

Tidings

Club Announcements



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

April 17 - District Conference

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 Brian McQuade 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

- ~Rod Rommell
- ~Josh Lindseth
- ~Isaac Grover
- ~John Knutson
- ~Strive Student Brady
- ~Guillermo
- ~Speaker Ed Vlack

Carole Mottaz District Conference

River Falls Club is hosting The District Conference in April. The committee is also looking for volunteers to help direct traffic, help with set up and other event logistics. To host, volunteer, or learn more please contact Terry, Virgil or Rosanne. To register, visit the website passwords: "CELEBRATE" & "ROTARY"

Other Fundraising

Tony announced the Special Needs Boy Scouts are holding a

wine and beer tasting on April 24 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Dellwood Hills Country Club in Dellwood, Minnesota. Cost is \$35. Forward questions to Jodi Bauer at bsapolaris@yahoo.com

The Rotary Club of New Richmond is hosting a "passport party" featuring a festival of wine, food and art. The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 5 - 8 p.m. at teh R&D Banquet. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors approved books for the Westside Students and \$1000 funding the Fast For Hope (of which \$550 was contributed from Tony's Spanish Class - Many Thanks, Tony!)

Brian McQuade Relay For Life Spaghetti Feed

The Relay for Life spaghetti feed scheduled for Friday, March 27 at the River Falls High School. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next few meetings and will be emailed to the club.

Happy Bucks

March 22

March 22 is world water day.

Missed, Scoot, Irish and Guest Bucks

Several Rotarians gave scoot and missed bucks, Garrett gave thanks for the luck of the Irish; and many of us gave happy thanks for our guests.

Charter Members Reminisce

Charter Members of the our club gave thanks for the 10 year celebration and the DQ cake President Pechacek brought to the celebration. Following is what our charter (founding) members are grateful for: Pat O'Malley is thankful for the Jethropa weed which may help change the economic landscape in Haiti; Bill is thankful for the international involvement; AG John Knuston was thankful for 10 years of service above self; Virgil was thankful he couldn't say no to Gorden who talked him into joining; Rod was happy to be a founding member and invited back to celebrate; Tom Bloom was happy for his Irish joke and for the guests; and Randy was thankful for the club's service to the community and the waterfall and mudslide in his back yard.

Tom's Irish Joke

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Tom Bloom shared an Irish Joke: Irish Bean Soup has only 239 different beans because otherwise it would be 240 (with an Irish accent, pronounced too farty).

Clubs Like This...

Guest Isaac was happy for the support of Rotaract, Amy was happy because she survived the fire drill at Comforts of Home; Jerry was happy for spring break and the weather; Elaine was happy for guest Brady who presented Guillermo with a letterman jacket for lettering in swimming (pictures on next page); Carrie gave a birthday buck for Rotary; Tom Bloom gave thanks for Samantha's work on Tidings; Ted gave a returning from Missouri buck; Heather gave a fundraising for the hospital buck; Diane gave a "new theme song" winner buck for Isaac's team at PETs Training and Samantha gave \$20 in response to Scott's "stick to Sam" \$10 parole officer joke from previous week. President Kevin gave ditto bucks for the celebration and privilege of the club turning 10.

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

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

PAST PRESIDENTS

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|-------|------------------|
| 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 |

The River Falls Rotary Club was honored with the non-profit organization of the year from the River Falls Chamber of Commerce. Assistant District Governor John Knuston (Day Break Rotary in Hudson) presented president Kevin Pechacek with a trophy and a congratulatory letter from the District. The trophy, presented in celebration of RF Rotary's 10-year anniversary, was a compilation of other trophies that Knutson had on hand and was on loan for the meeting only (whew!)



“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.”

Pictured below from left to right: ADG John Knuston helps River Falls Rotary celebrate our 10-year anniversary. Middle: Speaker Ed Vlack presents comparisons between John F. Kennedy and Barrack Obama. On the right, Brady and Elaine present Guillermo with his River Falls High School letterman's jacket. Guillermo lettered in swimming. Way to go, Guillermo!



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 |
| Total | \$3,750 |

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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