



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

The Rotary Club of Stevens Point [WI]

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Club 2673 District 6220



May 16, 2012



Rotary Club of Stevens Point
Welcomes



John Weting, Marquette Noon

The Turkey Literacy Project - 'A Bird's Eye View'

Program Arrangements - Cliff King



GREETERS

May 16 – Kathy Brandl & Sharon Stratton



May 23 – Bergin, M. Williams; 30 – Kuckkahn & Murillo

Jun 6- Kampo & Murillo; Jun 13- M. Williams & Kampo; Jun 20 McHone & Marten; 27- Murphy & King

Coming Events

MAY 2012 RI THEME – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MONTH & PREPARATION FOR NEW ROTARY YEAR

District 6220 Conference – Waupaca Hosts – May 18/19

Rotary International's 107th Year and Our Club's 95th

Rotary Intl: www.rotary.org District: www.ridistrict6220.org

Our Club: www.stevenspointrotary.com

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



UWSP ROTARACT – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UWSP-Rotaract/153776281332253>
Morning Club – Greater Portage County www.portagecountyrotary.com [Friday 7 a.m. @ Portage County Annex Building,
Conference Room 1 & 2, 1462 Strongs Ave]

Rotary Basics – great site – check it out!

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

Rotary News & Views

-- Of the Club and Otherwise



Guests and Rotarian Visitors

- **Dani Aldayuz** – visiting from Annapolis, MD with grandparents [PDG Dick Judy]

Announcements

- **TODAY --- Highway 54 first cleanup** May 16, 5:00 till done. Meet Ardie Lange @ parking lot near entrance of Elizabeth Inn. Look for Ardie's truck - bring gloves, a pickup device is handy; Ardie will have plastic bags and our Rotary reflective vests. Plan about hour and half for the two mile stretch.
- **FRIDAY & SATURDAY - District Conference** – May 18-19. Club will be recognized Saturday morning, May 19th for our 95th Birthday.
- **Club Picnic – June 27, Bukolt Pavilion, Rockman Catering everything** – now is the time to ensure your spouse, special friends, former Rotarians, alumni from GSE, RYE, RYLA, etc. know about our outing to celebrate the end of another Rotary year. Naturally there will be no noon meeting that day.
- **ROSE SALE 2012 – October 18-20** – looking for new and creative ways to sell roses as our major fund raiser for the year.
- **Have you nominated a Positive Athlete?** Details have been distributed but ask again if you've lost the email.
- **50-50 Raffle** – Tom Bertz had the right ticket but missed the joker for big bucks. There is more than \$330 in the pot!

Presenter: Cliff King, Foundation Chair and our four great scholarship recipients!!!

Happy Dollars

- **PE Terry Arnold** – problems with squirrels and woodpeckers – you'll have to find out the particulars yourself.
- **\$10 – Cliff King**
 - The four great scholarship recipients.
 - For the committee that helped select them
 - President Rick filling in as needed.
 - Just a great event
- **\$5 Jim Owens** – the 'monster report update' for the 13, 9, 7 and the 5 year old twins – ecstatic when President Obama called – who cares if it was just another of the string of political robo calls.
- **\$2 José Murillo**
 - Flag football starting again and he gets a chance to coach one of the teams.
 - Daughter's gymnastic accomplishments through PJ received national honors in the twin cities completion. Heading to SPASH.
- **Brad Corbett** son at Lakeland done for the year so they got in some quality time.
- **Leroy Heiser** so pleasantly surprised by Dani Aldayuz visiting granddad and Rotary.
- **Guest Dani Aldayuz** – sister graduates from UnVA medical school next week; she will be starting her pediatrics residency at Tufts in Boston; brother graduating from Southern High School [Maryland] and headed to an engineering program. Really great to be back visiting Rotary and seeing LeRoy.

