

TIDINGS



WELCOME TO THE RIVER FALLS ROTARY CLUB

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The ROTARY Four-way Test

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

River Falls Rotary Vision Statement:

*“Enhancing Opportunities for
Youth; Creating a Better World
for All.”*



MEETING REPORT

President Heather Logelin called the meeting to order. Bill Montgomery shared a devotion, after which Heather led the pledge, 4-way test and club mission statement.

GUESTS:

Ed Robins, PhD, UW-River Falls
Ana Novoa, Exchange Student

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Finance meets at 7am this Thursday; the board meets at 7am next Thursday. All are welcome!

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY: Thanks to the 37 members who completed the member engagement survey! The board is reviewing results and will be sharing them with members at upcoming meetings.

BACKPACK PROGRAM: We need to fund 85 holiday backpacks at \$15 each. Tax-deductible checks should be payable to “Our Neighbors Place.” Thank you to Brian McQuade for offering to take point on the “Rotary goodie bags” for each backpack!

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP: Highway clean-up is Sat, 10/21 at 9am. Meet in the parking lot at Angel’s Pet Store on the north end of town. Friends and family are welcome!

TREE PLANTING: Immediately following the highway clean-up, we will be planting trees in the city’s parks.

EXCHANGE DEADLINE: The deadline to apply for the year-long or summer exchange program is Wed, 11/15!

CAMP ENTERPRISE: Our club has committed to sponsor one local student for Rotary Camp Enterprise 11/2-11/4. If you know an interested Junior or Senior, let Brian McQuade know!

ROTARY @ FALCON CENTER: A Falcon Center event for Rotarians in our region is being planned for a Friday evening later this year. Stay tuned for more info!

5:01 CLUB: The 5:01 Club – an opportunity for socialization with other members – will re-launch at The West Wind at 5:01pm on Thurs, 10/18. Mark your calendar for 5:01 on third Thursdays moving forward!

RUN WITH A COP: Join Gordy and Dean at tonight’s “Run with a Cop” Special Olympics fundraiser at UW-RF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CTD):

JAZZ & MORE: Bill has tickets to Hope Lutheran’s “Jazz & More” fundraiser on Fri, 11/13. Tickets are \$25.

BOOK SALE AND ART CRAWL: Cheryl reminded everyone about the AAUW’s Book Sale, which starts Thursday at Riverwalk, and the Art Crawl next Sat, 10/21.

BRING A GUEST: Our speaker next week is Tasha Schuh, Miss Wheelchair USA. We’ll also be hosting the STRIVE students. Please consider bringing a guest!

HAPPY BUCKS: Brian collected Happy Bucks for the Packers, the Badgers, fall weather, missed meetings, guests, general happiness and:

- JW’s parents are enjoying their early 70s hitting all seven continents; they are now in Tanzania!
- Linda enjoyed Aladdin at the Orpheum with her granddaughter;
- Kari is excited that all of the Rotary Reader slots are filled!
- John is celebrating 40 years of marriage to the same woman; it wasn’t the original plan, but has worked out OK;
- Steve E. says “Go, Vikes!”
- Terry is looking forward to the Girls’ Night Out and Art Crawl;
- Chris had a nice weekend bow hunting with her five year-old nephew;
- Karla is looking forward to a family wedding, a great reason to get together;
- Traci is looking forward to celebrating her dad’s birthday tomorrow;
- Gordy is having fun cheering on Michigan State;
- Dean enjoyed homecoming weekend;
- Brian’s family is in full hockey mode; see you in March!
- Scott is working to get rid of his daughter’s long-distance boyfriend;
- Tony is celebrating his younger daughter’s 50th birthday;
- Gorden enjoyed camping up north;
- Heather thanked everyone who donated bikes at last Saturday’s Free Bikes 4 Kidz event; 167 bikes were collected locally and more than 7200 across the Allina Health system – a new world record!

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."

Rotary



www.rotary5960.org – check out the great things in our district!

Ed Robins, PhD, Volunteer in Belize

Ed Robins first traveled to Belize in 2002 to assess the likelihood of developing a study tour for UW-River Falls students. As an anthropologist, he appreciates the value of intercultural exchanges. They did subsequently develop a two-week study tour. Over 15 years, more than 500 UW-River Falls students had the opportunity to experience what he calls "the conservation of cultural experience and biological diversity."

Through these experiences, students and staff began connecting with the people in Belize. Students began organizing fundraisers and clothing drives for the students; Ed was eventually asked to come and teach in one of the schools, which was always understaffed. To his surprise, Ed was soon in charge of an entire seventh grade class, with very little direction and almost no textbooks or other resources. He quickly learned that seventh graders don't respond well to lectures; he adopted a more interactive approach to instruction, including reading aloud. While his instructional style was considered unconventional – other classrooms were quiet, with students speaking only when spoken to – he developed a strong connection with the students during his ten-week assignment.



Ed showed a short video inside a classroom with his students from Belize and the UW-River Falls students; he noted that all of the supplies in the classroom – posters, books, etc. – were supplies that he provided, as that is the expectation of teachers in Belize.

