



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

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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'Caregiver Support and Transition of "Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program" from United Way to ADRC'

Program Arrangements - Randy Zietlow



GREETERS

January 11, 2012 – Ann Huntoon & Dave Marten

January 18 – Thompson & Patterson

January 25 – Kuckkahn & _____

February 1 _____ & _____;

February 8 – Bergin & McHone; 15 – Huntoon & D. Marten;



Coming Events

JANUARY 2012 RI THEME – ROTARY AWARENESS



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.portagecountyrotary.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
 - Paul Wachowiak, Wisconsin Rapids Noon
 - Fred Leafgren, Toronto Forest Hills
 - Utku, RYE Inbound from Izmir, Turkey – weekly report included a Polar Plunge with 5,000 other crazies while visiting Chicago. Daring soul this RYE student of ours.
 - Mary Lou Judy [Dick]
 - Laura Wachowiak [Dick Judy]
 - Name error – a guest a couple weeks ago, former StePt Rotarian, retired from First National Bank, was Jerry Kopps [last name misspelled]
 - Guest from California for Holiday program was Noni Corbett [Brad]. Noni works for Warner Brothers Studios in LA.

Announcements



- **We went, we saw, we conquered – trip to RI HQ - report follows.**
- **About last call for TASTE OF THE NFL** Bringing out the BEST!! In conjunction with Portage County Business Council Business Expo [Mar 26-27], award winner Wayne Kostroski will keynote and be the honored guest [Tues Mar 27, 9 – 10:30 a.m.]. Wayne is Founder of the 'Taste of the NFL' & 2010 recipient of the James Beard Humanitarian of the year award. Wayne ranges from being a rock 'n' roll musician, to eatery guide extraordinaire, and founded the Taste of the NFL. His book with history of Taste, a forward by NFL great Roger Staubach, is available for \$15 with all proceeds going to our local food banks. Purchase the book now through Julie Mouw harmonyliving@live.com; and you get free entrance into the Expo. Wayne will sign your copy and you'll be contributing to a great cause.
Details @ <http://portagecountyconnects.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/bizexpopdf.pdf> .
- **50-50 Raffle** – Ann Huntoon – lunch \$ to Polio Plus, no joker.

Presenter: Beverly Kramer, Volunteer Trainer, Leader Dogs for the Blind & Mica, golden lab in last months of initial training.

- Mica is Beverly's 14th dog for training. One of her first dogs is about to be retired after more than a decade with its visually impaired person.
- Leader Dogs for the Blind began in 1939 in Michigan, which is still their HQ.
- The main training facility accommodates 300 dogs; 2 vets on staff and a geneticist; two satellite facilities in Rochester, MI and Detroit are used primarily for final training in obstacles and traffic in small and large cities.
- 20% of LDFB from Lions International; all budget is about \$12m.
- LDFB graduates about 120 dogs a year but with many dogs 'aging out' more are needed. There are about 10 certified leader dog programs in the US but LDFB is largest. They have placed dogs in 51 counties; it takes about \$39,000 per dog. Only golden and black labs and German Shepards breeds are used. LDFB uses only their certified and controlled blood lines; and about 50% of the dogs entered into initial training become leader dogs; if not used they may become 'assist' dogs, police or military dogs, or farmed out to select homes as plain old pets.
- For training, Mica was received at about 4-7 weeks and remains with Beverly for about a year. The advanced 'harness' training is in Michigan with professional trainers for traffic, obstacles, line of travel, etc., then joined up with their seeing-impaired person for matching.