- **PDG Dick** – the CWSO Danny Mitchell jazz concert was fantastic, and he'll be returning for the 2012 CWSO holiday program.
- **\$5 Tom Bertz**
 - Reappointed to WI Judicial Council and will soon be appointed Chair.
 - Granddaughter, a tri-athlete, won a Madison event with 45 second margin.
 - Pointer BB score a great recruit, and his height really helps.
- **President Rick** – granddaughter turning one! Wonderful scholarship winners, what an investment for our club.
- **Mary Williams** – great scholarship winners and thanks for their guidance counselors.
- **\$3 Rick Reyer** – great to get back to Rotary; got his first turkey ever on a recent hunt; son finishing at Northern Michigan and has a summer job.
- **\$5 Sandy Retzki** – this is her first time giving happy dollars; her youngest at UWLC has a summer job and eldest graduating.
- **\$3 Ann Huntoon** – great Jazz evening; twenty three year old son graduating from UWGB; thanks to MSTC for helping CWSO with IT issues.
- **Suzanne Murphy** – really enjoying retirement; especially five days in NY w/daughter.
- **\$2 Sara Brish** – celebrating tourism week, and tourism in our area up little over 6% in spending which is great; May 21st will be a showcase of tourism.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NOTES AND NEWS

Rotarians leave Bangkok encouraged to fight poverty and finish the job of eradicating polio

Rotarians and friends left the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, energized to keep up the fight against polio and to use their ingenuity to help reduce global poverty. The four-day event, which drew to a close last Wednesday, attracted more than 35,000 attendees from 181 countries and geographical areas and included a celebration of two major milestones in the global polio eradication effort.

Attendees were also treated to a preview of the next RI Convention, which will take place 23-26 June 2013, in Lisbon, Portugal.

In his closing remarks, RI President Kalyan Banerjee reminded Rotarians that “what’s important in Rotary isn’t what we say. It’s what we do, and who we are.” “There dwells within you the power and spirit that can evoke the energy you may not realize,” Banerjee said. “You have to be hungry enough to reach within and release the energy to help you embrace humanity. I believe this is the state we call happiness. I have just given you the prescription for it. Rotary can help you achieve happiness in life that you seek.”

Peace through service

Incoming RI President Sakuji Tanaka outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Tanaka will ask Rotarians to achieve *Peace through Service*. “Through service we learn that the problems that may seem large to us are really very small,” said Tanaka. “We learn empathy for others. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how much we are all the same.” “Through our Rotary service, we know that cooperation is more productive than conflict,” he said. “We know that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach.”

Delegates elected nominee Ron D. Burton, of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, as the 2013-14 RI president. “I am both honored and humbled to accept the nomination of president of Rotary International,” Burton said in his acceptance remarks. “I take a tremendous amount of pride in being a Rotarian. To me, Rotary isn’t just another service organization. It is something different, something special.”

Burton says the best years are still to come for Rotary. He emphasized RI’s Strategic Plan as the tool to make that happen. “The plan is a way to look clearly at who we are, where we are going, and how we should get there,” said Burton. “It’s a powerful reminder of our goals and priorities, which at their heart are the same as they’ve been since Rotary was founded.” Download Burton’s speech.

Achieving peace

Jose Ramos-Horta, president of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, talked about his country’s struggle to achieve peace. He told Rotarians that peace can be difficult but, with the right people in place, it’s attainable. “Peace is a process — sometimes a long one, too long. It can be a formal political process,” said Ramos-Horta. “But to be sustained we have to deal with human beings as individuals, as communities, as people with traumas, emotions, and anger, but also with hopes, hearts, and feelings.”

Earlier in the session, Banerjee honored clubs and districts with the Changemaker Award and the Presidential Citation.

The Changemaker Award recognizes clubs that made an extraordinary impact during 2011-12 through the Avenues of Service. The Presidential Citation recognizes achievements related to membership development and contributing to The Rotary Foundation.

General Secretary John Hewko outlined five priorities for the Secretariat to get Rotary on the best footing possible to embark on its second century. These included eradicating polio, implementing the [Strategic Plan and Future Vision](#), finding an effective way to track and demonstrate the value of the service provided by Rotarians, increasing membership, and bringing Rotary into the ranks of major players in the world of global humanitarian assistance and development.

Rotarians celebrate milestones in the fight to rid the world of polio

During the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, Rotarians were congratulated for

1. meeting and exceeding Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts.
2. Attendees also celebrated India's removal from the polio-endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached. "We know that we haven't reached our goal. We haven't ended polio," said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee. "Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities."

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. But with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a significant funding shortfall for 2012 and beyond, it is vital for clubs and districts to keep pushing forward with their many creative fundraisers.

