



RI Theme 2010-11

"Building Communities -- Bridging Continents"

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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Club 2673 District 6220



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Rotary Club of Stevens Point Welcomes
Lee Courtright, CFP
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The Lost Decade – Was It Really? **Realities of the Financial World**

Program Host: Ken Schmidt



Greeters

January 26 – Sarah Halstead & Mary Williams



Feb 2 – Eric Beuerman & Linda Taylor; 9 – Jeff Lukasavige & Kevin Quevillon;
Feb 16 – Shelly Martin & José Murillo; 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,

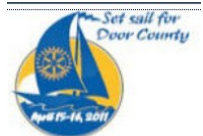
Apr 6 – Eric Beuerman & _____; 13 – Deb Freeberg & Brenda Diamond; 20 – Bob Stack & Randy Zietlow



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>

JANUARY 2011 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

UWSP ROTARACT – <http://students.uwsp.edu/nepsi810/rotaract/>

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



Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



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- RYE – Diego, Brazil [has officially moved to the Mouw's]
- Guests: two weeks ago – Jon Cronce, WINR



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- **BIGS Bowl-a-Thon 'Bowl for Kid's Sake' Feb 25 & 26** - one team formed by Pres. Jim, bowling at 6 pm Friday Feb 25 – so far team is 'the Pres, Jane Hopke, Nick Inman, Randy Zietlow AND a couple more volunteers?? And, are we ready for a second team?
- **Summer RYE** – 15-18 yrs old; spend a month overseas and share your home with your RYE sister/brother - applications to John Bergin by February 28th.
- **Books from the Heart** [José Murillo] – for the 13th yr the StePt Area Ed Assn will be distributing books to K-2 students to encourage reading. Books or monetary donations can be used in the BFTH program. Local bookstores will offer 20% discounts for BFTH books – just ask the store, Book World, Book Finders and Book Look. Books will be distributed on Valentine's Day.
- **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.
- **50-50 Raffle** – J. D. Manville, again, but he didn't get the big money joker.

Member Minute: Jack Porter noted he has been a StePt Rotarian for years, basically only Ardie and Leroy have been in our club longer. Jack's father was also a career military man, as was Jack. Jack was a graduate of the US Military Academy, and Punahou HS - Punahou is also Pres. Obama's HS alma mater. Jack retired from the Army and UWSP as head of ROTC in 1975!

Presentation – LTC Jeff Kurka, WING, himself a head of ROTC into 2010 before deploying to AFRICOM in a very unique six month assignment working with the joint command. Jeff's next assignment will be in WING HQ in Madison.

- His goal was 3-D – Diplomacy [embassy], Development [USAID] and Defense [DOD – Jeff and his colleagues].
- Why Africa – there are two active wars though the US is not an 'active' participant; his base is the only military base in the area for the joint service, international Task Force.
- No uniforms, no weapons but some of the areas in which Jeff traveled were certainly not too secure. Jeff was fortunately to visit all the countries in east Africa.
- The populations are too frequently disaffected, extremely poor, subject to violent extremes; their governments are also very ineffective, subject to extreme religious contracts even in the same country. In most countries there are many subgroups with highly differentiated goals and objectives.
- His group was not involved in the Somali pirate chase.
- Seven of the countries he most actively worked in were generally speaking in a partnership with the US but three others are major problems, Somalia, Eretria and Sudan.

- One of his major tasks was as an Assessment Officer and teacher which were right up his alley.
- One of the problems is there are so many well meaning NGOs so in the areas here he travelled Rotary was not prominent, maybe in the major metro areas. One problem is so many well meaning NGOs start a project but never follow through; and in too many instances don't realize the unintended negative consequences, e.g. build water well to replace the water source that had been providing income to a family.

Happy Dollars

- Kevin Quevillon excited for last weekend's Passport to Paradise which is a major fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club and the Y.
- Jack Porter – always happy when his program shows up, e.g. Jeff Kurka, which meant Jack didn't have to adlib.
- José Murillo really supporting the 'Books From The Heart [BFTH] program in our K-2 classes and the progress we're making with Polio eradication.
- From everyone – a job well done, Jeff Kurka, and the best in your next assignment.

From Rotary International



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The beat goes on to end polio

[Remember when they performed at Sentry?]

River Cities Jazz performs at the Montreux Jazz Festival Switzerland, during the band's tour in support of polio eradication.

River Cities Jazz, a 19-piece band based in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, USA, toured the United Kingdom, France, and Switzerland in late June and early July 2010,



performing nine concerts that raised about \$20,000 for Rotary's US \$200 Million Challenge.

"In addition to raising money for polio eradication, this tour was the first time that the band has performed internationally, [including] the Montreux Jazz Festival, one of the premier jazz festivals in the world," says band leader Mitch Biba, who plays trumpet and flugelhorn and is a member of the Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids.

By staying in Rotarians' homes, band members got a true taste of other cultures and formed new friendships, he adds.

The only Rotarian in the band, Biba says he got the idea for a jazz tour to benefit PolioPlus while leading a District 6250 Group Study Exchange team to the Philippines in 2009.

"I met Les Wilson [Rotary Club of Maghull & Aughton, England], team leader for District 1180 GSE in the Philippines at the same time. One of our discussions included his district's fundraising dance for polio eradication," Biba says.

During the discussion, they decided to "make this crazy idea a full-fledged tour." Biba is hopeful the band will raise an additional \$15,000 for the challenge.

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
2	Dick Judy	Ellen Voie, Pres/CEO, "Women in Trucking – A Solution to a Shortage"
9	Kevin Quevillon	The Mall Referendum - Mayor Halverson; MSTC Campus Dean Steve Smith, and Boys & Girls Club Kevin Quevillon
16	Ann Huntoon	Pam Luedtke & Cherys Hess, Point Dance Ensemble 'What's New and Coming to Stevens Point'
23	Tony Yaron CWA MGR	Ashleigh Marzynski, Marketing, CWA – 'Changes in the Flight Capital of Central Wisconsin'
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 Craig Shuler	Experiences in China - Politically Motivated Violence SPYBA
16	John Bergin	RYE Update on Experiences in Stevens Point and Brazil – Diego
23	Pres Jim	Club Assembly Stevens Point Rotary's first formal meeting in 1917; Chartered May 1, 1917
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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?**