- Not all matches work, recertification of the dog may be possible, but some dogs just never make it.
- All training begins with positive reinforcement programs augmented with ‘clicker’ sound to elicit and reward the correct responses. Thus there is established a strong bond with the volunteer and dog in training, but the swap to the professional for final training and then to the recipient visually impaired person is maybe more difficult for the trainer than the dog. Some dogs lose weight in the transitions but that is expected. Such a strong bond is established. A dog then remains with their visually impaired person until unable to perform the tasks expected, when a new dog is assigned. Currently there is a waiting period of at least 6 months for a new dog.
- Beverly was a speech and language teacher prior to retiring and now trains a dog full time. She is also not a coach/mentor for new volunteer LDFB trainers.
- When assigned, now a dog gets a GPS system to aid them and their visually impaired ‘owner’.
- In 1991 LDFB began a groundbreaking service – train dog guides for people who are BOTH hearing and visually impaired. The dogs are taught American Sign Language [ASL] and only very special dogs reach this level of performance – ‘they are training solely to guide safely and *not to be hearing dogs*’.

Happy Dollars

- Left over from holidays – Dick and Mary Lou Judy celebrating their 53rd anniversary and his 77th bd – cost them \$130 to the Club Foundation.
- Sara Brish – club has new FaceBook page – Rotary Club of Stevens Point – you’ll see a picture of our 1917 RI Charter on the top left. We’re gradually adding albums of photographs hopefully organized by event, time or something similar for your looking pleasure. Thanks to Sara for getting this moving and Jane Hopke, now in Memphis, TN, set up the first FB version. Log in and ‘friend us’ as well as checking ‘like’, we hope!!
- José Murillo reported that RI placed second in the United Airlines ‘miles’ competition and should be receiving a large number of free miles [worth money] toward the Polio Plus campaign – thanks to all who checked the site and logged in.

- \$5 Terry Arnold – new book now on Amazon and Kindle. You’ll have to look for *Terrell E. Arnold* – wanted to sound more official? Strange that ‘used’ is \$36.97 [more than new].



Palestine: In Need of a Just God by Terrell E Arnold (Dec 1, 2011)

Formats	Price	New	Used
Paperback Order in the next 45 minutes to get it by Tuesday, Jan 10.	\$19.95 \$14.36 ✓Prime	\$14.36	\$51.33

Kindle Edition **\$0.00** ✓Prime (read for free)
Auto-delivered wirelessly **\$6.95** to buy

Excerpt - Front Matter: "P a l e s t i n e In Need of a Just God Terrell E. Arnold" [See a random page](#) in this book.

[Sell this back for an Amazon.com Gift Card](#)

- \$5 Jim Owens – 5 happy kids all ‘made out at Christmas’ but not so sure the trash collectors were that happy with all the residue.
- \$2 Cliff King with his Packer tickets and all the touchdowns by the second string – but a win is a win.
- JD Manville
 - Great to see Paul Wachowiak, the Paper City VP/Lender working his ___ off!
 - Little plug – 1st Weber handled some \$71m last year more than all the other local companies combined! Way to go JD.
- Bob Stack – thanks to Dave Somebody.
- \$2 – Somebody – great year, even if youngest is now a fully licensed driver.
- \$5 – Kathy Trachte – just happy to make a meeting with MSTC classes over for the holidays but her Wednesday noon schedule is back on again. They are taking off for the Bahamas and well needed sun, sand and surf before the new semester starts.
- \$5 José Murillo – UWSP beats the BB Oles [whatever an Ole is? St Olaf JM]; wife Pat is an Ole! Another Rotarian reminded us that St Olaf gives a wonderful holiday program each year – you should hear one!
- Paul Wachowiak
 - Thanks to JD for the kind words
 - Neat to be back as a former member, bulletin editor, etc. WR noon is really different.

- And, especially glad his daughter Laura, a junior at UWSP could attend, though it was her idea to meet Leader Dog Mica!
- \$5 Pres Rick
 - Break at the cottage
 - Son gave a good speech
 - Will be doing a 45th anniversary contest
- Mary Williams reminded us that she continued the tradition of donating a \$1 for each birthday and anniversary – a tradition for the club that she started many years ago [just after the ice age ended]

Future Programs -

January		Rotary Awareness Month 1917 – RI President Arch Klumph proposed the Rotary Foundation; first contribution \$26.50
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
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15	Pres Rick	John Krasowski, DDS - ‘Stealing Years Off Your and Your Loved Ones’ Lives – The New Epidemic [Sleep Apnea]
21 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
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?