

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

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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Rotary Club of Stevens Point



Dave Fantle, Deputy Secretary

Wisconsin Department of Tourism

'Changes in the Dept of Tourism at the State Level
and the Role of Arts and Culture in the Business Community'



Program Arrangements - Ann Huntoon



GREETERS

January 18, 2012 – Al Thompson & Chancellor Patterson

January 25 – Kuckkahn & _____

February 1 - LeRoy Heiser & _____

February 8 – Bergin & McHone

February 15 – Huntoon & D. Marten;

February 22 - _____ & _____

February 29 _____ & _____



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
 - Utku, RYE Inbound from Izmir, Turkey – Steve Cywinski recently wrote a song for him; attended RYE conference this past weekend [hoping for snow for weekend events]; studying for finals.
 - Karlene Groshek, recent UWEC graduate headed to Peru for medical mission then South Korea to teach English. Karlene is very interested in the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar program.

Announcements

- Summer RYE - time to take applications for summer RYE exchanges – see John Bergin for details. Need applications by end of February. There are a lot of details on the District Website www.ridistrict6220.org & <http://www.summerexchange.org/>
- We went, we saw, we conquered – trip to RI HQ – full report February 8th 
- 50-50 Raffle – John Bergin – lunch \$ to Polio Plus, no joker.

Presenter and former member: Sue Martens, Director, PC Aging and Disability Resource Center Volunteer Caregivers of Portage County.

- According to DHS estimates by 2030 21% of PC population will be over 65.
- This will bring a critical need for community Volunteer Givers to fill the cracks in support needs.
- Volunteer Caregivers started in 1996 with a grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in 2004 Interfaith Caregivers became a UW program then in 2008 transferred in part to PC ADRC and in January 2012 fully to ADRC
- The transition has proven to be cost effective and user-friendly to the consumer.
- The complex of services include friendly visiting, time away for caregivers, transportation when not available from other sources, shopping and errands, news on CD from local papers, assistance at home and minor home repairs – all intended to facilitate recipients extending their staying in their homes.

Happy Dollars

- Terry Arnold – a great tour of RI HQ, report on Feb. 8th.
- \$2 Tom Bertz – also for the RI HQ tour and meeting up with former member Virginia Helm who sends her regards.
- \$1 Virginia Helm even if in absentia!
- \$2 Patti Cahill – second time around Rotary.
- \$2 JD Manville – Dick Judy finally got his car parked correctly. A special thanks to Terry Arnold who gave JD's business some old computer equipment that was badly needed.
- Ann Huntoon Smart phone now has free app for Rotary Club locator – what next?
- Bob Stack – Brother-in-law gave him tickets to GB playoff – maybe not so happy now??
- Sara Brish - new CVB Visitors' Guide with a great new Portage County and community maps now available at CVB and other locations.
- Jeff Lukasavage glad to be back after missing so many meetings – and he could even remember where we met – but then he could have looked at the club website or on FB.
- Pres Rick – glad to have Jeff back; thanks to Sara Brish for getting the new FB page going and beginning photos added, which include the tour to RI HQ by the way. Kudos to Sara Brish for

recommending a bio of each member with a picture so we can learn more about our colleagues and to Ann Huntoon for recommending that new members will get a little feature in the Journal and Gazette.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NOTES AND NEWS

Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary club members worldwide are **cautiously** celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

For more information *click on the hyperlinks below*:

- Learn about [Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio](#)
- See a [video](#) about what it takes to eradicate polio
- Check out the new [Rotary Voices](#) blog and get insider details from India National PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur and Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Help [End Polio Now](#)

Future Programs -

January		Rotary Awareness Month 1917 – RI President Arch Klumph proposed the Rotary Foundation; first contribution \$26.50
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
1	Eric Beuerman	Michelle Nelson, Ministry Health – ‘Suicide Awareness and What to Do’
8	Pres Rick	RI HQ Tour 1-10-2012
15	Pres Rick	John Krasowski, DDS - ‘Stealing Years Off Your and Your Loved Ones’ Lives – The New Epidemic [Sleep Apnea]
22 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
22	OPEN	OPEN
29	José Murillo	Lauri Rockman, Dir PC Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention ‘The Coalition Mission and Current Initiatives’
MARCH		Literacy Month and World ROTACT Week
7	OPEN	OPEN
14	OPEN	OPEN
21	OPEN	OPEN
28 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
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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?