

# Tidings

## Club Announcements







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### WHAT’S COMING UP?

Jan. 13: Club Assembly

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

-  Is it the **truth**?
-  Is it **fair**?
-  Will it build **goodwill** and better **friendships**?
-  Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

*President Kevin Pechacek called the meeting to order and Wayne Wolf read devotions. Following the pledge of allegiance and the four way test, announcements were made. Many thanks to all who set up and greeted!*

### Welcome Guests

~Faye Perkins

### Elaine Baumann

### Outbound Exchange

Sonja Pearson, a 16-year old female will be an outbound exchange student to Mexico. She’s a terrific candidate because she has traveled internationally on mission trips with her church and absolutely loves serving others.

### Kevin Pechacek

### Board Meeting & Club Assembly

The Board of Directors met on Jan 7 to discuss budget and giving commitments/obligations. To help guide decisions, a subcommittee was formed to develop criteria. Several questions were sent via email for club assembly consideration and the updated budget can be found on page 5 of this issue of Tidings.

### Bill Montgomery w/Faye Perkins Martin Luther King Breakfast

St. Bridget’s will be hosting a Martin Luther King Breakfast on Monday, Jan 19 that features speaker Colin Powell via video conference. The program will begin with breakfast from 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Tickets are a \$5.00 donation and space is limited to 200 people. Tickets can be purchased by calling Faye Perkins at 425-8218 or visiting [www.stbridgets.org](http://www.stbridgets.org).

### Terry McKay Car Raffle

The 2008 car raffle was not as successful as 2007, but still profitable. To increase sales, the raffle will launch at the District Conference scheduled for April at UWRF. Terry would like to pass the torch to another club member. For additional information, please see Terry or Kevin.

President Kevin Pechacek, Membership Director Debbie Griffin and Marti Piegras inducted Nate Jackson into the River Falls Rotary Club. Welcome, Nate.



“Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.”

### District Rotary Training

Club Leaders need to register for the MidTerm and Pre-PETS event scheduled on January 17. To learn more about this training, kindly visit [www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org)

### Rotary Foundation and Rotary International

Deadlines to receive a 2008 tax receipt for contributions to Rotary Foundation or Rotary International is December 31. **To Mail:** Contributions sent by mail to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, must be postmarked by December 31, 2008 and received by January 7, 2009. **Online:** Credit card contributions made online through Member Access by midnight December 31, 2008 CST (link to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>.) Rotarians must pre-register their unique email address online and receive confirmation of registration in advance to be able to contribute online. **Fax:** Complete a TRF Global Contribution Form with credit card information and securely fax it to: 1-847-556-2139 by midnight December 31, 2008 CST. Download the TRF Global Contribution form: [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/123en\\_write.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/123en_write.pdf). If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation's Contact Center at [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) or call 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279).

### District Governor Nominee

Past District Governor and Chair of the Governor-Nominee Nominating Committee, Clare Lillis announced the selection of Judy Freund (Rotary Club of Hudson Daybreak) as the Governor Nominee for 2009-10 and to serve as Governor in 2011-12. If a written challenge is received by January 16, DG Roy Sjoberg will inform all clubs of the challenging candidate.

### Upcoming District Rotary

- 🌀 January 17 - Pre-PETS and MidTerm Training
- 🌀 April 17 - 19, 2009 District Conference at UW River Falls.



## Happy Bucks

### Happy For Guillermo

River Falls Rotary is happy to host Guillermo and many Rotarians including Elaine, Garrett, Joe, Max, Deb, Bill Randy, Virgil, Tony, Tom, Jerry, Alison, Marti, Carrie, Jim, Kris, Rosanne and Samantha gave happy bucks for his presentation on his country, his family and his exchange. Steve gave an extra special buck for the privilege of hosting Guillermo.

### New Member Nate

Rotarians Elaine, Garrett, Joe, Max, Deb, Bill, Jerry, Randy, Tony, Steve, Virgil, Tom, Alison, Marti, Carrie, Jim, Kris, Rosanne and Samantha gave happy bucks for new member Nate.

