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District 6250

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Today's Program

Backpacks for Kids

Wayne Johnson

Please note revised program schedule

Upcoming Events Schedule

March 11	Mary Wirtz- Wisconsin's Forgotten Middle-skill Jobs
March 18	Avenues of Service
March 25	Steve Sternitzky- Mike O'Leary and his mission work in Haiti
April 1	Linda Strub
April 8	Paul Veldman (switched with Patricia Sullivan)
April 15	Avenues of Service

Sunrise Rotary News – February 25, 2010

Welcome Student Rotars: Youth Rotars for February are Stephanie Reitter of Lincoln High School and Kaitlyn Kopelke of John Edwards High School. Dave TerMaat was a visitor from the Noon Club.

Men in the Kitchen: The 5th annual Men in the Kitchen benefit for the Family Center will be held at the Hotel Mead Saturday, March 13. Please contact Kurt Heuer to make a bid on any of 16 meals being prepared by local celebrity chefs.

Healthy People-Wood County Obesity Awareness and Prevention

Walk/Run: This second annual event will be held on June 5. Dave Mueller suggested \$150 from the Pig to support it and it was seconded. A vote will be held March 4 regarding support for this event.

District 6250 Meeting: The District 6250 conference will be held May 21-22 in La Crosse. President-Elect Wayne Johnson encourages all interested members to attend. In addition, each of the 60 clubs is allowed voting delegates for the annual meeting based on membership. Sunrise Rotary will have two official delegates, with one as a "super" delegate to vote on matters that require that each club be entitled to a single vote. Anyone who would like to be one of our official delegates please contact Dave Mueller.

Auction News: The Give to Share Auction is scheduled for April 16. Sue Siewert and Joy Berg are serving as co-chairs and prize coordinators for Sunrise Rotary. Prize forms have already been distributed but will also be included in auction packets that will be coming out soon. An important change from the past is that it is illegal to sell tickets through the mail so if you continue to mail them to friends or relatives just don't tell Kurt Heuer.

Neighborhood Table: A sign-up list was passed around for helping at the Neighborhood Table on March 18. Be sure to set aside time that afternoon to help serve the needy a warm meal.

River Cities Nordic Ski Club: Tom Schneider announced the group is selling garden baskets. Please contact Tom for details.

Baskets for Honduras Students: If you have small items that help reflect our local area please get them to Nancy Mischnick so they can be included in baskets being assembled for our Shoulder to Shoulder students.

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Host Families Needed: Sunrise Rotary will be welcoming a Rotary Exchange student in August and is looking for host families, preferably in the Nekoosa School District. Steve Sternitzky announced that he was recently informed it would be a female student from Brazil. The host families do not need to be Rotarians. Please contact Steve or Kim Moon if interested.

Every Rotarian, Every Year: Please remember to turn in your sheet indicating your contributions to Every Rotarian, Every Year or Polio Plus as a Sunrise Rotary member. Club records do not include contributions prior to 2005, and we would like to get a better picture of total donations to be able to better assess how best to use the club's bank of Paul Harris Fellowship points.

New Rotarians: Glorianne Neuville, speech and language clinician, and Jeff Williams, editor of The Voice of Wisconsin Rapids, have been approved as new members and will be installed in the near future.

Upcoming Programs: The **tentative** list through March 11 is on the Upcoming Events Schedule on the front of the Script. If you need to make a change, please switch with another person on the list and notify Sergeant at Arms Paul Veldman and Script Editor George Hathaway of the change. Also tell George your speaker and topic as soon as you can.

Need a Program? Contact Paul Veldman, Sergeant at Arms, who has a list of potential programs.

Community Service Annual Collections

January - Essentials Pantry

February - Bingo Prizes for Nursing Homes \$50

March - Neighborhood Table

April - Family Center - Travel-sized Essentials

May - Family Resource Center

June - South Wood County Humane Society

July - Boys and Girls Club Snacks

August - School Supplies - Stuff the Bus

September - Neighborhood Table

October - Laundry Soap & \$200 for Personal Items

November - SWEPS

December - Christmas Family \$500

Additional Projects - Habitat for Humanity

Youth Rotar Mentors:

February	Tom Schneider	Carol Olson
March	Bill Beaton	Ed Heuer
April	Kim Auman	Mike Meinel
May	Pat Schuetz	Elaine Semrow

Note to Rotarians Proposing New Members: Materials can be obtained from Ida Lee Siewert, Wayne Johnson or Barry Jens to propose new members and introduce them to Rotary.

Margie Dorshorst, principal of Mead Elementary Charter School, along with Zak Vruwink and Joe Clark, gave a presentation regarding Mead Elementary Charter School. Charter schools are schools that have been freed from some of the rules, regulations, and statutes that apply to other public schools in exchange for some kind of accountability for producing results which are set forth in their individual charter. Mead is an "Instrumentality Charter School" which means it has been authorized by the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District. A grassroots effort involving staff, community members, and parents helped create the school which has adopted "Every Child. Every Family. Every Day" as its slogan.

Teaching and learning are based on four pillars of success. These pillars consist of Differentiation, Service-Learning, Goal-Directed, and Asset-Building. The goals of these are to focus on learning rather than teaching, helping kids know they have the ability to change the world, for kids to know the future is theirs and the sky is the limit, and that social learning is just as important as academic learning.

One of the projects the kids have been involved with is Pennies for Peace. The kids have learned that something as simple as a penny can help buy pencils and paper for kids in impoverished areas overseas. Last week the kids raised \$176 for Pennies for Peace.