

# TIDINGS



WELCOME TO THE  
RIVER FALLS ROTARY CLUB

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### The ROTARY Four-way Test

- o Is it the truth?
- o Is it fair to all concerned?
- o Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- o 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 Mottaz called the meeting to order. Member Ted Marsh shared a devotion. Members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, Four Way Test and club vision statement. Thanks to set up and greeters.*

### GUESTS:

Janna Carlson (Speaker)  
 Judy Foster Babcock

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### DISTRICT INFO

Check out the District website for information about the Peach Fellowship. Also, the International Goodwill Meeting is scheduled for Feb 17-18 in Winnipeg. Details are on the District Website.

#### WINE TASTING

The date for the Wine Tasting Event will be changed as it currently scheduled on Good Friday. Stay tuned for details.

#### SNEAK PEEK

Sneak Peek is scheduled for February 21. Please bring any guests and visitors you would like to introduce to Rotary.

#### GORDEN’S PLAY

Gorden reminded members that the River Falls Community Theater is presenting “Becky’s New Car”. It is Feb 3, 4, 8, 10, and 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Library. Tickets are \$10.

#### BUDGET PROCESS

The Finance Committee met last week to work on the budget. Details coming soon.

### HAPPY BUCKS

Lots of Happy Bucks for guests, new members, general happiness and good weather. We sang Happy Birthday to Bill. (75!)

- Scot reminded members that the city is hiring an HR Director.
- Scott gave a buck for kids entering high school this fall.
- Vince is happy to not be plowing while he recovers.
- Kris gave a “spring can come” buck – she’s over it.
- Dean –a therapy buck for Kris!
- Tony is happy for ice fishing and not being the oldest fisherman on the lake.
- Bill and Tom were happy for a great Salmon Dinner.
- Bill was happy that Jean Wespetal’ wedding dress was part of the library exhibit.
- Jeff was happy for four consecutive hours of sleep!
- Jim LaPoint found a dollar got inside the soap he received for Christmas. Best smelling happy buck ever!
- Ted is happy his daughter is an organized mover.
- Steve S. is happy that his son-in-law is back from Uganda with Doctors without Borders.
- Gorden is happy to be spending winter here instead of Alaska.
- Samantha is happy to be attending Lion King for her son’s birthday.
- Dale is happy for his stepdaughter’s engagement.

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."



[www.rotary5960.org](http://www.rotary5960.org) - check out the great things in our district!

### **SPEAKER: Janna Carlson, River Falls Community Food Pantry**

The mission of the food pantry is "To provide food, with respect and dignity, in times of need to those in need in the River Falls Community." The food pantry was started in the late 1980's by Lloyd Ostness at Ezekiel Lutheran Church. In 2005, it was moved to a larger space in the church. In 2006, it was reorganized. (Janna became involved at that time to evaluate surveys that had been completed and to organize a volunteer schedule to include evening and weekend hours). In 2010, the food pantry moved to its current location by Bo Jons. The food pantry is now a 501(c)(3)

Based on 2002 numbers, 1 in 10 Wisconsin residents fall below poverty level. A total of 600,000 Wisconsinites live in poverty and 2235 people in River Falls are at or below poverty level. The 2011 poverty guidelines are as follows: 1 person = \$10,890; 2 people = \$14,710; 3 people = \$18,530; 4 people = \$22,350 (the equivalent of one person working full time at \$10-11/hour). Most people considered at poverty level are employed. Poverty increases the possibility that kids will grow up less educated and with less opportunities.

During 2011, the food pantry fed 2,057 people, 777 households and had 4,371 visits. Total food distribution was 284,655 pounds of food, which equates to about 2 bags per visit. There was a 27% increase in the number of people served in 2011 and 38% increase in food distribution.

The food pantry is open to anyone in the River Falls School District. They would like to find a way to reach seniors. Clients can choose to visit one time per month or two times per month. The need proof of residency in the district and can choose the foods their family will each.

The food pantry is in operation through donations from individuals and retailers. They are able to purchase through Second Harvest/Emergency Food Shelf with 2-4 times purchasing power. They accept food donations and cash donations. People can also make recurring monthly gifts, use company matching, stock donations, bequests, or sponsor operational costs. Volunteers are needed for transporting food, food drives, and working on site.

The program in River Falls has been replicated at Five Loaves in New Richmond. The RF Food Pantry is a nominee for non-profit business of the year and was selected as the 2012 recipient for Bowls of Hope. Ezekiel now uses the prior Food Pantry space to do the backpack program for the school district. About 80 backpacks are distributed to homes this year.

More information about the Food Pantry is available at [www.rfcfp.org](http://www.rfcfp.org).



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY**

**FEBRUARY 7** TBD

**FEBRUARY 14** Club Assembly

**FEBRUARY 21** Annual "Sneak Peek" Event

**FEBRUARY 28** TBD

***Have a Program idea? Talk to Ted Marsh to schedule it!***

**DEVOTIONS, SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN**

**Set Up/Take Down 2012**

*(anyone between the following names on the membership roster should plan to help):*

**January and February**

Agrimson - Fitzel

**March and April**

Foster - Jilek

**May and June**

Johnson - McKay

**July and August**

McQuade - Nylander

**September and October**

O'Malley - Schroeder

**November and December**

Seidling - Young

**DEVOTIONS 2012**

**January - June**

February	7	Rosanne Bump
	14	Larry Cicchese
	21	Randy Cudd
	28	Carrie Fisher
March	6	Travis Fitzl
	13	Connie Foster
	20	Mark Gabriel
	27	Garrett Gill
April	3	Steve Goff
	10	Paul Goudreault
	17	Debbie Griffin
	24	Gorden Hedahl
May	1	Harold Henson
	8	Tony Jilek
	15	Jeff Johnson
	22	Scott Morrissette
	29	Dale Jorgenson
June	5	John Kramer
	12	Jim LaPoint
	19	Steve Leitch
	26	Heather Logelin

**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 has a resource for devotions. If you are looking for something to read, you might [check this link](#).



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Membership:	Terry McKay
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Newsletter:	Carrie Fisher & Heather Logelin
Grantwriter:	Elaine Baumann
CIO/Webmaster:	Steve Leitch

**ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR**

2003:	Tom Bloom
2005:	Tom Garfin
2006:	Dale Jorgenson
2006:	Jerry Tack
2006:	Kevin Pechacek
2007:	John Kremer
2008 & 2009:	Carole Mottaz
2010:	Debbie Griffin
2011:	Gorden Hedahl

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

1999:	Tom Bloom
2000:	Gorden Hedahl
2001:	David Brassfield
2002:	Randy Cudd
2003"	Bill Montgomery
2004:	Tom Palmer
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