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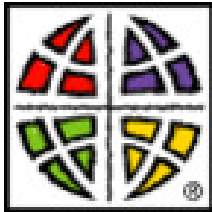
"Building Communities -- Bridging Continents"

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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



May 11, 2011



Rotary Club of Stevens Point
Welcomes



Rev. Brian Konkol

Project Co-Coordinator, ELCA

"Global Missions in South Africa"

Program Host: Jim Anderson



Greeters

May 11 – Kathy Brandl & Shelly Martin



May 18 Ann Huntoon & John Billings; May 25 – Rick Jansing & José Murillo
June 1 – Cheryl Breit & LeRoy Heiser; 8 – Julie Mouw & Bob Stack; 15 Ann Huntoon & Shelly Martin
June 22 – Dave McHone & Craig Rogan; 29 Bob Stack & volunteer to be named!

Coming Events

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>

MAY 2011 RI THEME-- 'PREPARATION FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR'

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

- Rotarian – Fred Leafgren, Toronto Forest Hill
- ROTARACT UWSP President Lovro

Announcements

- **ROTARACT** UWSP new charter was presented to ROTARACT President Lovro Kuspilic on behalf of the two sponsoring clubs – Stevens Point and Greater Portage County. ROTARACT started at UWSP in 2003 but was inactive 2008-10. President Lovro, Zagreb, Croatia, was a RYE student to Wisconsin Rapids Noon before entering UWSP and restarting the club. Lovro also presented Pres. Jim with the banner from his home RYE club in Zagreb.
- **GREEN CIRCLE** – Cheryl Breit will coordinate again this year – she has already walked and cleaned our Riverpines segment from old Riverpines to Bliss Ave/StePt Treatment Plant. Volunteer now. Contact Cheryl at cbreit@capmail.org and select your week[s]. Being first was fun, but there sure was a lot of debris to pickup – probably the recent flooding didn't help!!
- **Highway Cleanup** May 26 [Thursday] of Hwy 54 from I-39 for 2 miles – first clean-up – meet at Elizabeth Inn parking lot at 5:00 – the more volunteers the quicker the clean-up process. Ardie will have Rotary vests, trash bags; you might wish to bring gloves, pick-up grabbers, good walking shoes/boots.
- **Off to Sweden** - Summer RYE applicant Soren Anderson, Amherst HS. We can look forward to his return to host his Swedish summer exchange brother Jacob Wilhelm Harsten from Kristianstad, Sweden.
- **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 so far – all schools plus home schooled are eligible; sophomore or junior; adult Rotarians needed also or former RYLA to serve as mentors. Brenda has excellent brochure used jointly w/our and the morning club.
- **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** – no tickets so suspended for a week.

Member Minute – Ann Huntoon skipped the minute since she's been a program presenter so many times recently.

Presenter Danny Mitchell

- SPASH and UWSP graduate; Danny was first known for his trumpet playing, but heading to Nashville he realized singing songs he writes and performs while playing the trumpet just wouldn't work well; he had early pressures since his mom, dad and older sisters were great piano players, so he waited. Now he writes, arranges for many others, travels, plays many gigs and is a real part of the Nashville scene.
- He gave a special benefit performance for the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra [CWSO] – there was a packed house and their applause signaled their great approval.
- Special thanks to his dad and the Mitchell Piano Works for the fantastic instrument he played for the benefit.
- This benefit was a special check-off on his 'bucket list'.
- When asked if leading his own performing group was something he relished, he noted that it takes 125% of our energy, so sometimes it's best to let someone else take the lead for all the planning, headaches, etc. Nashville is 'tight' and breaking in is tough, tough.

- His recent performance at the ‘Grand Ole Opry’ was a super star in his young life’s galaxy. Just standing among all the pictures of the great in country and western music was awesome. He got to perform four songs.
- Last year’s flooding caused great damage at the ‘Ole Opry’, but it has been corrected. The flooding trapped him at his apartment for two days; he was stuck on a virtual flood-created island.
- In Nashville you have to have a ‘camp’ and be very lucky just to get to perform with the great. Danny has had that chance already.
- He will be finalizing two CDs before the holidays, check out his website www.dannymitchellmusic.com for their release and to hear some of his great music.
- Already a great performing pianist and artist, he said he’d never be satisfied not to continue improving! One recent highlight was performing with the BB King Band.
- When asked, he noted there were a thousand guitarists to five great piano players, and trumpet players, though he still plays the trumpet for some ‘gigs’ to complement the piano and show off his great talent.

