



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

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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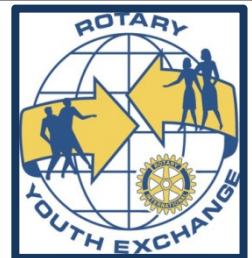


December 7, 2011



Rotary Club of Stevens Point
welcomes

Jeff Jester, RSVP Director
PC Aging and Disability Resource Center
Soren Andersen
Summer RYE Sweden



Program Hosts: PDG Dick Judy and RYE Chair John Bergin



Greeters

December 7 – Bob Stack, Suzanne Murphy, Sara Brish



December 14 – José Murillo & Terry Arnold;
December 21 – **Family and Friend Holiday program** - LeRoy Heiser & Eric Beuerman
December 28 – NO MEETING – Holiday Break

Coming Events

December 21 - Holiday Program featuring SPASH Singers

DECEMBER 2011 RI THEME – Rotary Family

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

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.portagecountyrotaary.com [Comfort Inn, Plover, Friday 7 a.m.]

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

- Rotary Visitors
 - JG Rosholt, frequent visitor and former member, Austin, TX
 - Jeremy Castleberg, Asst Mgr, Associated Bank [Suzanne Murphy]
 - Food Banks
 - Roseann DeBot, Operation Bootstrap
 - Brant Bergeron, St. Mikes, Salvation Army Food Pantry
 - Cari Rutledge, founder/Director, UWSP food Cupboard
 - Phil Weke, Brookfield [Owens]

In keeping with the holiday needs and traditions,



- We will give three food banks proceeds from our 50-50 raffle last week.
 - Operation Boot Strap,
 - Salvation Army food pantry
 - UWSP – The Cupboard
 - PP Jim Owens coordinates our Salvation Army Bell Ringers. See Jim to volunteer and signup.
 - Again this year we will collect cash for the HOLIDAY BASKET PROJECT for a basket of goodies and a present for members of a needy family. In past years we have collected enough for 10-15 families. Last year over 1350 baskets were distributed to low income and working poor in our community. With the economy the need is even greater this year. The cost of a food basket is about \$75 but with gifts for children the average cost is about \$150. For older children the Project will provide gift cards, especially through the PC Business Council. You have two main ways to contribute to a worthy cause – a check to Pres Rick, PE Terry Arnold, Foundation Chair Cliff King or to Treasurer Nick Inman added to your quarterly statement] Let the Basket Committee and Boot Strap volunteers to all the heavy work.
 - Place of Peace holiday meal – Dec 8, 4:30 – 6ish Coordinating will be Dick Judy, José Murillo, Sandy Retzki, Kathy Brandl, Utku and Brenda Diamond Family. Stop by if you would like to help.
 - Dec 21 Holiday Program for friends and family – main dining room SPCC featuring for the 34th consecutive year the SPASH Singers [thanks to LeRoy Heiser's coordination]. We'll be taking names and reservations in a week or so.
 - Marshfield Rotary Clubs' 'Winter Wonderland' at the Wildwood Zoo. Well worth the trip, and they only suggest a non-perishable food donation – so it's free. Over a million lights this year, animated, set to music; open until Dec 31st. Saturday night will bring live music. Started by MF Rotary, the event is in its 6th year, bringing together many service clubs, churches and community organizations to benefit 20 local food pantries. Take a trip to MF, enjoy one or more trips through the light cascade, drive or walk, have a good local meal and keep in that holiday spirit.
- 50-50 Raffle – again no big winner

Presenter: Dick Campbell, Oshkosh Rotary – 'Antarctic Journey of the Endurance'