Ed is returning to Belize in 2018 and has asked to be assigned to the same group of students. He finances his own trip – airfare, lodging, supplies, etc. – and noted that there are many needs at the school in Belize. As an example, the school has just one printer, which breaks down often; Ed is hoping to raise enough funds for a new printer for the school. Ed also noticed that many of the students in his classroom didn't have textbooks, chairs or tables; he'd like to be able to help ensure that each student is provided with adequate learning materials. The school itself is also in need of some repairs and a new bathroom complex; the school would also benefit from a dedicated science classroom; he would like to be able to offer some financial support with this. Ed noted that there are many carpenters and handymen in the village; he is confident that labor would be inexpensive, if not free, if we could fund the supplies. If Rotarians were interested, they could even travel to Belize to provide hands-on assistance with the project.

Ed's next trip to Belize will be in early January; he plans to stay at least until the end of March and possibly a few weeks into April. In response to a question, Ed noted that getting classroom supplies to Belize can be tricky. One approach is to send them as an extra bag with someone flying to Belize; another is to ship them directly. However, there are places in Belize where school supplies can be purchased, so providing financial support is a good option.

John Kremer reminded the club that he is trying to organize a few Rotarians interested in a trip that would visit projects in Belize, Nicaragua and Guatemala; if interested, let John know!

If you are interested in talking more with Ed about this work, he invites you to contact him directly at edward.a.robins@uwrf.edu.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

- Oct 3** Ana Novoa, 2017-2018 Inbound Student from Spain
- Oct 10** Ed Robins, PhD, Volunteer work in Belize
- Oct 17** Tasha Schuh, Miss Wheelchair USA 2012
- Oct 24** World Polio Day!
- Oct 31** Marcus Califf, 2016-2017 Outbound Student to Italy

NOVEMBER

- Nov 7** Jill Krentz, Introductory Talk
- Nov 14** Nancy Miller, River Falls Public Library
- Nov 21** Club Assembly: 2017-2018 Budget
- Nov 28** Rotary District 5960 Foundation Committee (*TENTATIVE*)

Have a Program idea? Talk to Heather or Chris to schedule it!

DEVOTIONS, SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN

Set Up / Take Down	
Oct 3	Morrisette & Pedersen / Montgomery & Hedahl
Oct 10	Thoennes & Wilson / Pedriana & Wilson
Oct 17	Kremer & Maplethorpe / Kremer & Moe
Oct 24	Yde & Moe / TBD
Oct 31	Cudd & TBD / Leitch & TBD
Nov 7	TBD/TBD
Nov 14	TBD/TBD
Nov 21	TBD/TBD
Nov 28	TBD/TBD

DEVOTIONS	
OCT-DEC	
Oct	3 Cheryl Maplethorpe
	10 Ted Marsh
	17 JW Matheson
	24 Terry McKay
	31 Brian McQuade
Nov	7 Greg Miller
	14 Paul Moe
	21 Bill Montgomery
	28 Carole Mottaz
Dec	5 Scott Morrisette
	12 Scott Nelson
	19 Max Neuhaus
	26 NO MEETING

OFFICERS

- President: Heather Logelin
- President Elect & Secretary: Rick Wilson
- President Elect Nominee: Chris Blasius
- Past President: Brian McQuade
- Treasurer: Jason Fredrickson
- Executive Secretary: Jill Bakalich

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Finance: Rick Wilson
- Administration: Chris Blasius
- Membership: Terry McKay
- Public Relations: Linda Yde
- Club Service: Rick Heuertz
- Foundation: John Kremer

OTHER CONTACTS

- Youth Exchange: Elaine Baumann
- Youth Protection: Linda Yde
- Sergeant at Arms: JW Matheson
- Newsletter: Heather Logelin

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
- 2008: Kevin Pechacek
- 2009: Diane Odeen
- 2010: Tom Garfin
- 2011: Carole Mottaz
- 2012: Dale Jorgenson
- 2013: Elaine Baumann
- 2014: Scott Morrisette
- 2015: Rosanne Bump
- 2016: Briand McQuade

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

- 2003: Tom Bloom
- 2005: Tom Garfin
- 2006: Dale Jorgenson, Jerry Tack & Kevin Pechacek
- 2007: John Kremer
- 2008 & 2009: Carole Mottaz
- 2010: Debbie Griffin
- 2011: Gorden Hedahl
- 2012: Pat O'Malley
- 2013: Bill Montgomery
- 2014: Vince Seidling
- 2015: Terry McKay
- 2016: Thomas Pedersen
- 2017: Elaine Baumann

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have these responsibilities covered. Ideally you would find someone to trade with. *If you make a trade, please let the Tidings editor know.*

Rotary
District 5960



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*Members indicated with an asterisk are Paul Harris Fellows at this time. PH Fellows have contributed more than \$1000 US to the Rotary Foundation.

+ Indicates members who are also Rotary Benefactors, leaving at least \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation in their wills.

^ Indicates members who do not attend weekly meetings but participate in other club projects and activities.