a non-union shop.
- Construction may be the 2nd oldest profession.
- There are many components in the industry beside commercial and residential buildings, e.g. roads, bridges, power, utilities, etc.
- In 2010 almost 7% of the workforce was in construction of some type and the average wages were very high; with \$1 parlayed to \$2 in the economic circle. \$1M in construction converts to about 18 jobs and about \$86,400 in taxes. In the past decade a food service position might generated about \$13K but construction brought \$35K.
- There are many careers beside the usually thought of guy or gal in overalls and leather gloves. These include estimators, project managers and a host of supporting positions. Generally a person can move from helper to apprentice to

journeyman with requisite training, both on the job and in class, with study, commensurate increases in pay. The work isn't easy but each project brings new experiences and ever-changing challenges.

- Construction brings pride in workmanship, contribution to the community and true sense of accomplishment – being able to point to a church, hospital, house or building and say 'I worked on that'.
- For the company, there is a high cost for workman's comp and health care; the jobs are tough and sometimes dangerous.
- Sustainable construction, e.g. LEED is very costly but many companies are up to the monetary challenges, not just for the recognition or awards, but for the long term benefits for the occupant.



Happy Dollars

- Ardie Lange – U-16 softball in a tournament at Columbus, WI competed with 47 teams, took 2nd place staying undefeated until final round.
- Ann Huntoon –
 - Place of Peace went great, thanks to all who participated.
 - Trip to Tomah to present Eric Beuerman's Paul Harris Fellow award was great, even considering the long detour, gravel roads and the driver.
- Dave McHone – joining Travel Guard they forgot to tell him he would be the 'contractor contact' on site for the LEED project, but Ellis and Jim were great to work with and TG was awarded a Silver medal for their energy savings initiatives [sounds a bit like the Olympics].
- \$3 John Bergin
 - Great dinner with Zoe's two host families and counselor Holly Sperberg to get ready for Zoe's arrival.
 - Even the delay in arrival went smoothly as the group sought refuge at Great Dane in Wausau.
- \$5 Jack Porter
 - Welcome to new ROTC head Gary Thompson. Gary replaces Eric Beuerman who in fact replaced Gary at Ft. McCoy – the old switchy, switchy.
 - Jim Anderson presentation was more enlightening.
 - Great trip with Cynny to Anchorage, AK for a wedding. Sure a lot of water and float planes.
 - Speaking of water – we need so much more that –
 - Baptists are sprinkling
 - Methodist using wet wipes
 - Presbyterians issuing 'rain checks'
 - Catholics pray - wine will become water
- Patti Cahill – remember Project Fresh Start, so important – in 2011 helped 1002 kids, this year 1191 all registered, and 20% more expected. And, there are a number who will be missed.
- Tom Bertz – is going to perform a marriage in Green Bay, must be a Packer thing.
- Julie Mouw -
 - Hoping that a great BIGS bike-a-thon would draw a good crowd last Saturday.

