

RI Theme 2010-11

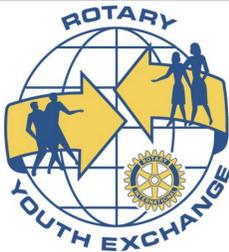
"Building Communities -- Bridging Continents"

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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Club 2673 District 6220



March 16, 2011



Rotary Club of Stevens Point Welcomes Brazil RYE Inbound Diego Morales Lima



"Update on Experiences in Stevens Point and Brazil"

Program Host: John Bergin



Greeters

March 16 - Leroy Heiser & Cheryl Breit



Mar 23 [**@ Harmony House**] – Joel Becker & Julie Mouw

Apr 6 – Eric Beuerman & Sara Brish; 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>

MARCH 2011 RI THEME– 'LITERACY MONTH AND WORLD ROTARACT WEEK'

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.portagecountyrotary.com [Comfort Inn, Plover, Friday 7 a.m.]



Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



Guests and Rotarian Visitors

- Visiting Rotarians
 - Fred Leafgren, Toronto Canada Forest Hills
 - Past Pres and former member, Dave Ackley, Marshfield Noon
- RYE – Diego from Brazil
- Guests – none today

Announcements

- **Place of Peace** meal served March 24th, 4:30 – 6:15; Julie Mouw and Diego will coordinate; one more volunteer server needed
- **March – membership drive month** – bring a prospective member and both meals are free; get a ticket for the final drawing grand prize. See Ann Huntoon for more details. So far, looks like Jim Anderson is in the lead
- **Summer RYE** – our first applicant is Soren Anderson, Amherst HS; Soren is a Junior Olympics Cross Country competitor and really enjoys Spanish, reading and pre-calculus, and [naturally] skiing. Candidates must be 15-18 yrs old; spend a month overseas and share your home for a month with your RYE sister/brother when you return - applications to John Bergin by February 28th.
- **RYLA** – our club will sponsor 4 for the fall's week-end program, Oct 14-16. If you have any candidates let Brenda Diamond know. We do have one candidate.
- **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.
- **Esteli** [José Murillo] –The entire school project has been funded by District, our club, the Esteli club and individual Rotarian contributions through the Community Foundation. To wrap up the project José will have details on individual contributions through the Community Foundation to complete the guard's family home on the compound.
- **Boys and Girls** of Portage County 'Taste of Wine and Cheese', Noel Hanger, airport – a major fund raiser, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25th – plan to attend. <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1253779087?ref=ecal>
- **50-50 Raffle** – Tom Bertz finally had that winning ticket - gave his meal cost to Polio Plus but missed the big prize Joker.

Member Minute – Terry Arnold introduced himself.

Presentation – Terry described his invited presentation and attendance at a Shanghai conference on potential terrorism in a remote China province. Terry is a well know expert on the subject of terrorism having dealt with it particularly for the last 20 years or so while with the US Diplomatic Service and State Department, and after retirement.

- Shanghai is the most populous city in China and the hub of commerce and finance in China and the FarEast. The city's tremendous expansion is reflected in the commerce, population and infrastructure growth in the past few decades.
- Terry had last visited Shanghai in 1946 and found the subsequent development unbelievable.

- Shanghai is really a 'province sized' area in itself, but the conference concerned the northwestern province of Xinjiang (pronounced shinjiang). Geographically it is China's largest and least habitable province. The ethnic Chinese of the region are mostly Han (the dominant Chinese of the whole country). The Caucasian peoples are the Uyghur, pronounced "weegur" (apparently the largest group in the province by a small margin). The Caucasus region of Russia is adjacent to the west, hence the nature of the population.
- The province is located on the historically and politically famous 'silk route[s]'; there were a number of 'routes' that were used in late 1500's becoming known as the silk route[s] bringing Chinese silk, herbs and tea to Europe and places in between. Along these trade routes spread culture, religion, languages, commerce and unrest among the many and highly varied ethnic populations.
- Terry writes and posts many articles on the web, and has a monthly radio broadcast over the web. Currently you can listen to Terry at www.rense.com, a USA Radiocast, and another, simpler site is beginning to carry his materials – just ask.
- The conference which invited Terry was held at Shanghai University with mainly academics attending; but no one from the much discussed province or the US embassy. The concerns are how to integrate the 'Caucasian Uyghur [weegur]' into the Han Chinese who are the dominate population in China, just not this remote, rather inhospitable province area when differences in religion, culture, ethnicity, political view and a widely dispersed population are clearly evident. China would like to integrate more w/o conflict.
- The problems between the areas are only exacerbated by geography [the magnitude of which is hard for us in the US to appreciate], and the fierceness with which the peoples hold to their heritage.

Happy Dollars

- Twin Great News - Linda Taylor and partner Carla are proud parents 3-11-11 of Emma and Ethan; mom and Linda are doing well, so are the twins. Oh, the future double fun!
- Steve Cywinski – Point Bock Run was a blast; so was the 'after event beer and polka'; kind of glad I missed that significant scene. Two weeks in a row for Steve what with Bowl for Kids and then the run. He's got the adrenalin pumping and is planning to challenge the Y-Lactic Edge Triathlon in July – may be! No truth in the rumor that a special ambulance has been ordered for Steve.
- Ann Huntoon – great to see Dave Ackley from MF Noon; Ann was a former member of MF Sunrise.
- Joe Leek headed to that land of sun and surf in the Caribbean – lucky guy.
- José Murillo – something about a driver's test?

From Rotary International

Your Voice, Your Solution for describing Rotary

Club members can easily fall into the habit of using jargon when talking about Rotary.

While organization-specific language can be useful and descriptive to insiders, it can make it difficult for newer members and nonmembers to understand Rotary.

Take the following example. A club member voices concern that his friends think Rotary is all about having fun. They are interpreting the word fellowship to mean "friendship" rather than its meaning within Rotary: "a strong relationship built on friendship, professional respect, and working together to provide service."

How would you best convey the real meaning of fellowship within Rotary? How do you describe Rotary without using jargon?

How about a starter – Rotary has

1,215,000 members in 34,000 clubs around the world
200+ countries and geographic areas

INTERACT has 300,000 members in 7,000 clubs; ROTARACT has 194,000 members in 13,000 clubs

It's this worldwide presence, doing our projects member to and club to club which has facilitated Rotary's international and community projects, especially the eradication of polio [only four countries left]. No other service organization, NGO, or government, for that matter. Really has this power.

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.

MAR	2011	Literacy Month and World ROTARACT Week
23	Pres Jim @ Harmony Village	U.S. Senator Herb Kohl and a host of dignataries
24 [TH]	Julie Mouw and Diego	Stevens Point Rotary's first formal meeting in 1917; Chartered May 1, 1917 Place of Peace 4:30 – cleanup – serve a meal to the less fortunate
30		GOT A PROGRAM??
APRIL	2011	ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH
6		GOT A PROGRAM??
13	Ann Huntoon	Anne Katz, 'Cultural Data Project' Arts Wisconsin www.culturaldata.org/about/ www.artswisconsin.org
15-17	District Conf	Stone Harbor Inn, Sturgeon Bay, WI
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MAY		PREPARATION FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR
4	Ann Huntoon	Danny Mitchell, Nashville Recording Artist, www.dannymitchellmusic.com/ 'The Nashville Scene'
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25	Foundation Ch	Rotary Scholarship Presentation – SPASH, Pacelli, UWSP & MSTC

The 4-Way Test

Adapted 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?**