Public health emergency

Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general for polio, emergencies and country collaboration for the World Health Organization, said India's removal from the polio-endemic list is "perhaps the most important milestone ever on the long road to eradication." "It's a magnificent achievement. And it is a Rotary achievement," he said. "Today, Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is much closer to reality."

But an upsurge in cases of paralysis from polio in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and recent polio outbreaks in China, the Congo, and Tajikistan have also prompted what he called an "unprecedented push" to finally end the disease. He said 192 ministers of health will meet next week and declare polio a public health emergency.

"The world understands the full consequences of failure," he said. "We must be faster, we must be more focused and each one of us must be fully accountable." Indian philanthropist Rajashree Birla, who has given more than \$4.2 million to the Foundation for polio eradication, said she has been "overwhelmed with Rotary's polio efforts." Birla's late husband, Aditya, built the family business into one of India's largest. Today, Birla and her son, Kumar Mangalam, head the Aditya Birla Group, a Fortune 500 company. Birla stressed the need for business accountability and community service. Her Giving to Living campaign encourages corporations to "embed giving into their DNA." "When a corporation pushes its energies and helps resolve social sector issues through engagement, it indirectly stimulates its own business development," said Birla. "There is much to be gained when business leaders take giving to heart, and set the mandate of making a difference by caring for people in their community."

Service to Humanity award

Former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar John Skerritt was presented with the 2011-12 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award by Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "Just as Rotary Fellowships help build international understanding, I had the privilege of leading a program of postgraduate training for over 300 agricultural scientists from 18 developing countries to assist in building the next generation of thinkers and leaders," said Skerritt. In his keynote address, Boyd noted the difference The Rotary Foundation makes in lives daily.

"When a group calling themselves Rotarians comes to a village and asks what are the most pressing needs that can be worked through together and the answer is water, you can understand the opportunity that this gives the woman who spends three hours each day walking with her teenage daughter to collect dirty water as that is the only supply available," he said. "A water supply to her village will give her time to grow food, will enable her daughter to be educated, her other children will not be constantly sick, and maybe she can get a microcredit loan and start a small business. What a difference that day will bring."

Amanda Martin, an alumna of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, thanked Rotary for the opportunity to broaden her skills. She said her work as a public health coordinator and teacher in a refugee camp on the border of Thailand and Myanmar is "inspiring and fulfilling." "Rotary has already made a dramatic difference in my life and is having a profound ripple effect, radiating from me to my students and onto the impoverished populations that they will serve as public health workers," said Martin.

Future Programs –

May		
RI Convention Month [2012 Thailand]; Preparation for the New Rotary Year		
18-19	Dist Conf	6220 District Governors Conference 2012 - May 18 & 19, 2012
23 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
23	Don Tomaso	Maura Robinson, owner “Home Instead of Senior Care – Non-medical Care - Giving for Portage, Wood, Marathon Counties”
30	Jim Anderson	Brian Konkol – ‘Concrete, Chameleons, and Clay: politics and politicians in today’s world
June		
Rotary Fellowship Month		
6	Julie Mouw	Virtual Vision Internet Solutions - Andy Scott & Louie Saputo– The New Age of Web and Social Networking.
13	Linda Taylor	Terry Rothmann, ED, Community Foundation of CW – ‘Speak Your Peace – campaign to bring civility back to our collective conversations’
20	Patti Cahill	Sarah O’Donnell, PC Business Council , Jessica Hoerter UWSP - IGNITE [Young Professional Group and their upcoming project The Born Learning Trail they will be installing in June]
27 [7:00 am]	Pres Rick	Rotary Board – Downtown Library
27 [5-7]	Club Picnic	Catered picnic at Bukholt Park Shelter [special celebration for home bound Turkey RYE Utku] [members, guests, past members, GSE, RYE, Ambassadorial Scholars, prospective members, etc]

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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?**

2012 Stevens Point Rotary Scholarship

School: Pacelli
Recipient: Mariah Pursley
Counselor: Sarah Tatro
Parent: Tammy Pursley
Foundation Chair: Cliff King



[Left to right: Sarah Tatro; **Mariah Pursley**; Foundation Chair Cliff King]

Mariah is extremely active in service and volunteer activities through her school and church.

