

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

**The Rotary Club  
 of Stevens Point [WI]**

PO Box 908, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
 Club 2673 District 6220

**March 13, 2013**

**Rotary Club of Stevens Point**



**Welcomes  
 Steve Smith**



MSTC Stevens Point Campus Dean

**"New Facilities and Programs"**

Program: PDG Dick Judy



***GREETERS***

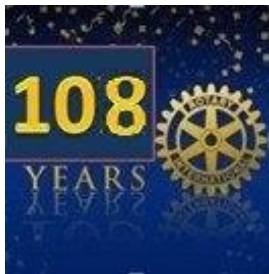
**March 13 – Suzanne Murphy & Ann Huntoon**



Mar 20 – D. Freeberg & T. Kuckkahn; 27 – P. Cahill & S. Martin  
 Apr 3 – K. Trachte & T. Arnold; 10 – K. Brandl & A. Huntoon, 17 - C. Breit & J. Murillo; 24 – B. Patterson & A. Thompson  
 May 1 – D. Marten & Mary Williams

**MARCH 2013 RI THEME – Literacy Month**

**World ROTARACT Week** [Mar 13 – Rotaract founded in 1968]



**Birthday - Rotary International's 108th Year, Our Club's 95th**

**Rotary International: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)**

**Polio UPDATES Daily - <http://www.polioeradication.org/Home.aspx>**

**Rotary Basics – great site – check it out!**

**<http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEMBERS/NEWMEMBERS/ROTARYBASICS/Pages/TheOrganizationofRotary.aspx>**

**District 6220: [www.ridistrict6220.org](http://www.ridistrict6220.org)**

**NEW - District Electronic Directory and Member information**

**<http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Accounts/6220/Newsletter/0/Rotary%20District%206220%20Directory%202012-2013.pdf>**

**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.portagecountyroty.com](http://www.portagecountyroty.com)**

**Friday 7 a.m. @ Portage County Annex Building, Conf Rooms 1 & 2, 1462 Strongs Ave**

# Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



## **G**uests and Rotarian Visitors

- Terry Rothmann, ED, Community Foundation CW; SP School Board Candidate [Jim Anderson]
- RYE France Zoe Hoche & SPASH friend also from France - Heloise

## **A**nnouncements

- Spring Scholarships – Cliff King looking for a couple of volunteers to meet and help select our Club Scholarship recipients from SPASH, Pacelli, UWSP and MSTC.
- Makeups – Secretary José asks that you report makeups so you receive credit on the attendance report.
- Host Family for next spring – John Bergin looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> host family for next spring.
- Portage County to Host Wisconsin Farm Technology Days [FTD] in 2014.
  - FTD is held each year in a different county.
  - The Visitors Bureau expects more than 80,000 over the three days, August 12-14, 2014.
  - Hundreds of volunteers will be needed for this \$1.3m event. \$250k will be raised by the host committee to showcase local businesses. All donations are tax deductible.
  - This could be a fundraiser for StePt Rotary.
  - Many details are being ironed out over the next few months.
  - This is a key event to showcase Portage County both in and out of Wisconsin.
- District Conference, Houghton, MI May 17-18: car pool, contact Rick Jansing.
- Trip to RI HQ later this spring.
- Congratulations again to Tim Krause – got both promotion and tenure letters from UWSP.
- Raffle – Tom Bertz – donated lunch \$ to foundation but missed the joker.

Speaker – Amy Thorstenson, Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council [GSRCD]

- *Chickens, Chickens, Prairie Chickens everywhere.* That used to be true, but the population of this unique grouse bird has dwindled in Wisconsin to just a few locations right here in Central Wisconsin. Loss of grassland habitat is the major contributor.
- CWSO is partnering with groups such as GSRCD to blend their music with the native animal themes. Last performance was Peter and the Wolf. For the prairie chicken special music has been written and will be performed. Ann Huntoon is scheduled to watch the chickens up close and personal from a blind – and it has been reported that frequently the birds are so tame they will sit right on the blind.
- Since the population has shrunk to a few bands, wild life personel are attempting relocations to enhance the genetic intermixing.
  - From 1800-1900 timbering throughout Wisconsin helped the flocks to expand.
  - By 1955 the last legal hunting took place.
  - Today there may be fewer than 1000 birds.
  - Tourism has helped fund habitat expansion which the State cannot afford.
  - Prairie chickens cannot survive in captivity which is a real problem for building the population.

