



RI Theme 2009-10 "The Future of Rotary is In Your Hands"

# The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]



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

## February 10, 2010



Welcomes  
**President Sharon**

**'Important Business of the Club'**



### **Greeters**

February 10 - Steve Johnson & Jeff Kurka

[Feb 17 -Bob Stack & Dick Judy; 24 - Sarah Halstead & JD Manville; Mar 3 - Doug Schlei & Linda Taylor]

### ***Coming Events***

Status of Rotary Polio Program <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>

### **FEBRUARY RI THEME– 'ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH'**

**Rotary International's 104th Year and Our Club's 92nd**

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



## Guests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarian – Marge Bunce, Eau Claire Noon, Senator Herb Kohl's office
- Guests - None

## Announcements

- **Big Brother & Sisters Bowl-a-thon** set for Feb. 12-13 – Five-Star Lanes, Post Road in Plover. Steve Cywinski has a team – but welcomes more.
- **Tim Krause resigning** – teaching at noon and other conflicts. Tim will still help keep the web working; he has a team helping us right now. Now we need another President Nominee for 2011-12 and Rick Jansing has indicated his interest.
- **PETS Upper Midwest** [District 6220 and 6270) for the new President Elects will be March 19-20 @ Manitowoc Holiday Inn. This is a wonderful training session. Former members of our club Bill Wresch is DG of 6270 and Sue Sippel is new AG 6270 [Manitowoc and close by clubs].
- **NG Returning Home Celebration** – Jeff Kurka will be keeping us advised of the celebration as 3,200+ members of the WI NG return to our region. Tentatively Memorial Day is the potential day.
- **LZ Lambeau** May 2010, Lambeau Field celebration for Vietnam Veterans and friends [ <http://lzlambeau.org> ] Check out the website for the Wisconsin celebration.
- **Summer and Full-Year RYE students needed.** John Bergin noted that we have one candidate for next summer. If you know a deserving and qualified youth let John Bergin or Steve Cywinski know ASAP. Full year RYE for 2011-12 applications are needed by October 2010.
- **Haiti Disaster Relief** – RI Foundation has established a special fund for this purpose – check the RI website for details and there are many other ways to contribute.
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- **50-50 Raffle** – Steve Johnson [in absentia] so Leroy Heiser drew for him; no winner. Since Leroy doesn't have email, hope Steve sees this and gets his winnings, as small as they were.

**Member Minute** – Sarah Halstead gave a 30-second update – lives in Plover, 18 & 20 year old son and daughter. Came Point to Point nine years ago – Mineral to Stevens Point.

**Speaker Notes** – Sarah noted that the Literacy Council started twenty years ago concentrating on basic math and literacy skills to the community.

- Clients are 80% non-native English speakers [no longer use the term English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language since so many of the clients already speak two or maybe more languages]
- There is no conflict with UWSP or MSTC programs since most learners are older, many with a learning disability and have no intent to go on to higher levels.
- Teachers are volunteer tutors, frequently giving 2-3 hours a week.
- Teaching is self-paced, much is computer-based.
- Shift from conversation-based to skills needed for employment.
- ALL classes are free – it's our contributions that drive the program. As 'learners learn we all win'.
- A Rural Literacy Initiative [project] started in 2008, such as at a local dairy farm teaching both workers and owners communication skills.

- Amazing how many persons in our community cannot read a menu or similar written materials, or converse with their doctor or health care provider.
- There are many cultural language issues and problems – traditional language and communication programs fail to deal with these issues. And there is frequently confusion of words, like the English 'once' sounds just like a Spanish word with a completely different spelling and meaning.
- Literacy is the strongest predictor of longevity.
- The cost in Portage County is estimated to be \$69 million a year because of failures in basic literacy skills. Many companies like St Michaels pay a lot of money every year trying to insure care seekers understand their health care providers, Rx, etc.
- 170 learners were served in 2009. Seeming a small number but getting people to admit their needs and to ask for help is very difficult.

## **H**appy Dollars

- **Brad Corbett**
  - Son Jy is the leading scorer for Port Edwards HS BB.
  - Jy has select UWEC for football and will major in business.
  - PEHS was 2009 CWC-10 conference champs.
- **John Billings** noted that his credit for the prayer the week before he mentioned was 'George' Burns, but imagine John forgetting that it was really 'Bobby Burns'!!!!
- **President Sharon** noted that UW Badgers took out Michigan State Spartans.

## ***Rotary News - World Understanding Month***

### ***Rotary's 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - February 23<sup>rd</sup>***

The Rotary Club of Chicago has big plans for celebrating Rotary's anniversary, 23 February, this year. As the first club established by Rotary founder Paul Harris, the Chicago club will be marking its 105th anniversary at **the same time Rotary marks 25 years of work to eradicate polio.**

The club, Rotary International, and districts 6440 and 6450 have joined forces to light up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago with the End Polio Now logo on 23 February to celebrate Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Immediately after the lighting, the Chicago club will hold an International Buffet Dinner, with all proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation in support of polio eradication. The club will be honoring **Ciro de Quadros**, executive vice president of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, for his contribution to the eradication of polio in the Americas.

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI

Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#).

## Future 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.
- Feel free to 'trade times' with others on the list, but let Dick know ASAP.

Date	Program By	Presenter	Program
Feb 10	Pres Sharon	Club Assembly	
Feb 17	Dick Judy	Alan Haney, Pres & Jo Seiser, ED <a href="http://www.ncctwi.org/">www.ncctwi.org/</a>	North Central Conservancy Trust: Preserving the natural heritage of central Wisconsin
Feb 24	Jeff Kurka	Terry Arnold	Why We Make War in Afghanistan?
Mar 3	PE Jim Owens	Dale McNamee -the Rgn Partnership Spec @ Oshkosh Census Bureau	Census 2010 - "It's In Our Hands"
Mar 10	Dick Judy	Kathy Powell, Recycling Connections Corp	New Electronics & Other Recycling Laws - What are Your Responsibilities
Mar 17	Jim Campbell	Jim Campbell [Wausau Noon] & Pat Purleart [Wausau BK]	Veterans Flight for WWII Vets & LZ Lambeau for RVN Vets
Mar 24	PP Troy Durkee	Steve Johnson	The School Referendum Revisited
Mar 31			The County Building Referendum

## 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?



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