Happy Dollars

- Chancellor Bernie Patterson – the charity of our community is clearly demonstrated with the contributions to the food banks, bell ringing and Holiday Baskets among so many other activities of the club. What a great community to be part of.
- Roseann DeBot noted that more than 250 sorters helped at the Noel Hanger to sort food for Operation Bootstrap. Almost twice the usual number of Santa helpers.
- Brant Bergeron said Salvation Army Hope Center was currently serving 29 clients including a family of 12.
- José Murillo pleased that his boss, JG, was attending – but there was some disagreement among the attendees. Truthfully, always glad to have the Austin visitor.
- Al Thompson really agreed with his boss Chancellor Patterson on the caring community. He even demonstrated it himself by giving Bernie a ride to Rotary and a guaranteed way back to the office.
- John Billings' eye surgery went great, but decided after so many years that the glasses were nice anyway.
- Brad Corbett thought Murillo was giving a dollar for this boss attending just for ingratiation?
- \$10 Terry Arnold should be hitting Kindle and Amazon with the new book this week.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Flooding at RI 2012 Site - According to a November article in the [Bangkok Post](#), the recent flooding in the Thai capital, site of the 2012 RI Convention in May, is receding, although floodwaters remain high in some areas near the Chao Phraya River. The article quotes Anond Snidvongs, executive director of the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency, as saying that the worst of the crisis is over. Although the district of Thon Buri is expected to experience some flooding over the next month, neither the Impact Exhibition & Convention Center nor hotels in which RI has blocks of rooms are located in the affected area. Rotary International and Rotarians in Bangkok will continue to monitor conditions there. Any changes in plans for the convention and related events will be communicated via email to all registrants, and be posted on the RI website and social media sites.

Three generations traveling to Bangkok in May

William, Denver, Renee, and James Simmermon -- three generations of the family -- plan on attending the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. The convention will be the ninth for James E. Simmermon, 85, a member of the Rotary Club of Oakmont Verona, Pennsylvania, who attended the New Orleans convention last year. He says that hearing Bill Gates, cochairmen of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, commend Rotarians for their polio eradication efforts ranks as one of the highlights of his Rotary experience.

When James suggested making the 2012 convention a family affair, his son William, a member of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, agreed. And William and his wife decided that the convention would be an invaluable experience for their son Denver as well. The middle school student is involved in the district's youth leadership program. "The opportunity to spend time with my father, and for us to experience a big Rotary event together, is priceless," William says. "I have traveled around the world for business, and I have been to Bangkok before. I sort of see this as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, to have three generations of my family going."

New Strategic Partner – RI & UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education

Future Programs -

DECEMBER		ROTARY FAMILY MONTH
14	Eric Beuerman Lorie Liss INTERACT	Dr. Eric 'At the Piano' Pacelli INTERACT presentation on Community Service Day
21 [7 a.m.]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library, 7-8:30 a.m.
21	Leroy Heiser	SPASH Singers – 34 th Year Kicking off Our Holiday Season
28	NO MEETING	ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON see you January 4 th , 2012
January		Rotary Awareness Month 1917 – RI President Arch Klumph proposed the Rotary Foundation; first contribution \$26.50
4	PDG Judy	Beverly Kramer, Puppy Counselor/Volunteer Trainer, Western Independent Raisers 'The Leader Dog for the Blind – Mr. Mica'
11		Sue Martens, Caregiver Support Svs Dir, Aging & Disability Resource Center Caregiver Support and the Transition of "Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers" from United Way to the ADRC
18	Ann Huntoon	Dave Fantle, Deputy Secretary WI DEPT Tourism – "Changes in the Department of Tourism at the State Level, and the Role of Arts and Culture in the Business Community"
25 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
25	José Murillo	Doug Schneider, Pastor of Outreach Ministries, Woodlands Church "Blue & White, Longest in the World, Transits 10 Countries – Call Me Nile"
February		World Understanding Month and RI Anniversary 2-23-1905 Rotary's 1 st meeting [this is RI 107 th year] 2-26-1917 Rotary Club of Stevens Point formation meeting
29 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library [yes – leap year]
29	José Murillo	Lauri Rockman, Dir PC Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention 'The Coalition Mission and Current Initiatives'

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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?