



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

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

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

February 3, 2010

Portage County Literacy Council

Welcomes

Sarah Halstead, ED
Portage County Literacy Council
www.pocolit.org/

"2010 Update of Literacy Council Activities"

Program Hosts: Sarah Halstead

Portage County Literacy Council

Greeters

February 3 - Cheryl Breit & Brad Corbett

[Feb 10 - Steve Johnson & Jeff Kurka; 17 - Bob Stack & Dick Judy; 24 - Sarah Halstead & JD Manville]

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 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



G

uests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarian – Henry St. Maurice, Columbus Rotary [long time member of our club]
- Guests - None

A

nnouncements

- **Big Brother & Sisters Bowl-a-thon** set for Feb. 12-13 – are we ready to field a team[s] @ Five-Star Lanes, Post Road in Plover? Steve Cywinski ready for help form a team!!
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- PP Patti Rous' husband Jerry has moved from Madison to a Marshfield. He is at *Pathways* Unit, Norwood Health Care Center, 1600 N. Chestnut Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449. Visitors are ok but his rehab schedule is very variable. You might like to follow Patti's postings on:
 - <http://www.carepages.com/uwisc> then register 'to become a member'
 - Go to newliveron2ndlake and you can leave an open or private message.
 - Jerry's visitation schedule is varied so you might check with Patti first: prousm@mwwb.net newliveron2ndlake
- **50-50 Raffle** – John Billings – no Joker for the big bucks.

Member Minute – Kathy Trachte gave a two second update before introducing Denese. **Speaker Notes** – Denese Mace, ED of Junior Achievement of the Portage and Wood District, serves more than 5,660 students in 260 classrooms this school year in Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood counties in Wisconsin. Recently Denese also covers Wausau and Marathon County. Kathy Trachte is an emeritus board member and many members of the club have been active with JA.

- JA was organized in 1919 as an after school program.
- In 2008-09 JA was in 216 classes, more than 4,000 students in Portage and Wood, 36 schools utilizing 129 volunteers.
- Next year JA hopes to begin in Marshfield and Waushara.
- In elementary school JA focuses on field trips and in-class programs. Middle school focus is economics of survival.
- At the high school level its classroom economics, financial planning and job shadowing among others. Also, there is business planning, formation and operations.
- The school does not pay for JA programs.
- The JA program is frequently an 'eye-opener' for many students witnessing the problems of financing, business operations and how the economy functions.

Happy Dollars

- **Bob Stack** particularly happy to report a very busy year at the Portage County Library and branches in spite of all the hype for the new high-tech readers, on-line programs, etc. Bob also noted that the Rosholt branch got \$50,000 donation to remodel the facility – fantastic.
- **Jack Porter**
 - Had previously given a happy dollar for Ali Stratton's spark plug award during the Holiday Tournament but was missed.
 - Certainly that UWSP BB was top ranked; but a shame they lost that night to UWWW, but then they beat the heck out of UW-S.
 - Offered Back Court raffle opportunities @ \$15 for one and \$25 for a pair; the proceeds help defray a lot of the team's expenses.
- **Brad Corbett**
 - Will be bowling for Big Brothers & Sisters Bowl-a-thon on the 'Legal Beagles' – well at least he's participating!
 - His two boys are staring for Port Edwards HS BB, with one son the leading scorer.

Rotary News - World Understanding Month

Rotary's 105th Anniversary – February 23rd

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 www.ncctwi.org/	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	Pres. Sharon	Dale McNamee - Regional Partnership Specialist - Oshkosh	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

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?



"An International Experience" of fellowship and fun that you won't want to miss.