

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

GUESTS:

Emma Becker, Rochester Rotary
Paul Perez, DGE Nominee
Judie Babcock, Former Member
Ana Novoa, Exchange Student

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETINGS: The board meets this Thursday at 7am at Ezekiel. All are welcome!

ELECTION RESULTS: After a paper ballot election, Heather announced the unanimous selection of JW Matheson as our president-elect nominee for 2018-2019.

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Five River Falls students have applied for the summer Short Term Exchange Program!

PORCH PARTY: The club gala (“Porch Party”) is just around the corner! We rely on members to secure sponsorships, sell tickets, donate items for the auction and raffle, and help out at the event. The planning committee will meet immediately after today’s meeting.

STRIVE: STRIVE meets this Wednesday from 1:25-2:50 at RFHS. Randy Cudd is this month’s guest speaker!

SAVE THE DATES:

- 5:01 Club = this Thurs, 12/21 @ Junior’s
- District Mid-Term = Sat, 1/13
- Human Trafficking Summit - Fri, 2/23
- Club Gala (“Porch Party”) = Fri, 2/23
- Conference of Clubs = Thurs-Fri, 4/19-20

BACKPACK THANK YOU: Rick W. thanked the club on behalf of the Backpack Program; the holiday backpacks are loaded and ready for the long holiday break!

NO MEETING ON 12/26: Don’t forget that there is no meeting on Tues, 12/26. Merry Christmas and we’ll see you on Tues, 1/2!

FOUNDATION REMIDNER: Tax-deductible year-end gifts to The Rotary Foudnation can be made online through midnight Sun, 12/31! Login at myrotary.org to ensure your gift is connected to your Rotary membership.

HAPPY BUCKS: Brian collected happy bucks for the Belize project, the holidays, weather, speakers and guests, missed meetings, general happiness and:

- Tony enjoyed time with relatives at a funeral in North Carolina;
- Jason is enjoying watching his son play hockey, including the “bling;”
- Judie Babcock is running for Alderperson at Large and collecting signatures on her nomination papers;
- Dean enjoyed a successful commencement last Saturday;
- Jamie announced that the school district is moving forward with an April 3 referendum;
- Max felt extremely safe “sitting between two chiefs;”
- Scott N’s daughter graduated from UW-RF and already has a job;
- Diane is excited that after this “darkest week of the year” it will get lighter every day;
- Kari enjoyed a family birthday celebration;
- Carole enjoyed hosting breakfast for the Big Brothers Big Sisters board;
- Chris reminded everyone to vote today in the State Senate primary;
- Rick H. enjoyed watching Nebraska win the national title last week;
- Bill is feeling better but his cold is worse;
- Tony is proud of all of the books distributed by Jump Start for Literacy;
- Linda wished us all Happy Holidays, Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy Easter, she’ll see us in Easter;
- Jill is hosting 30+ people for Christmas;
- Paul encouraged all to join us for the District Mid-Term Rally on Sat, 1/13;
- Mike reminded us that the holidays present ample opportunity to do good;
- Karla is enjoying her loaner vehicle and looking forward to the NDSU Bison’s post-season;
- Dale is thrilled to be hosting his three granddaughters;
- Elaine was amazed by Anna’s warrior-like approach to Christmas shopping!
- Heather appreciated the long drive our guests made to be with us this morning.

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**

Rotary



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

EMMA BECKER: ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MN

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have already chosen the side of the oppressor.”
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Emma Becker’s involvement with work to fight human trafficking began when she was in nursing school in St. Louis, which is a major hub for human trafficking. She recently relocated to Rochester, joined Rotary, and immediately got involved with our Rotary District’s work around human trafficking.

Human trafficking has been selected as Rotary’s next global initiative, following the incredible work we are close to finishing with polio eradication. We acknowledge that we are not the expert in this area, but know that we can play the important role of convener, bringing together and supporting those who are already working on human trafficking.

Our working definition of human trafficking is “When one person obtains or holds another person in compelled service.” Estimates of global human trafficking range from 21-46 million victims worldwide, with an estimated 1.5 million in the US. While this does encompass things like sex workers, it also includes others who are enslaved working as housekeepers, nannies, etc. Human trafficking is a \$150B annual business, including \$99B from sex trafficking and \$51B from labor trafficking.

While anyone can be a victim of human trafficking, certain persons are more vulnerable: People living in poverty, minors in the welfare system, homeless and runaway youth, immigrants, and people with a history of abuse or trauma. Human trafficking occurs in every country in the world. 71% of labor trafficking victims enter the US on legal visas, paying an average of \$6,150 to secure their job in the US. 1 in 6 runaway youth is in danger of being trafficked within the first 72 hours of leaving home.

Minnesota and the Twin Cities are #13 in the country for human trafficking. Access to I-35 and I-90 easily connects drivers to several other states. In the past two years, DHS has intervened with approximately 900 at-risk, sexually exploited trafficked youth. While numbers in Wisconsin are better, human trafficking is still an issue; while about 70% of cases are in Milwaukee, human trafficking has been documented in all 72 counties. While primarily women and girls, men and boys are also impacted.

How can you get involved?

- Educate yourself on this issue. Invite other speakers to provide your club with more information on this issue. Encourage other organizations where you are involved to also learn more about this issue.
- Identify local leaders in your club to participate in **the Engage Together Summit (February 23, 2018)** in St. Louis Park, MN. Consider leaders from churches, businesses, education, law enforcement and community-based service organizations. Volunteers are also needed to help the day of this event! For more information, contact Emma at ebecker102@gmail.com.

*Paul Perez, Rotary District 5960 District Governor Elect Nominee, and
Emma Becker, Rotary District 5960 Human Trafficking Committee*





PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

- Jan 2** *New Year's Inspiration!*
- Jan 9** *Ronna Ellis, Assistance & Resource Center*
- Jan 16** *Matt Johnson, Marsy's Law for Wisconsin*
- Jan 23** *Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn, Among Friends*
- Jan 30** *TBD*

FEBRUARY: PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

- Feb 6** *TBD*
- Feb 13** *TBD*
- Feb 20** *Ann Frisch, Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping*
- Feb 27** *TBD*

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

DEVOTIONS, SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN

Set Up / Take Down	
Jan 2	Baumann & Mottaz
Jan 9	Heuertz & Schroeder
Jan 16	McKay & Wilson
Jan 23	Borchardt & Cudd / Borchardt & Young
Jan 30	Jilek & Morrissette
Feb 6	Heuertz & Foster-Babcock / Heurtz & Pedriana
Feb 13	Krentz & Thoennes / Krentz & Odeen
Feb 20	TBD & TBD
Feb 27	Fredrickson & TBD
Mar 6	TBD & TBD
Mar 13	TBD & TBD
Mar 20	TBD & TBD
Mar 27	Thoennes & Baumann / TBD & Baumann

DEVOTIONS	
JAN-MAR	
Jan	2 Virgil Nylander
	9 Pat O'Malley
	16 Diane Odeen
	23 Bob & Kari Owens
	30 Alison Page
Feb	6 Thomas Pedersen
	13 Tony Pedriana
	20 Marti Piepgras
	27 Dan Ross
Mar	6 Matt Russell
	13 Steve Schroeder
	20 Scot Simpson
	27 Karla Thoennes

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.*



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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*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.