



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

# The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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## July 20, 2011



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## Margaret Lewis, ED

WI Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

"Building a Thinking Community in Wisconsin"

Program Host: PDG Dick Judy



### July 20 – Ann Huntoon & Sharon Stratton

July 27 - Don Tomaso & LeRoy Heiser  
August 3 - Todd Kuckkahn & Jeff Lukasavige  
August 10 – Julie Mouw & José Murillo  
August 17 – David McHone & David Marten  
August 24 – John Billings & Joel Becker  
August 31 – Ann Huntoon & Shelly Martin  
September 7 – Terry Arnold & \_\_\_\_\_



### Coming Events

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Sale 2011** Sweetest Weekend, Oct 13-15.

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>



**JULY 2011 RI THEME – Rotary Literacy Month**  
**Rotary International's 106th Year and Our Club's 94th**

Rotary Intl: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) District: [www.ridistrict6220.org](http://www.ridistrict6220.org)

Our Club: [www.stevenspointrotary.com](http://www.stevenspointrotary.com)

UWSP ROTARACT – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UWSP-Rotaract/153776281332253>

Morning Club – Greater Portage County [www.portagecountyrotaary.com](http://www.portagecountyrotaary.com) [Comfort Inn, Plover, Friday 7 a.m.]

# Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



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### uests and Rotarian Visitors

- Rotary Visitors - none
- Guests
  - Dani Aldayuz, Shady Side/Annapolis, MD, granddaughter of PDG Dick Judy [her annual trek – she helped at the Y-triathlon for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year].

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### nnouncements

- **Y-Lactic Edge Report** - 15 volunteers guided the runners through the course with no incidents. Thanks to all who helped in our mini-fundraiser.
- **GREEN CIRCLE** – three openings - contact Cheryl Breit for week of August 14, 28 and September 11.
- **RYE Inbound – Utku Kurtaran, Izmir, Turkey** still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> host family. The Brandls have volunteered to be the first host; help John Bergin find #2..
- **RYLA** – our club will sponsor 4 for the fall's week-end program, Oct 14-16. 10 candidates for 4 openings are wonderful.
- **50-50 Raffle** – New member David McHone scored the winning tickets, donated his lunch \$ to Polio Plus but missed the joker. Can't be more than 10 cards left?

**Presenter Sam Dinga** described his many experiences with developing water wells in his home country in Africa, the Cameroons.

- After UWSP Sam worked at the Boys and Girls Club where he continues to volunteer.
- One assumption we tend to make is that fresh water is generally available throughout the world. Even if the water is fresh that doesn't mean potable. And, too frequently it is miles and miles to any water source.
- But the statistics are terrible –
  - 1.8 die each year from bad water.
  - One half of the world's kids missing school is related bad water.
  - There are at least eleven major diseases attributable to bad water.
- Sam had twenty kids in his family. Potable water was a daily struggle.
- One of Sam's sisters died young and Sam has dedicated his water project in her name – **Ma-Kah Project** - fresh water for the Cameroons. She was a nurse volunteer. Sam's Project goal is forty wells in 40 years.
  - <http://thewaterproject.org/> provides very sobering statistics on the dilemma of poor/unhealthy/scarcity of clean, potable water.
  - But one of the greatest causes of poverty in Africa is also the most overlooked...the lack of access to clean drinking water.
  - Nearly one billion people do not have access to clean, safe water. For these people, poverty is a fact of life.
  - At any one time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-borne diseases.
  - Over one-third of the world's population has no access to sanitation facilities.
  - In developing countries, about 80% of illnesses are linked to poor water and sanitation conditions.
  - 1 out of every 4 deaths under the age of 5 worldwide is due to a water-related disease.
  - In developing countries, it is common for water collectors, usually women and girls, to have to walk several kilometers every day to fetch water. Once filled, pots and jerry cans weigh as much as 44lbs.
- The project targets are well pumps easily maintained; a community 'water' committee will maintain, hold the cost per well to \$5K; no real tools required for maintenance; digging the well by hand generally from 40 – 160' deep; hopefully a well can be completed in 2-3 days but it's hard, hard work.

- One of the first communities to get a well had been carrying water 4-5 miles, and much contaminated.
- One interesting question – how do you locate a well site – ‘water witching,’ believe it or not. If you’re not familiar with ‘witching’ look it up on Wikipedia. Water witching, also called dousing, works.
- Water from these well is ‘ice-cold’ at least compared to the outside ambient temperature, and it’s pure!
- The first well in the project is the Sackmann Family commemorative well
- Guest Dani Aldayuz, noted that her older sister, a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student at Un of Virginia has spent a summer in Ghana, South Africa teaching health practices including potable water. Sister Angie noted upon return exactly what Sam says, water is a major, major problem for the growth and prosperity of African counties.

