

RI Theme 2012-13  
**"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"**  
**The Rotary Club**  
**of Stevens Point [WI]**  
 PO Box 908, Stevens Point, WI 54481  
**Club 2673 District 6220**

**May 22, 2013**

**Rotary Club of Stevens Point**  
**Welcomes**  
**GSE Team Australia District 9750**  
**"Words from Down Under"**




**PP Patti Rous**  
 'Update Report from Estelí, Nicaragua'

**GREETERS**

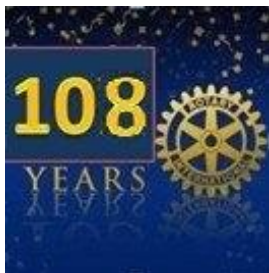
**May 22 – Andy Kampo & Sandy Retzki**




May 29 – K. Brandl & Cheryl Breit

June 5 – T. Arnold & Bob Stack; Jun 12 – Sharon Stratton & [redacted]; Jun 19 – D. Olson & JD Manville;  
 June 26 – Rick Jansing & [redacted]; July 3 - **HOLIDAY**

**MAY 2013 RI THEME – Preparation for the New Rotary Year**



**Birthday - Rotary International's 108th Year, **Our Club's 96th****

**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.portagecountyrotary.com](http://www.portagecountyrotary.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

- Visiting Rotarian Fred Leafgren, Toronto Forest Hills
- RYE Zoe Hoche and SPASH Exchange Heloise Royer, France
- PP Patti Rous
- Rotarian Dave Anderson, Wausau Noon
- Amy Wiza, WI-Nicaragua Partners & Lilliam Perez, HS Youth Exchange from Managua

## **A**nnouncements

- District Conference, Houghton, MI May 17-18 – reported a great time had by all. Attendees included President Terry and his wife Yvonne; AG Rick Jansing and his wife Carole; John Bergin; PE Ann Huntoon; John Billings; Mary Williams and husband Bob; Deb Freeberg and daughter Jackie *Honorary Rotarian and new UWSPr*; Rachel Ley and her mother Mary Tierney Ley; and, our own RYE from France Zoe Hoche. The morning club was represented by Rick Zahn and Trish Baker. Conference presenters included Pres. Terry; *Post Polio Syndrome* – Mary & Bob Williams, Ann Huntoon; and Rachel Ley, *Literacy for Little Ones*
- Green Circle signup about complete.
- Fall RYE from Finland – John Bergin looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> host family for next spring for Otto. His bio will be published in the near future. The Selwyns will be his first host while daughter Hannah is in Brazil for the year. Look for more details on 17 year old Otto Vehmasaho in future bulletins, but naturally he likes winter sports and boating. His mother works for a medical company and his father is a construction management consultant.
- Portage County to Host Wisconsin Farm Technology Days [FTD] in 2014.
  - WFTD 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.
- Raffle – PP Terry, donated lunch \$ to foundation but using his own cards --no joker.

### Speaker – Mayor Andrew Halverson, City of Stevens Point

- Dynamic time in the life of Stevens Point and the nexus with UWSP and MSTC make the time most interesting.
- Mall – or former mall – remediation of contamination under control. Ellis had the successful bid and is installing a special vapor capture system in the new MSTC area.
- MSTC – with remediation controlled; unique mezzanine area designed. Parking lot will increase by 155+ spaces in the area between new MSTC and Shopko south of Dunhams.
- Reuse of former MSTC still being debated as new city hall area, use by B&G club not fixed in stone, and the problem of the area between Parks/Rec and MSTC campus debated to death.
- Edgewater Manor – loss of Section 8 Federal funding a major impact and cash flow a problem. What will happen to the ‘very poor’ who have depended on this housing? City can no longer operate w/o Fed \$; one bidder changed bid which is another straw affecting the camel. Should the city be competing with private sector, or the city be a landlord are debated issues.
- East side growing rapidly.
  - The two new gas stations, Schierl and Kwik Trip with the latter planning an even bigger footprint.
  - There appears to new tenant for recently vacated Staples and a 20K expansion in the process.
  - There will be a lot of long term interest in planned expansion of the business park to the east of County R – watch the papers for more details with all the large parcels coming on line. This will be a ‘certified business park’, probably the only one in central Wisconsin.
- Real estate becoming a sellers’ market with historically low interest rates and more units coming on line.

- Marshfield Field Clinic new building coming along fine.
- Old Red Owl/UWSP temporary bookstore on N Division looking at a \$1m expansion and new tenant.
- Old Cooper Motors – Klasinski properties looking for approval to create new office area not part of their other ventures.
- Business 51 from south to north entrances of the city are being scheduled for expansion & renovation, but sticky points are loss of a number of private residences as well as office areas. This \$30M restructuring has a lot of pitfalls but probably will be spread over 20 years.
- City finances – not a problem. Reserves are nearly \$16 or 60% of city budget – much higher than almost all similar communities.
- Bond rating of AA2 is fantastic which gives the City real advantages in the market.
- UWSP has an aggressive construction schedule – new chemistry building, dorm, maybe a parking ramp when coupled with planned growth of student population is great.
- Obviously the Skyward situation has been troubling but the community has really pulled together, we just have to hope it isn't fruitless effort.
- One very bright note is the expected approval of adding 18" to the east wall along the river from Clark to the RR bridge which will put approximately 100 properties out of the flood plan, positively effecting value and sale.
- Fox Theater – transferred from family to NFP LLC; city is holding land for expansion of the back if capital campaign works out for rebuilding [plot is 100' N and 150' E-W]. Total project probably will done in phases. Children's Museum has interest in using the expansion land in the interim.
- Question about the 'life skills center' adjacent to SPASH. When money becomes available it still may work out. There are two taverns in the adjacent area and a lot of 'gad fly' negative interest.