Happy Dollars

- A few of the happy dollars!!
- Jack Porter \$2 first for Danny who played many times at his church, and for all his family has done for our community. Then there was the recent trip to San Antonio, the visit with their niece and family, and especially for the 57th reunion of his US Military Academy class.
- Chancellor Bernie Patterson – thanks to the club for letting him join, but he has long time credentials as a Rotarian before StePt.
- Mary Williams thanked Danny Mitchell for playing one of the songs he wrote which is a favorite of hers – ‘Shining Armor’.
- Tom Bertz had a special thanks to Danny’s dad for years of his Dad keeping the Bertz piano in tune.
- Ann Huntoon and CWSO – special thanks to Danny for all his performances for the school kids in the community and the benefit performance at Sentry @1800 theater.
- Ann had a second Happy Dollar for her college grad son finishing on the 7-year plan, AND he has a job!
- Cliff King got in a good happy dollar for things in general.

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.

MAY		PREPARATION FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR
18	Ann Huntoon	Brad Gegare. DM Interactive, GB – ‘Helping Us Join the Cyber Age’ http://www.dminteractive.com/
25	Terry Arnold Foundation Ch	Rotary Scholarship Presentations – SPASH, Pacelli, UWSP & MSTC
JUNE		Rotary Fellowship Month; RI Convention Montreal
1	PE Jansing	Officer Candidates for 2011-12 Rotary Year
8		Program suggestions?
15	Troy Torgerson	Rotarian Efforts to Provide Special Recognition for Our WWII and Disabled American Veterans [DAV]
22	Mary Williams	Rick Reyer, WI Regional Mgr, WPR [Wausau] “WPR in Transition”
29	Pres Jim	Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows Installation of new officers – Passing the Gavel to Pres. Rick Jansing

From Rotary International

In spite of recent events - Pakistan president recognizes Rotary leaders for polio eradication efforts

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari will confer major civil awards to two Rotary leaders -- one Canadian and the other Pakistani -- for their contributions to the nation's polio eradication effort. Dr. Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, will receive the Sitar-e-Khidmat award; and Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary's Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, will accept the President's Pride of Performance award during a ceremony at Aiwan e Sadr on Pakistan Day, Wednesday, March 23.

The awards were announced January 24 in a public ceremony in which President Zardari launched a new emergency action plan for polio eradication. Pakistan is one of four polio-endemic countries, and the only one that saw an increase in polio cases in 2010 (144 cases total). Health officials say that the only way to achieve polio eradication in Pakistan is through consistent, high quality polio immunization rounds. President Zardari said that Pakistan has made significant progress since the nation's polio immunization campaign began in 1994, when more than 30,000 polio cases were reported annually. "Our aim is to make Pakistan completely polio free [so] that no child lives in the fear of being crippled for life," the president said.

While in Pakistan, Dr. Scott, of Ontario, Canada, will also meet with officials from the Ministry of Health, the Government of Sindh, and members of Rotary's Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee. Rotary in Pakistan is actively involved in implementing the new polio emergency response plan. The National PolioPlus Committee appointed chief coordinators for each of the nation's four provinces to mobilize Rotary clubs during national immunization days. The clubs work to create awareness about the importance of polio immunizations, encouraging parents to immunize their children against the disease.

Beginning in 1985, when polio paralyzed more than 350,000 children in 125 countries every year, eradication has been Rotary's top philanthropic goal. Since then, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent worldwide, with fewer than 1,300 reported cases in 2010. Although just four countries remain polio-endemic -- Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria are the other three -- other nations remain at risk for polio outbreaks due to infections imported from the endemic countries.

As the volunteer arm and one of the top private sector contributors of the polio eradication initiative, Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting funds will be used for critically-needed polio immunization activities.



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".



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?**