



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



February 16, 2011



Rotary Club of Stevens Point Welcomes
Pam Luedtke & Cherys Hess
Point Dance Ensemble



'A pre-professional community dance company in Stevens Point'

"What's New and Coming to Stevens Point?"

Program Host: Ann Huntoon



Greeters

February 16 - Shelly Martin & José Murillo



Feb 23 - Brad Corbett & Sharon Stratton
Mar 2 - Vern Nystrom & Nick Inman; 9 _____ & Randy Zietlow; 16 - Leroy Heiser & Cheryl Breit
Mar 23 - Joel Becker & Julie Mouw,
Apr 6 - Eric Beuerman & _____; 13 - Deb Freeberg & Brenda Diamond; 20 - Bob Stack & Randy Zietlow

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>

FEBRUARY 2011 RI THEME - 'WORLD UNDERSTANDING & RI Anniversary'

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

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

Our Club: www.stevenspointrotary.com

UWSP ROTARACT - <http://students.uwsp.edu/nespi810/rotaract/>

Morning Club - Greater Portage County www.portagecountyr Rotary.com [Comfort Inn, Plover, Friday 7 a.m.]



Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



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uests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarians – Fred Leafgren, Forest Hill Toronto Rotary
- RYE – Diego from Brazil
- Guests
 - Nick Trzebiatowski, River Cities Bank, StePt [Nick Inman]
 - Duane Klabon, M&I Bank [Jim Firminhac]
 - Mark Korger and Todd Okray, Dudas Motors [Mike Dudas]

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nnouncements

- New Member – Sara Brish, ED, StePt Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Sara was a member of the District 6220 GSE Special Interest Team [Tourism] 2000 to the Caribbean.
- **BIGS Bowl-a-Thon ‘Bowl for Kids’ Sake’ Feb 25 & 26** - now is the time to pledge for Pres. Jim’s team which bowls at 6 pm Friday Feb 25. Steve Cywinski is collecting pledges – the team in addition to Pres. Jim and Steve is Jane Hopke, Nick Inman, Randy Zietlow and José Murillo. Steve has also offered to provide a Bloody Mary or two. In addition, the UWSP ROTARACT club is fielding a team @ 5 p.m. Saturday – stop by and wish both teams ‘good fundraising’.
- **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 28th.
- **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.
- **Place of Peace** meal served March 24th, will be coordinated by Carolyn Weiland.
- **24th 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.
- **March is Membership Month** – be ready for some good competition and bring your friends and business acquaintances as potential new members. Ann Huntoon, Membership Chair, will have details of the drive soon.
- A number of the older members will remember Dave Miller, a member of Rotary in the 70’s, who passed away recently in Florida. He was with Sentry for 20 years and served on the Board until his retirement in 1991. He was a prominent member of the UWSP Foundation; Dave also served as COB for M&I Bank, Stevens Point.
- The status of our participation in 2011 River Front Rendezvous’ will be a key subject at the next board meeting.
- **50-50 Raffle** – Ardie Lange - lunch \$ to Polio Plus but no Joker.
- **February Board** – Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 a.m. Community First Bank, 10E.

Presentation – ‘The Mall Issue’ – Mayor Halverson and Boys & Girls Club ED, Kevin Quevillon. Since there has been so much written in the local media and the vote is already recorded Feb 15th, no summary is provided.

Happy Dollars

- **Suzanne Murphy** reported that Bill Gates was on the Jon Stewart Show recently. Gates spent most of the time talking about the Foundation and their continuing commitment to the Rotary Polio eradication program. With support like that of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the 33,000 clubs and 1.2M members in 200+ countries and territories world-wide - the end is in sight.
- **Ardie Lange** – Happy for a ‘GO PACK’
- **Linda Taylor** – check the new feature in the StePt Journal featuring Julie Mouw as ‘a woman to know’.
- **Jack Porter** – family event in Minneapolis with so many of the family of Jack and his three deceased sisters attending, and they came from far and wide.
- **\$2 Steve Cywinski** – Bowl for the Kids and we don’t have to wait for the next Super Bowl.
- **\$4 Cheryl Breit** got to go to Lambeau with a number of kids for the ‘Pack Returns’ celebration.

