

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. Brian McQuade shared a devotion, after which Heather led the pledge, 4-way test and club mission statement.

GUESTS:

Sheri Macbeth, RFHS Counselor
Ana Novoa, Exchange Student

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CVTC EVENT: All are invited to a gathering at Belle Vinez on Thurs, 11/9 from 4:30-6:30 to learn more about the remodeling and expansion project planned for the River Falls campus.

NICARAGUA SUPPLIES: Tony J. is looking for volunteers to help load National Guard trucks with medical supplies for Nicaragua. Meet at the old hospital in Baldwin at 10am this Saturday.

FORWARD FUNDRAISER: Elaine invited everyone to the Forward Foundation's annual Christmas Concert with Colleen Raye on Sun, 12/3 at 3pm.

HOPE FUNDRAISER: Bill has ticket to the Hope Lutheran Church's "Jazz and More" fundraiser on Fri, 11/3 at St. Bridget's.

5:01 CLUB: The 5:01 Club - an opportunity for socialization with other members - has successfully re-launched! Mark your calendar for 5:01 on third Thursdays moving forward!

DISTRICT MID-TERM: Mark your calendar for the District Mid-Term Event on Sat, 1/13!

HAPPY BUCKS: Brian collected Happy Bucks for Halloween, guests, missed meetings, general happiness and:

- Scott M. spent too much time over the weekend fixing the mishaps of "Freeloader #2;"
- Steve E. is excited that his oldest got a job with Fairview;
- Jason thanked his team for the Halloween costume - he's Gru and they are all minions;
- Gordy's thankful that his daughter made it back safely from a road trip to Milwaukee;
- Karla spent a weekend in Las Vegas with the wildest friend she knows (which she says isn't saying much);
- Jill is celebrating her Halloween wedding anniversary;
- Elaine is happy to see our speaker arrive, albeit a bit late - clearly he's living the Mediterranean lifestyle;
- Cheryl's puppy is making it through the night without any "deposits;"
- Linda is enjoying the World Series;
- Bill noted the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, which birthed what is now more than 3000 Protestant churches throughout the world;
- Tony J. is celebrating his kids' birthdays, but his son refuses to celebrate, explaining that his mom did all of the work;
- Rick enjoyed a weekend with his granddaughter, covering both pumpkin carving and snowmen;
- Gorden's show is going well;
- Heather's parents are celebrating their 50th anniversary in Spain and Portugal.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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!

MARCUS CALIFF, 2016-2017 OUTBOUND STUDENT

Marcus Califf was a 2016-2017 outbound student to Italy. He admits that going into it, he “kind of wanted to just get away.” High school was monotonous, and he wanted to test himself in a new environment. That said, he now says that if he had known all of the ways he would grow, he would have signed up much earlier!

He spent the year on the “industrial side” of a lake town near Lake Como, Italy. His first host family lived on a hobby farm on a mountainside. They spoke English, had two daughters who had participated in the youth exchange program and had already hosted three students, so were very helpful. His second host family were their neighbors down the road; they were a first generation Italian family from Mexico. They ran a campground, so the winter was a slow time for them, and they were home a lot. (This was sometimes nice, and sometimes a bit much.) They also spoke no English, so his Italian got better quickly. His third family lived 30 minutes away, in the center of town and just a one-minute walk from school. The mother was a widow who had lost her husband in an avalanche; Marcus quickly learned to step in as the oldest in a house with four children, taking on many responsibilities and – as a result – experiencing a lot of growth.

Marcus had initially planned to spend the year in Germany, and learned at the last minute that he would be in Italy instead. Although he had a few years of Spanish, which helped with vocabulary, he left for Italy speaking no Italian. It was a good 4-5 months before Marcus felt he could actually carry on a conversation.

There was a very strong Rotary presence in his area. (This isn’t true in all parts of Italy.) As a result, he was able to take advantage of many programs and outings, including trips Rome, Venice, Milan and other new cities. He also had the opportunity to take a two-week bus trip throughout continental Europe with Rotary exchange students from 15 different countries, visiting Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Prague, Budapest, etc.

When asked about school, Marcus smiled and ... explained. He was placed in a human sciences school, with a focus on the medical professions. The vocabulary for these subjects was initially very challenging, but by the end of the year he was proud to get passing grades in these classes. His school was a five-story building and quite overcrowded, so they got quite a bit of exercise moving from room to room.

Marcus talked about some of the things that were different about Italy, including a five-month process to get his registration documents. In response to a question about his social life, Marcus said that Italians are “very social people,” and that by the end of his year, he found himself doing something with friends nearly every evening. (He contrasted this with the United States, where teens tend to most of do their socializing on the weekends.) Marcus said that his experience has left him feeling much more confident about facing the challenges in front of him. As an example, he now knows what it means to work hard at school, and is getting straight As.



Marcus with Ana Novoa, our 2017-2018 inbound student from Spain.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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*

DECEMBER

- Dec 5** *Hossein Najafi, PhD, Data Science AKA "Big Data"*
- Dec 12** *Land O' Lakes Winfield Solutions*
- Dec 19** *TBD*
- Dec 26** *NO MEETING – MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

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

DEVOTIONS, SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN

Set Up / Take Down
Nov 7 Engelhart & Morrissette / Engelhart & Leitch
Nov 14 TBD/TBD
Nov 21 Baumann & Borchartd
Nov 28 McKay & Krentz / McKay & TBD
Dec 5 TBD/TBD
Dec 12 TBD/TBD
Dec 19 TBD/TBD
Dec 26 NO MEETING!

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 Morrissette
	12 Scott Nelson
	19 Max Neuhaus
	26 NO MEETING

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



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 Morrissette
- 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

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+ 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.