## **H**appy Dollars

- Becoming a habit – missing a happy dollar. Week ago it was PE Ann who gave a dollar apiece for the scholarship winners, and I only credited total of \$1 – thanks for your generosity Ann and my failure to read my notes.
- Zietlows are the proud parents of #3, birth time right at our meeting time. Jonathan Carter Zietlow born 5/15/13, a modest 22 1/2" and 8 lbs 9 oz. Mother fine, dad in a panic [ha].
- \$4 Cliff King – thanks to Senator Julie Lassa for coordinating meetings with the Republican and Democratic Caucus – an unusual meeting. And, for all the great support from the community and friends of Skyward. Another \$2 and kudos to Spectra Print for their rush printing of hundreds of 'keep Skyward n Wisconsin' yard signs – not many of the nearly 700 still available..
- JD Manville – the 800 acre tract as a certified industrial park is a brilliant move for StePt.
- Patti Cahill reminder to contribute to the diaper campaign and keeping the 'behinds dry'.
- Mary Williams off to the District Conference to hand out bundles of the Post-Polio brochure hot off the presses. DG Bob Sharkey has directed that the email about the effort be sent to all District members. Thanks to Joe Leek and his firm for publishing this most informative brochure.
- PE Ann Huntoon gave another dollar as a reminder to attend the Randy Sabien-Fiddle Head concert.

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

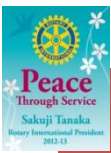
### *Future Vision Plan wins Edison*

Rotary's Future Vision Plan received a silver Edison Award for its innovative funding model at a gala dinner in Chicago on 25 April. The prestigious Edison awards honor excellence in new products, service development, design, and innovation. All Rotary districts will begin using the new grant model in July

### **Council on Legislation**

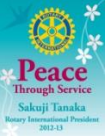
Delegates from Rotary's 532 districts met in downtown Chicago 21-26 April to consider changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs. Representatives from Rotary's 532 districts met in downtown Chicago 21-26 April, approving a number of measures designed to strengthen Rotary, increase membership, and enhance the organization's capacity to serve.

The Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs. This year's Council accepted an increase of US\$1 per year in per capita dues, removed limits on e-clubs, permitted satellite clubs, and changed the name of the fifth Avenue of Service to "Youth Service." More details @ [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130430\\_news\\_councilwrap.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130430_news_councilwrap.aspx)



## Rotary Program Hosts and Program 2013

Theme: "Peace through Service"



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|------------------|---|---|
| <b>MAY 2013</b>  | <b>Preparation for the New Rotary Year; RI Convention 2013 PORTUGAL</b> |   |
| 29               | Dick Judy   | Paula Houlihan & Toastmaster Team – Toast Masters in Action in our Community  |
| <b>JUNE 2013</b> | <b>Rotary Fellowships Month</b>   |   |
| 5                | Pres. Terry   | Club Assembly   |
| 12               | Pres. Terry<br>Hannah Selwyn  | Paul Harris Presentations<br><a href="#">Practice presentation for RYE exchange to Brazil Fall 2013-Spring 2014</a> |
| 19               | Patti Cahill  | Riverside House – an Update   |
| 20 [7:30 a.m.]   | Pres. Terry   | Board Meeting = downtown library Pinerias Room  |
| 23-26            | 104th   | Rotary International Conference – Lisbon, Portugal  |
| 26               | PDG Dick Judy   | Former RYE Jenna Smith. Waupaca Rotary, UW Superior, Special RI Project, dysautonomia and related Diseases          |

### Rotary Program Hosts and Program 2013-14

RI President Ron Burton, Norman, OK

## "ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES"

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| <b>Jul 2013</b> | <b>Literacy Month --New Rotary Year Begins</b> |  |
| 3               | <b>HOLIDAY</b>                                 | <b>4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY</b>  |
| 10              | Vicki L. Bohman                                | Blood Center of Wisconsin [Vicki.Bohman@bcw.edu]   |
| 13 [Saturday]   | Y Lactic Edge                                  | We're the Run Course Marshals [volunteer now for your favorite corner]   |
| 17              | New Pres Ann                                   | Club Assembly and Start of the New Rotary Year   |
| 24              | Pres Ann                                       | "Literacy Challenges in Portage County"?<br>Mary Kneebone, ED, PC Literacy Council;<br>Kelly Stolpa, Program Manager |
| 31              | Al Thompson<br>VC Stu Affairs<br>UWSP          | 'Positive UWSP Relations with the Central Wisconsin Community'   |
| <b>Aug 2013</b> | <b>Membership and Extension Month</b>          |  |
| 7               |  | Membership activity???   |
| 14              |  |  |
| 21              | Rosemary Elbert,<br>ED                         | <b>Wisconsin Judicare</b>  |
| 28              |  |  |
| <b>Sep 2013</b> | <b>New Generations Month</b>                   |  |
| 4               | ?????  | RYLA/ROTARACT/Interact   |
| 11              | DG David Yeghiaian                             | <b>New Rotary Year - Official DG visit</b>   |
| 18              |  |  |
| 25              |  |  |
| <b>Oct 2013</b> | <b>Vocational Service Month</b>                |  |
| ?????           |  | 26th Annual Rotary Rose Sale [Sweetest Day 2013???   |
| 2               |  |  |
| 4-6             | RYLA Leadership<br>Weekend                     | <b>YMCA Camp Manito-wish Boulder Junction</b>  |
| 9               | RYLA Report                                    | <b>Brenda/Eric and RYLA attendees</b>  |
| 16              |  |  |
| 23              |  |  |
| 30              |  |  |

## 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?**