- World renowned wildlife conservationist Dr. Frances Hamerstrom the our guest of our club many years ago and presented a program on this unique bird and brought with her an eagle demonstrating her great wealth of knowledge and love for so many different bird and animal species.

## **H**appy Dollars –

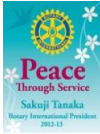
- **Bob Stack** – Rosholt library should be ready in early summer.
- **Joe Leek** reported that **Mary Williams** called from Dutch West Indies to get the name of the taxi driver they used last year, and to rub it in about the weather. Of course Joe will be there in a couple of days. This should make for some interesting stories.
- **Gary Thompson**
  - Will go through pre-deployment training to Bulgaria in anticipation of taking 35 ROTC cadets for a cultural experience this summer.
  - Big news – grandson Edwin Leonidas Thompson just added to the potential WI NG rolls. Congrats, granddad.
- **Steve Cywinski**
  - Daughter Ashland, 8, went skiing – what an adventure.
  - Steve did the Point Bock Run scoring a Polish Trifecta—finished, drank good beer and a polka or two.
- **Terry Rothmann** – survived a GK sleep over – 3 of the 4, some kind of record.
- **\$big dollars – Cliff King**
  - For the great support the community is giving to Skyward.
  - The public support of School Superintendent Attila Weininger for Skyward.
  - WPR had an excellent ‘Route 51’ program on the Skyward situation.
- **Ken Schmidt** - this retirement stuff - a month between Arizona and Hawaii.
- **Sara Brish** – the new StePt-CW Visitors guide hot off the press given to all attendees.
- **Cheryl Breit** – another Point Bock runner, no word on a trifecta like Steve.

## **Rotarian Report on Polio**

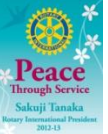
- 3 counties remain with endemic polio – Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria
- 20 million Rotary volunteers have immunized more than 2.5 BILLION children world-wide over the past twenty years.
- \$40-50 BILLION dollars will have been saved the world over the next two decades through the volunteer efforts of immunization and prevention of future cases.

## **Time to Travel!!**

- Looking to travel the next few years – why not also attend the Rotary International Convention
  - 2013 – Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June
  - [future conference dates not established but generally early summer]
  - 2014 – Sidney, Australia
  - 2015 – São Paulo, Brazil
  - 2016 – Seoul, Korea
  - 2017 – Atlanta, GA, USA
  - 2018 – Toronto, Canada



## Rotary Program Hosts and Program 2013 Theme: "Peace through Service"



MARCH 2013		Literacy Month and World ROTARACT Week
20	Cliff King	Cliff King, "The Skyward Saga –An Update
21[7:30-9]	Pres Terry	Board Meeting - Library
Mar23		Stevens Point Rotary's first formal meeting in 1917; Chartered May 1, 1917
27	Patti Cahill	Nathan Sandwick, Community Development Educator – 'UW Extension's Role in Portage Country'
APRIL 2013		RI Magazine Month
3	Pres Terry	Club Assembly
Michele's Rest SPCC Closed		
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17 [1:15 pm]	Pres Terry	Board Meeting – after regular meeting
24	Al Thompson VC Stu Affairs, UWSP	'Positive UWSP Relations with the Central Wisconsin Community'
MAY 2013		Preparation for the New Rotary Year; RI Convention 2013 PORTUGAL
1	StePt Rotary	Chartered by Rotary International; sponsored by Duluth Rotary
1	Jeff Ebel	Paula Houlihan <a href="mailto:paulahoulihan23@gmail.com">paulahoulihan23@gmail.com</a> Toast Masters
8	John Bergin	Heloise Rouyer, Lyon-Cluny, France, SPASH exchange student with our RYE Zoë Hoche
15	Jim Anderson	Mayor Halverson – 'Update – Stevens Point'
16 [7:30-9]	Pres Terry	Board Meeting - Library
18-19	Dist Conf	6220 District Governors Conference 2012 - May 18 & 19, 2012
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JUNE 2013		Rotary Fellowships Month
23-26	International – 104th	Rotary International Conference – Lisbon, Portugal
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19	Pres Terry	Club Assembly – final meeting of RI Year; Introduction of new officers for 2013-14
2013-14 ROTARY THEME		<u>'Engage Rotary, Change Lives'</u>

### 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?**