## Happy Dollars

- Sara Brish – through efforts of the Stevens Point Convention & Visitors Bureau has been awarded the International Fireworks competition, Sep 7-10. Events will be at Golden Sands Speedway, gates open at 6:30 p.m. and fireworks demonstrations by some of the world’s best teams commence at dusk. A mini-gala will conclude each show. Open admissions for Sep 7 & 8 and advance sales for Sep 9 & 10. Details from Sara and the Convention & Visitors Bureau. This is a once in a life-time event.
- \$2 Dani Aldayuz
  - Just for having the chance to visit Stevens Point Rotary which she has done with her grandfather PDG Dick Judy for a number of years. Her mother was a RYE student to Bolivia in 1979-80.
  - Sad to be headed home to Shady Side/Annapolis, MD. May miss next year if her dance team goes to the Prague.
- Randy Zietlow – we staked him to an IOU
  - Took son to Appleton for a baseball game. Logan made it to the 4<sup>th</sup> inning
  - But a little bribe of popcorn and other things took him to the 7<sup>th</sup> inning crash.
  - Then the fireworks bribe worked though the rest of the game – though we wonder who was enjoying the fireworks more.
  - Saw Jeff Landin, former ED of PCBC.
- Brad Corbett
  - Y-Lactic Edge went well.
  - And thank goodness Belts is open.
- \$2 José Murillo
  - Their son’s soccer team lost in the finals on penalty kicks – and there were no injuries. The penalty shot loss sounds a lot like the US Women’s soccer team.
  - But saw their daughter riding her bike on the street w/o a helmet – correction coming.

## 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.

JULY		Rotary Literacy Month
27	BOD Meeting	BOD meetings will be at 7:00 – 8:30 a.m., Downtown Library; enter at the Main St. doors [officers, committee chairs and Red Badgers who need a BOD meeting attendance – mark those calendars].
27	Todd Kuckkahn	Red Panthers Girl’s Hockey Team - four high schools and several communities together – a unique athletic team – join Molly Kuckkahn and teammates in their full regalia for the story!
AUGUST		Membership and Extension Month
3	PDG Dick Judy	Jason Draheim, AP MGR, StePt Muni Apt – “Growing with the Community”
10		Jessica Congson, Interim Director, Family Connections in Portage County, Inc. – ‘New Home, More Services – for Needy Families’
17	Jnt Meeting Optimist/Rotary	Jeff Ebel, Optimist/SCORE/PCBC Ambassador – ‘Developing and Using the Elevator Speech for Your Club’
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31	Pres. Rick	DG Joe Jones ‘Official Visit’ to our club.

# From Rotary International -

## 25 years and only an Inch to GO!

After more than 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are now “This Close” to eradicating polio, and a wide array of public figures and celebrities from Bill Gates to Ziggy Marley have signed on to help Rotary spread the word. Now, the general public is invited to join them in an online campaign at [www.thisclose.net](http://www.thisclose.net).

At an online application, visitors can upload their image into an online version of the existing public service announcement, wearing “End Polio” t-shirt, with fingers held up in a simple hand gesture to show that Rotary is “this close” to wiping out polio worldwide.

They can share their virtual pledge through FaceBook and Twitter, and browse an interactive map and gallery of participants from across the globe. The final ads are entered into a gallery that includes Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and a diverse lineup of influential leaders and personalities.

The “This Close” public service campaign includes action movie star Jackie Chan, conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall, premier violinist Itzhak Perlman, Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman, Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, golfing great Jack Nicklaus, and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. Nicklaus, Perlman and Tutu are themselves survivors of this crippling disease.

Developed and produced by Evanston-based I-Imagine, the [www.thisclose.net](http://www.thisclose.net) application follows the success of a previous virtual campaign, [www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org/](http://www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org/), which gathered more than 11,000 online signatures in support of polio eradication in the lead up to the 2010 World Cup.

Polio eradication has been Rotary’s top priority for more than two decades. The international humanitarian service organization is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the polio eradication effort, and have recently pledged to raise an additional US\$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All of the resulting \$555 million will be spent in support of eradication activities.

Great progress has been made, and the incidence of polio infection has plunged from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to fewer than 1,300 reported cases in 2010. More than two billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing five million cases of paralysis and 250,000 pediatric deaths.



This is the 2011-12 RI Logo for RI President Kalyan Banerjee’s year. His focus is on “[Rotary] . . . to become the preferred organization for today’s generation to join and participate in, to make the world better and safer and happier”. “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”.



## 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?**