### 25th Wedding Anniversary & 3000 Miles

Gorden celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary, his 63 birthday and a 3000 mile road trip to take his mother back to Florida.

### Missed, Mystery & High School Staff

A few Rotarians gave missed and scoot buck and missing mystery greeter Samantha. Tom W was grateful for Elaine and the River Falls High School staff whose efforts were appreciated during the burst pipe incident over the holiday break.

### 30 Years of Rotary & 25 Escaped Cows

Steve S gave 30 for his 30 years of Rotary. His first club was Steven's Point, his second was Hong Kong and his favorite is the River Falls, a club he helped charter. Congratulations and thank you for your service, Steve. Debbie gave a happy buck for the story of the escaped cows in her back yard, chewing on her flower boxes.

### Last Buck for Prosperity & A Little Military School

Terry gave her last dollar in hopes in brings prosperity. Jerry added to the wish and Kris dittoed the request. Carrie announced that the "little military school" her husband attended was actually prominent and helped him get a promotion.

### Leaving for Africa & Jethropa Weed

John K gave a happy buck for his upcoming trip to the African Children's Village and Pat gave a few quarters for the University of Minnesota hydrology students who are working on the Haiti jethropa project.

### President's Pantry

Elaine traveled to the house of Coke and returned with a President's Pantry.

#### OUR OFFICERS

President:	Kevin Pechacek
Pres Elect:	Diane Odeen
Vice Pres:	Tom Garfin
Treasurer:	Marti Piepgras
Secretary:	Carole Mottaz
Past Pres:	Carrie Fisher

#### 2008 SERVICE DIRECTORS

Club:	Randy Cudd
Community:	Brian McQuade
International:	Heather Logelin
Vocational:	Tom Palmer
Youth:	Elaine Bauman
Membership/PR:	Kris Ainsworth
Programs:	Tom Bloom
Sergeant:	Ted Marsh
Communication	Samantha Bluhm
Bookkeeper:	Marti Piepgras
Photography:	Samantha Bluhm
Website:	Steve Leitch
Club Historian:	Tom Bloom
Grant Writing:	Jim LaPoint

#### ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

2003:	Tom Bloom
2005:	Tom Garfin
2006:	Dale Jorgenson
2006:	Kevin Pechacek
2006:	Jerry Tack
2007:	John Kremer
2008:	Carole Mottaz

#### PAST PRESIDENTS

1999:	Tom Bloom
2000:	Gorden Hedahl
2001:	David Brassfield
2002:	Randy Cudd
2003:	Bill Montgomery
2004:	Tom Palmer
2005:	Connie Foster
2006:	Steve Schroeder
2007:	Carrie Fisher

# GUILLERMO

RIVER FALLS ROTARY SPECIAL PHOTO SECTION

STUDENT EXCHANGE



## Student Exchange from Bolivia

Guillermo presented an overview of his country, his family and what he is learning from his exchange to River Falls.



# Treasurer's Report

from Club Treasurer Marti Piepgras

**Outlined below is a Gift Funding-Financial Snapshot updated January 9, 2009.**

River Falls Rotary Fundraising goes 100% to gifts.  
Gifts Budgets are partially secured by surplus funds raised in prior years. FISCAL YEAR starts July 1.

**Nutshell:** we are \$1,844 behind in our fundraising, for our current Giving Budget.

FUNDRAISING SINCE JULY 1, 2008 \$15,406

**One-time "Possible" Gifts**

Leadership River Falls	\$250
Haiti Water Project	\$500
Rwanda Children's Village	\$500
Nicaragua Partners	\$500
R.F. Project Lifesaver	\$250
Feed My Starving Children	\$500
Westside Books	\$750
United Way	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>

**Annual "Promises" Gifts – to date**

Exchange Student \$1,800

**TOTAL GIVING TO DATE \$5,550**

**REMAINING FUNDS FOR GIFTS \$9,856**

**Annual "Promises" Gifts in budget, not yet authorized by Board**

STRIVE (RFHS)	\$3,000
RFHS Honors Scholarships	\$2,000
Ren. Academy Scholarships	\$1,000
RFHS Honors Banquet	\$1,000
Rotary Fast For Hope	\$1,000
Comunidad (Peru)	\$900
Rotary Camp Enterprise (RFHS)	\$000
RFHS Holocaust Speaker	\$500
Rotary Camp RYLA (RFHS)	\$500
Model UN - RFHS	\$325
World Affairs Seminar – Ren. Acad.	\$275
Ren. Acad. Service Club Scholarship	\$200
Ren. Acad. Honors Party	\$200
Rotary Rose Bowl Float	\$100
Exchange Student	\$700

