



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 23, 2011

Rotary International founded on this date in 1905



Rotary Club of Stevens Point
Welcomes

Tony Yaron & Ashleigh Marzynski
CWA Mgr & Marketing Intern

"Changes in the Flight Capital of Central WI"

Program Host: President Jim



Greeters



February 23 - Brad Corbett & Sharon Stratton

Mar 2 - Vern Nystrom & Nick Inman; 9 Sara Brish & Randy Zietlow; 16 - Leroy Heiser & Cheryl Br...

Mar 23 - Joel Becker & Julie Mouw,

Apr 6 - Eric Beuerman & Sara Brish; 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/nepsi810/rotaract/>

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



Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



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- Visiting Rotarians – none
- RYE – Diego from Brazil
- Guests - none

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- **BIGS Bowl-a-Thon 'Bowl for Kids' Sake' Feb 25 & 26**
 - Pledge for Pres. Jim's team which bowls at 6 pm Friday Feb 25. Steve Cywinski is collecting pledges – the team Jim, Steve, Jane Hopke, Nick Inman, Randy Zietlow and José Murillo. Steve offers to provide a Bloody Mary or two.
 - UWSP ROTARACT club is fielding a team @ 5 p.m. Saturday.
 - Stop by and wish both teams 'good fund raising'.
- **March – membership month** – Ann Huntoon will be providing the details for the membership challenge contest.
- **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.
- **Estelí** update [José Murillo] – the school project is essentially complete with the Guard House done. The guard house provides security for the facility as well as housing for the guard and his family. The entire school project has been funded by District, our club, the Estelí club and individual contributions through the Community Foundation. More information on the possible Pan-American Highway pedestrian bridge will be announced later.
- **50-50 Raffle** – Joe Leek - lunch \$ to Polio Plus but no Joker.

Member Minute – Ann Huntoon moved from MF three and a half years ago. She had been in MF since 1985. Husband Dave Hastings is in the music department at UWSP. In addition to four boys, the household includes five cats and two dogs. Ann really enjoys teaching flute.

Presentation – Pam Luedtke, ED, Point Dance Ensemble, was born in California. Her intense interest in dance took her to New York including the Joffery Ballet. Pam was a soloist with the Mary Anthony Dance for eight years as well as worked with such dance luminaries as Anna Sokolow, Bertram Ross and Agnes de Mille prior to moving

to Central Wisconsin. She remains amazed by the breadth of the arts in our community.

- Point Dance Ensemble is a pre-professional studio. The Studio collaborates with a variety of other arts, e.g. music.
- Always have some form of live music.
- Education is the major component of the Studio student experiences.
- In their 12th season, the March 11 & 12 program features the Mitch Biba Jazz Ensemble which part of the Polio Plus fund raising efforts of the WR Noon Rotary including performances in Europe.

Happy Dollars

- President Jim presented RYE Exchange Student Diego with a photo taken with RI President Ray Klinginsmith at a recent conference.
- JD Manville is recovering nicely from recent back surgery, but does not recommend it for everyone.
- Linda Taylor's mom and her twin recently celebrated a 70th birthday. Also, Linda distributed copies of a recent magazine with featured member Julie Mouw.
- PDG Dick gave \$4 happy dollars.
 - Grandson Ted and his ballet partner received the platinum award and top award for duo/trio performers in the regional competition in Davenport, IA. This was the second year in a row they have received top honors.
 - Dick attended a 7 a.m. Optimist meeting – their meeting ran a flat forty five minutes.
 - Yes to the mall referendum passing – so important to Stevens Point and the downtown.
 - Attended the inauguration of the newest club in District 6220 – Packerland Sunrise [Howard] held in Green Bay. The keynote speaker was RI CEO Ed Futa. His remarks which are so important to Rotary's future have been distributed separately. Ed will also be a keynoter at the District Conference May 23-25 in Sturgeon Bay.

From Rotary International

A tailor-made opportunity for India's weavers

While a 2005-06 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in India, Hannah Warren gave a child laborer money to buy a dress. She remembers wishing she could have done more to help the girl. During her scholarship, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Loves Park, Illinois, USA, Warren learned to speak Hindi and tutored illiterate women.

In 2008, Warren returned to India to photograph sari weavers in Maheshwar, Madhya Pradesh, part of a project funded by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs. She had planned to shoot portraits of the women wearing their hand-woven garments, but none of them could afford to own the exquisite saris they wove for others or even to buy the raw materials. So instead, Warren gave the women funds to purchase materials to make their own saris. In their portraits, she says, the weavers "looked so beautiful and proud" wearing the first saris they had designed for themselves.

The experience motivated Warren to found Jhoole, a fair-trade social entrepreneurship. The enterprise, based in Maheshwar, provides impoverished women with training, materials, and an international market for hand-woven goods so they can earn a living wage. In 2010, a US\$12,500 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant provided Jhoole with looms and other equipment, 1,500 pounds of cloth and thread, and funds to cover office expenses, publicity, and website design. It also covered the cost of training in weaving, sewing, and personal finance from the Indore School of Social Work. The grant was supported by the Loves Park club and four others in District 6420, including a \$7,500 contribution from the District Designated Fund. The Rotary Club of Khargone in District 3040 also provided funding. "With Hannah as a catalyst, we were given the opportunity to improve the lives of women and children in an area of the world our members may never visit," says Past District 6420 Governor Anita Papich. District 3040 Governor Nalini Langer says that Warren "is

making commendable endeavors to empower women weavers and keep the art of Maheshwari handlooms alive.”

Using recycled material

By cultivating partnerships with designers and distributors, including Chicago-based Mata Traders, Warren has created a direct market for dresses, skirts, and handbags. The weavers frequently produce items from recycled materials, such as scarves made of scraps of fabric donated by Pratibha Syntex. Jhoole gives 20 percent of its profits to Chetanya Sewa Sansthan, which aids elderly women and people with disabilities. Warren estimates that more than 300 people have benefited from both organizations' programs.

In addition to the grant, Jhoole has received support from the Rotary Club of Maheshwar and others, which has helped fund two Jhoole fashion shows. The club is also donating \$2,000 and land for another training facility in nearby Manpur. “Because of its humanitarian aid and helping to eradicate poverty, Jhoole’s project has created a great impact,” says Alok Joshi, a Maheshwar club member.

“There is no way I could be doing this [work] were it not for my Ambassadorial Scholarship,” Warren says. “Like Jhoole's programs, Rotary scholarships are not a one-time donation; they are an investment in goodwill.”

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
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?**