- School activities include volleyball, tennis, curling, track, service clubs, numerous plays and musicals, the math league and she maintains a near perfect GPA.
- She was recently named a National VP for junior American Legion based on her service and dedication to the organization.
- One school faculty recommended her for the Spirit of Youth Scholarship and noted that she recently planned the school's Veteran's Day Prayer Services and is a consummate veteran's advocate.

She plans to attend UWGB in the fall majoring in human biology [pre-physician's assistant] and then to attend UWLC for further studies in human resources.

2012 Stevens Point Rotary Scholarship

School: SPASH
Recipient: Breanna Helminski
Counselor: Amanda Kilsdonk
Foundation Chair: Cliff King
Parents: Brian & Lise Helminski



[Left to right: Amanda Kilsdonk; Lisa Helminski; **Breanna Helminski**; Brian Helminski; Foundation Chair Cliff King]

Brianna ranks in the top ten percent of her class of 514.

- She is recipient of the Melvin R. Laird Leadership Award, Wisconsin Elks Most Valuable Student and Scholar of the Month from the Bremer Law Firm. She has just completed her AP tests in calculus.
- She has a love of French that may someday lead to teaching or being a translator.
- Her list of activities is extensive including French forensics, writer's workshops, SPASH on-line learning pilot program, and a variety of leadership positions.
- She attended the RYLA [Rotary Youth Leadership Award] weekend training at Manitowish Waters in 2010. The experience enhanced her leadership skills.
- She is a Youth Deacon for her church and has been part of a number of youth missions.
- Brianna was a student interviewer of potential SPASH teachers.
- She has been on the SPASH tennis team, lettering in 2011.

Breanna plans to enter UWSP. She hasn't declared a major but certainly French is in the plans. If funds permit she will transfer after her freshman year but graduate school is in her plans.

2012 Stevens Point Rotary Scholarship

School: MSTC
Recipient: Cindy Mace
Counselor: Chris McGuire
Foundation Chair: Cliff King
Parents: Jack & Yvonne Gruba



[Left to right: Chris McGuire; Jack & Yvonne Gruba; **Cindy Mace**; Foundation Chair Cliff King]

Cindy is in her 3rd year at MSTC blending work and family. She is majoring in programmer analyst and network specialist. Her ultimate goal is to enter in the field of Digital Forensics. She maintains a 4.0 GPA.

- She has been extremely active in her church including a number of missions to Central America and was extremely proud to use her 'mold' dog to help after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.
- She has been a central point of contact and communication for the veteran students, their faculty and community veteran advisors through the MSTC Veterans Club.
- Outside of school she has been providing computer maintenance for elderly acquaintances and persons who otherwise could not afford the services. She is currently part of a volunteer project at the Y to upgrade their network capability and future needs.
- This fall she will begin an internship and expects to graduate in spring 2013.

2012 Stevens Point Rotary Scholarship

School:	UWSP
Recipient:	Lovro Kuspilic
Counselor:	Terry Taylor
Foundation Chair:	Cliff King
Parents:	Vihor & Renata Kuspilic, Croatia



[Left to right: Club President Rick Jansing; **Lovro Kuspilic**, Foundation Chair Cliff King]

Lovro is a sophomore at UWSP majoring in Business Administration with concentrations in finance, economics and business administration.

Lovro is from Croatia and already has a strong background in Rotary.

- He was a year-long youth exchange student from Croatia to Wisconsin Rapids Noon Rotary.
- Then he enrolled in UWSP and immediately reformed the student ROTARACT club; he served as President for a year and a half and is currently the club treasurer.
- He is a member of the International Club, Economics Club and was a delegate to the United Nations Student Organization [UNSO]; he represented Guatemala at the conference.
- He has been the recipient of an International Student Scholar scholarship.
- Volunteer activities include monthly volunteering at North Haven Senior Center; Big Brother-Sister Bowlathon; Salvation Army Bell ringer; and, many other important community services.

He plans to graduate in three and half years, then continue studies for an MBA.

- He has interned at Zagrebacka Bank d.d. Croatia, in investments and corporate banking.
- His father is a lawyer and mother a Notary Public in Croatia; both recently visited Lovro and the Stevens Point Rotary Club.