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL "Promises" GIVING PLANNED \$11,700**

**SHORTFALL \$1,844**

If you have questions or need additional information about this report, kindly contact Treasurer Marti Piepgras at 425-6177.



**Set Ups, Devotions & Greeters**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>	<u>Greeter/Setup</u>
Aug 26	Ted Marsh	Wayne Wulf/Jodie Young	Feb 3	Tim Ericson	Dale Jorgenson/John Kremer
Sept 2	Brian McQuade	Jodie Young/Kris Ainsworth	Feb 10	Peter Bloch	John Kremer /Jim LaPoint
Sept 9	Terry McKay	K. Ainsworth/E. Baumann	Feb 17	Thomas Bloom	Jim LaPoint/Steve Leitch
Sept 16	Bill Montgomery	Elaine Baumann/Don Betz	Feb 24	Samantha Bluhm	Steve Leitch/Heather Logelin
Sept 23	Carole Mottaz	Don Betz/Leslie Bleskachek	Mar 3	Sarah Bogel	Heather Logelin/Amy Luther
Sept 30	Patty Nelson	Leslie Bleskachek/Peter Bloch	Mar 10	Joe Boles	Amy Luther/Ted Marsh
Oct 7	Larry Chicchese	Steve Leitch/Tom Bloom	Mar 17	Rosanne Bump	Ted Marsh/Brian McQuade
Oct 14	Max Neuhaus	Tom Bloom/S. Bluhm	Mar 24	Larry Chicchese	B. McQuade/Terry McKay
Oct 21	Virgil Nylander	S. Bluhm/Sarah Bogel	Mar 31	Randy Cudd	T. McKay/B. Montgomery
Oct 28	Pat O'Malley	Sarah Bogel/Joe Boles	April 7	Tim Ericson	Bill/Scott Morrisette
Nov 4	Diane Odeen	Joe Boles/Rosanne Bump	April 14	Carrie Fisher	S. Morrisette/C. Mottaz
Nov 11	Tom Palmer	R. Bump/Larry Cicchese	April 21	Connie Foster	C. Mottaz/ P. Nelson
Nov 18	Kevin Pechacek	Larry Cicchese/Randy Cudd	April 28	Nelson French	Patty Nelson/Max Neuhaus
Nov 25	Marti Piepgras	Randy Cudd/B. McQuade	May 5	Tom Garfin	M. Neuhaus/Virgil Nylander
Dec 2	Jim LaPoint	B. McQuade/Carrie Fisher	May 12	Garrett Gill	V. Nylander/Pat O'Malley
Dec 9	Steve Schroeder	Carrie Fisher/Connie Foster	May 19	Debbie Griffin	P. O'Malley/Diane Odeen
Dec 16	Jerry Tack	C. Foster/N. French	May 26	George Hauser	D. Odeen/Alison Page
Dec 23	Bernie VanOsdale	N. French/T. Garfin	June 2	Gorden Hedahl	A. Page/Tom Palmer
Dec 30	Wayne Wulf	Tom Garfin/Debbie Griffin	June 9	Tony Jilek	T. Palmer/Kevin Pechacek
Jan 6	Jodie Young	D. Griffin/George Hauser	June 16	Dale Jorgensen	K. Pechacek/Marti Piepgras
Jan 13	Kris Ainsworth	G. Hauser/Gorden Hedahl	June 23	John Kremer	M. Piepgras/Jeff Rodewald
Jan 20	Elaine Baumann	Gorden Hedahl/Tony Jilek	June 30	Jim LaPoint	J. Rodewald/Dan Ross
Jan 27	Alison Page	Tony Jilek/Dale Jorgenson			

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