From Rotary International

Rotary International to the Rescue: Taking Care of Our Own!

Rotary International Travel Service (RITS) stepped in to help Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jamie Gajewski and four other scholars to leave Egypt when civil unrest made it unsafe for them to complete their scholarships there.

Gajewski, from Madison, Wisconsin, USA, was studying Arabic at Alexandria University. Rotarians and Rotaractors in Egypt took good care of her from the minute she arrived in the country five months ago until her safe departure.

After widespread street demonstrations erupted on 25 January, her previously safe neighborhood in Alexandria was overrun by military tanks and demonstrators. "My neighborhood is a labyrinth of dark, narrow streets, and in front of every building there were bands of men and young boys armed with wooden planks, metal rods, knives, and guns, working together to protect their businesses and families from looters," says Gajewski. "Overnight, this safe neighborhood became unstable and dangerous."

Gajewski says that when foreigners were urged to leave the country, Internet and cell phone interruptions made it difficult to get information about evacuations. "I began receiving worried phone calls from Egyptian and foreign friends from all over the city," she says. "They heard reports of roving gangs armed with guns who were specifically targeting our neighborhood. Seeing as my roommate and I lived on the ground floor, our friends, including Rotaractors I met, began to devise a plan to get us out of our apartment and into a safer area."

Using a landline phone, Gajewski was able to reach her mother, Janet, who contacted RITS. Within 24 hours, RITS secured transportation to the airport, as well as a plane ticket to Kuwait. It also obtained flights out of the country for four other Rotary Scholars. "It was pretty scary not having reliable communication with anyone. Since the Internet was shut down, all I brought to the airport was a slip of paper with my ticket number written on it," says Gajewski.

"Within a few hours, I was in Kuwait and continued on to Germany, Belgium, and finally France. I'm very lucky Rotary was there to pull me out." Gajewski says the Egyptian Rotarians and Rotaractors she met became close friends. "They were involved in every facet of my life," she says. "I never went a day without a phone call, an e-mail, or a personal visit from someone. It really was comforting to know they were there when things got bad."

She says Rotary has a strong presence in Egypt, and Rotarians are already making efforts to help in affected areas. Club members are also handing out food to families in need. Gajewski acknowledges that it's unlikely she'll be able to return to Egypt.

She is scheduled to finish her scholarship at the University of Granada in Spain. "I wish I could have said goodbye to my friends the way I would have liked," she says. "I worry about their safety. I hope all Egyptians can achieve their goals peacefully and return the country to stability."

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.

FEB	2011	WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH & RI Anniversary
23	Tony Yaron CWA MGR	Ashleigh Marzynski, Marketing, CWA – ‘Changes in the Flight Capital of Central Wisconsin’
26	Founding Meeting	For our club – 1 st formal meeting March 23 and Charter Day May 1, 1917 [club sponsored by Rotary Club of Duluth]
MAR	2011	Literacy Month and World ROTARACT Week
2	PN Terry Arnold	Everil Quist, ‘Motivational Stories – Worldwide Experiences’ http://www.quistspeaks.com/
9	PN Terry Arnold	Experiences in China - Politically Motivated Violence
16	John Bergin	RYE Update on Experiences in Stevens Point and Brazil – Diego our RYE Inbound
23	Pres Jim	Club Assembly Stevens Point Rotary’s first formal meeting in 1917; Chartered May 1, 1917
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APRIL	2011	ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH
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13	Ann Huntoon	Anne Katz ‘Cultural Data Project’ Arts Wisconsin www.culturaldata.org/about/ www.artswisconsin.org
15-17	District Conf	Stone Harbor Inn, Sturgeon Bay, WI



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?**